

**TOWN OF CANTON BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
Wednesday February 8th 2017  
4:30 pm  
Minutes

Present: Supervisor David T. Button, Council members Paul Backus, James Smith, Bob Washo and Phil LaMarche

Also in Attendance: Attorney Charles Nash, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lisa Hammond, Historian Linda Casserly, Highway Superintendent Terry Billings, Recreation Director John Taillon, Economic Development Director Leigh Rodriguez, Rosemary Philips, Legislator Dan Fay, Jessica Foote, Jasmine French and Carl Foote.

Absent: Code Officer Russell Lawrence and Assessor Steve Teele

4:30 PM Supervisor Button opened the Town Board Meeting

Addition to agenda schedule joint meeting with Village of Canton

1. **Approval of minutes of Previous Meeting(s):** The minutes of December 12th, 19th and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016 and January 25, 2017 were approved:

Motion: Paul Backus                      Seconded: Jim Smith                      Vote: unanimous

2. **Audit Committee:** The following bills for Abstract #2-2017 were approved for payment:

General "A" .....	\$5,040.30
Town Outside "B" .....	\$7,826.11
Special Lighting "SL" .....	\$10,568.25 of which \$10,219.02 is Morley Fire
Joint Activity "SM" .....	\$13,005.50
Highway "DA" .....	\$61,377.72

Committee approval

Supervisor Button to ask Code Enforcement Officer Lawrence about the Town's share of a bill for software paid by the Town of Oswegatchie (but shared by a number of municipalities).

3. **Director of Economic Development:** Leigh Rodriguez's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Jim Smith                      Seconded: Paul Backus                      Vote: unanimous

4. **Community Director:**

5. **Assessor:** Steve Teele's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Paul Backus                      Seconded: Jim Smith                      Vote: unanimous

6. Historian: Linda Casserly's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Bob Washo                      Seconded: Paul Backus                      Vote: unanimous

Casserly discussed with the board her concerns with the upkeep in the building, particularly the floor tiles coming loose. Casserly requested that the floors be waxed at least two to three times a year to help seal them. Supervisor Button will look into matter and contact the Village and building committee about reading the asbestos report that was conducted in 2004. Councilman Smith stated that in the future things of this nature should be put in a memo to the supervisor and taken to the building committee and should not be included in the Historian's report. . Supervisor Button to get copy of report to Bob Washo for his review.

7. Code Enforcement Officer: Russell Lawrence's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Jim Smith                      Seconded: Paul Backus                      Vote: unanimous

8. Recreation Director: John Taillon's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Jim Smith                      Seconded: Phil LaMarche                      Vote: unanimous

9. Highway Superintendent: Terry Billing's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Phil LaMarche                      Seconded: Paul Backus                      Vote: unanimous

10. Town Clerk: Lisa Hammond's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Paul Backus                      Seconded: Bob Washo                      Vote: unanimous

11. Tax Collector: Lisa Hammond's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Jim Smith                      Seconded: Paul Backus                      Vote: unanimous

Clerk Hammond went over comparisons from the last year's tax collection and stated that this year's collection is down.

12. Legislators: Dan Fay was present and gave a brief update on County meetings

13. Justice Court: Justice Court written reports were submitted and approved:

Judge Rosemary Philips \$10,845.50                      Judge James Monroe \$3,804.00

Motion: Bob Washo                      Seconded: Paul Backus                      Vote: unanimous

14. Committee Reports: Web Committee to hold meeting on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> with department heads.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Schedule Public Hearing for Canton and Pyrites Brownfield Application:

Discussion was held on resubmitting a Brownfield pre-nomination study that will allow the Town to advance its work on Brownfield sites. Focus will be in the Village of Canton to conduct a market analysis on Gouverneur Street, Riverside Drive and the County Highway area. Councilman LaMarche stated he would consider revisiting the locations after Supervisor Button returns from the annual meeting of the New York State Association of Towns on February 19-21 and meets with a particular property owner.

Motion to schedule a public hearing at 4:30 p.m. on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February  
For the purpose of applying for of BOA grant.

Motion: Jim Smith                      Seconded: Paul Backus                      Vote: unanimous

b. Executive Session: Negotiations

c. Any other business that may come before the board

1. Judge Philips was present and updated the board on the metal detector that the court has purchased as a result of the JCAP award. The detector will be placed at the entrance of the court room. Philips stated that training will be required of all Justice Court personnel. Philips asked the board to consider authorizing to hire a Court Security Officer who would have the power to carry a firearm. After discussion the board authorized Supervisor Button to find the funds to pay a Security Officer \$15.00 an hour at an average of 12-15 hours a month. Also Judge Philips and Judge Monroe will appoint that Officer.

Motion: Jim Smith                      Seconded: Bob Washo                      Vote: unanimous

Philips also stated she wants to revisit the issue of the Justice Clerk's salary but wants to get more information together and come back to the board at the April meeting and talk to the Justice Court committee in the mean time.

2. Motion to hold meeting March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. jointly with the Village of Canton and then go into the Town Regular Monthly meeting.

Motion: Bob Washo                      Seconded: Jim Smith                      Vote: unanimous

3. A request was received from St. Lawrence Health Services to extend the 45 mph speed limit on US Route 11 to 3,000' past their entrance. Discussion was held on this matter Consensus of opinion was favorable and it was decided

that Supervisor Button would reach out to County Highway Director Don Chambers & State DOT engineers due to the fact that it is a State Highway

5:50 p.m. Motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of negotiations and asking the County Legislator to join us.

Motion: Bob Washo

Seconded: Jim Smith

Vote: unanimous

6:10 p.m. out of executive session

6:11 p.m. meeting adjourned

Motion: Jim Smith

Seconded: Paul Backus

Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Hammond  
Canton Town Clerk