

# Village of Canton, New York

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## SPECIAL VILLAGE/TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes: September 13, 2017

### ***Village Board Present:***

Michael Dalton, Mayor  
Sean O'Brien, Trustee

Carol Pynchon, Trustee  
Beth Larrabee, Trustee

### ***Town Board Present:***

David Button, Supervisor  
James Smith, Councilman  
Phil LaMarche, Councilman

Paul Backus, Councilman  
Bob Washo, Councilman  
Charlie Nash, Town Attorney

### ***Others Present:***

Lisa Hammond, Town Clerk  
Gerald Ducharme, Village Attorney (6:05)  
Joseph Lightfoot, SLC Legislator  
Jake Newman, Reporter

Leigh Rodriguez, ED.  
Kevin Acres, SLC Legislator

**5:30PM** – Mayor Dalton opened the special meeting. Added to the agenda was a discussion of the Pavilion Floor. There was discussion of the order items would be discussed. A discussion of the Canton Chamber of Commerce was added to the joint discussion also.

1. **Justice Court Funding** – Supervisor Button suggested taking this off the agenda because the committee had not met yet. Councilman Backus added that it should only be a five minute discussion. Councilman Backus suggested taking the amount of cases and dividing it by the money and that is the Village contribution. There is \$206,285 which was the total expense for 2 years. There are 2084 cases. That means it costs us \$50.51 per case. The Village had 172 cases the rest were the Towns. So 172 times \$50.51 is \$8,687.72, divide that by 2 it is \$4,343.86.

Mayor Dalton felt this should be a shared service discussion. There are Village costs also. It is a larger conversation to include the closed files the Village now has custody of. After discussion it was decided the shared service committee will discuss this further.

2. **Update on Joint Committees** –

- a. **Shared Highway Committee** – Councilman Backus asked as long as we have people here from the County has there been any movement on the Shared Highway Committee that we discussed at our last meeting? SLC Legislator Acres said it is complicated. He feels the property they have now would be prime property for the University. With the amount of oil that has been at that property it may not be a sale it may be a long term lease. There are a lot of variables. It all comes down to the facility we would need would cost around \$10,000,000.00 and we don't have that. Supervisor Button said if we could do one critical Brownfield cleanup and the Bell property may be that. It may trigger additional opportunities. There was further discussion about the committee of two Town

Board members, two Village Board members and two members from the County to start talking about the transition to a shared service facility.

- b. **Pavilion Floor** - The Mayor asked this to be added to the agenda. Last year the Mayor gave the Supervisor an invoice for the pavilion floor. He gave him another one today. It was for the Town's share of the bond payment. This was a 2005 project. The Mayor would like the Recreation committee or the Shared Services committee to sit down and look at it. Supervisor Button said the Town needs to sit down and talk about it. It is not a shared decision. Supervisor Button said he will sent out to the Town Board in the next couple of days a mechanism where by they may be able to develop an answer to this question.

- 3. **Acquisition & remediation of MR Bell's Inc.** - Mayor Dalton said a couple of things have been happening. We have asked for estimates for demoltion of the building. We have 3 estimates so far. They range from \$28,000 down to \$15,000 however that excludes anything to do with asbestos or any other contaminate. The Mayor did ask Rusty, Code Enforcement Officer, about a demolition permit. Rusty said you are required to have an asbestos survey for a demolition permit. Brien Hallahan asked Atlantic Testing for a estimate to do the survey. It is \$3,324 for an asbestos survey. So before we get a solid estimate from any of the contractors we would need the asbestos survey. If it is asbestos containing it has to be landfilled in Rodman.

Supervisor Button asked for a short executive session for purposes of negotiations. A motion was made by Trustee Pynchon and seconded by Trustee Larrabee to go into executive session at 6:15 PM. The motion was made by Councilman Backus and seconded by Councilman Smith for the Town. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Out of executive session at 6:30 PM. Trustee Larrabee made a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$5,000.00 for asbestos testing at MR Bells by Atlantic Testing Laboratories. Trustee Pynchon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

John and Sally Hill were present and wanted assurance from both Boards that both Boards will follow the Department of Labor code rule 56 as for the step by step process that has to be carried out before that is taken down. He has experience with ACM's floating around. He doen't want the walls to come down and the vermiculite and the dust and everything else floating around. He wants to make sure it is remedied before any demolition takes place.

Trustee Pynchon said she would be absolutely committed to that for neighbors that are downwind and the river. Supervisor Button said if it is code rule then we will make sure we inform the Code Enforcement Officer this is what we have done.

- 4. **Chamber of Commerce** – The August 10<sup>th</sup> letter requested an additional \$33,315. The current contributions are at \$5,500 from the Town and \$6,500 from the Village. Trustee O'Brien commented that he felt the Village, Town and Economic Development need to have representation on the hiring committee before we entertain additional funding. Trustee Larrabee and Councilman Smith felt that the Town and Village should have

representation on the Chamber Board not just the hiring committee. Supervisor Button added we need to challenge the business community to step up their contributions.

Trustee Pynchon said she thought they were already advertising for a part-time position. Over a year ago the Economic Steering Committee reached out the the Chamber asking to be involved in the hiring process. We were told no.

Councilman LaMarche would like to see a little more before we offer any more money. Maybe the new person will go like wildfire and then maybe we are willing to contribute more because there is more being provided. Supervisor Button suggested a challenge of so much more money for more business participation. Trustee Pynchon suggested revisiting it in another year.

Supervisor Button felt there was no progress being made and suggested putting this off for a while. We may need to have another joint meeting in another couple of weeks to discuss MR Bells and we can revisit this issue as well.

Trustee Pynchon said maybe we should just fashion a response to them from us saying good luck to you with your half-time hire. Hopefully they are a real dynamo and we will watch to see how you grow. Maybe Supervisor Button has a point if you raise your participation then we will raise our contribution.

Trustee Pynchon will work with Councilmen LaMarche and Washo, the members of the Economic Steering Committee, to come up with a letter to the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09PM. Trustee Pynchon seconded the motion. Everyone voted in favor. The motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Noble  
Clerk/Treasurer