

**Town of Canton Special Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 4, 2022**  
**In Person @ 5:30 PM**  
**Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

Mary Ann Ashley	----	Town Supervisor
Bob Washo	----	Council Member
Jim Smith	----	Council Member
John Taillon	----	Council Member
Bob Santamoor	----	Council Member

**Also Present:** Leanna Moquin Deputy Town Clerk, Angela Gray CPA, Tish Biesemeyer Burnham Benefits

**Absent:** Heidi Smith Town Clerk

**A. Call Meeting to Order**

Supervisor Ashley called the special meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**B. Tish Biesemeyer-Burnham Benefits**

Tish Biesemeyer from Burnham Benefits gave an overview on the Towns health insurance to the board.

**C. 2023 Budget Work Session**

Supervisor Ashley gave all council members a proposed budget binder prior to the meeting. Supervisor Ashley reported there was one change to the budget. The Morley Fire District was increased by \$730.00.

Supervisor Ashley is recommending maximizing the tax cap and increasing it by \$.04. The tax rate would go from \$2.83 to \$2.87.

Supervisor Ashley noted that after three requests, the Town has not received a budget from the Rensselaer Falls Fire Department at this time.

Supervisor Ashley reported the CSEA contract for Highway Department has negotiated 3.5% pay increase for 2023. Ashley proposes the remaining employees get the same 3.5% raise. Ashley also proposes bringing the Assessor back full-time with a part-time assistant clerk.

Supervisor Ashley recommended increasing the Morley, Pyrites and Rensselaer Fall Fire Department from \$47,500 to \$50,000.

Council Member Washo asked if Assessor Cindy Brand could do an updated

percentage of taxable property.

After board discussion changes to be made to the proposed budget are:

- Takeout excess sales tax from A Account
- Adjust court revenue from \$130,00 to \$90,000
- Increase sales tax to the maximum
- Change Morley Fire District to \$13,214.80
- Decrease Attorney to \$20,000
- Create new line item – Outside Attorney Fees \$5,000
- Update Contingency “A” revenue related sales tax \$34,088

**Executive Session:** Upon a majority vote upon a motion that identifies the subject to be considered, the Council may conduct an executive session to discuss any of the issues identified as proper by Public Officers Law 105(1)

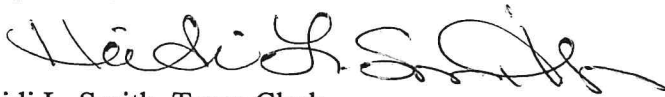
A motion was made by Council Member Bob Santamoor and seconded by Council Member Bob Washo to go in executive session for the purpose of [E] collective negotiations.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Mike Dalton was invited into executive session.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley and seconded by Council Member Bob Santamoor to come out of executive session at 8:07 PM.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member John Taillon and seconded by Bob Washo to adjourn the special meeting at 8:08 PM.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi L. Smith, Town Clerk

Leanna Moquin, Deputy Town Clerk