

TOWN OF CANTON BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday April 12th 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, Superintendent Terry Billings, Rosemary Philips, Jonathon Pinckney, Klaus Proem, Steven Smith, Jim Gibson, Toby Irvin, Village Mayor Mike Dalton and Village Trustees Beth Larrabee, Dwight Stevenson, Sean O'Brien, Carol Pynchon and Village Clerk Sally Noble

Absent: Code Officer Russell Lawrence, Assessor Steve Teele and Recreation Director John Taillon

4:30 PM Supervisor Button opened the Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Button removed agenda item #17f

1. **Approval of minutes of Previous Meeting(s):** The minutes of March 8, 2017 regular board meeting and minutes of March 22, 2017 Special Board meeting were approved:

Motion: Jim Smith

Seconded: Bob Washo

Vote: unanimous

2. **Audit Committee:** The following bills for Abstract #4-2017 were approved for payment:

General "A".....	\$11,762.44
Town Outside "B".....	\$1,500.12
Special Lighting "SL"	\$315.98
Joint Activity "SM".....	\$2536.14
Highway "DA".....	\$33,061.73
Highway "DB".....	\$10,429.44

Committee approval

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

Motion: Bob Washo

Seconded: Jim Smith

Vote: unanimous

4. **Community Director:** Leigh Rodriguez's reported was approved:

Motion: Bob Washo

Seconded: Jim Smith

Vote: unanimous

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

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Phil LaMarche Vote: unanimous

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

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

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

Councilman Bob Washo noted that there is a renewed interest in more legitimate reasons to except the idea of the unified solar permit. Washo believes that there should be an amendment to the application, but not a replacement of the application. This matter will be discussed at the June 19th, 2017 joint meeting with the Village.

Motion: Phil LaMarche Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

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

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

Supervisor Button was directed by the board members to draft a resolution in appreciation for John Taillon's 30 years of service as the Recreation Director for the Town of Canton. Taillon is retiring in May of this year. Councilman Bob Washo added that the newly hired Recreation Director will attend the May's regular Town Board meeting.

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

Motion: Bob Washo Seconded: Phil LaMarche Vote: unanimous

10. Town Supervisor: David Button's written report was submitted and approved:

Supervisor Button went over the accounts overages and the board – by common consent - it was decided to wait until December to approve any and all overages. Supervisor went over information and correspondences received by his office. Signage request was discussed near the entrance of the new medical services building on RT 11.

Mayor of Canton Mike Dalton wrote to the St. Lawrence County Chamber asking to be part of discussion in hiring a new Director.

Supervisor Button asked the board members to respond to an invitation in the next couple weeks to a service award ceremony at Canton Potsdam Hospital. Button also went over a FOIL request from Mike McCormick from the Eddy-Pyrites Rd. Highway Superintendant Billings, Supervisor Button and Attorney Nash will meet on this matter.

Motion: Phil LaMarche Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimous

Councilman Bob Washo expressed concerns about the speed and signage at the Medical Building on RT 11 due to the fact that at the beginning of the project and all along SLHS Administration stated that the placement of the driveway into the facility was ok by the State DOT.

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

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

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

Motion: Phil LaMarche Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

13. Legislators: None

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

Judge Rosemary Philips \$13,910.00 Judge James Monroe \$11,897.00

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimous

15. Committee Reports:

Comprehensive Plan Committee held a training meeting at the fire station. Councilman Smith stated the meeting was very well attended. Next meeting to be held April 26th, 2017

Councilman LaMarche stated that the committee is working through the Waterfront Revitalization Plan to have a draft ready to hold a Public Hearing.

16. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Open Bids for Dodge Truck:

Bids for the 2011 Dodge Ram5500 pickup truck were opened. Three bids were opened. The 1st bid was under the minimum bid, therefore it was not allowed. The 2nd bid was for \$34,500.00 from Keith Warren and the 3rd bid was for \$38,000.00 from Ed Newcombe and was accepted upon motion.

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimous

Attorney Nash will notify Ed Newcombe that he has been awarded the bid. After discussion it was decided to install new batteries in the truck before

Newcombe takes ownership. Attorney Nash to take care of distribution of the cashier's check from Newcombe. Nash noted this amount does not cover full amount owed to the Town and Attorney. Supervisor Button thanked Attorney Nash for the many months that he has spent working on this matter.

b. Hold Harmless Agreement:

Supervisor Button read over the Hold Harmless Agreement requested by the SLC Highway Department (to cover incidents when County works in support of Town projects). After discussion it was decided to allow Supervisor Button to sign and execute agreement.

c. Proxy for NYMIR:

Supervisor Button read over the NYMIR Proxy. After discussion it was decided to allow Supervisor Button to sign and execute proxy.

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimous

d. Approve Audits:

Department audits were conducted by the board members before the regular meeting

- Supervisor's records were reviewed by Councilman Bob Washo and Jim Smith
- Town Clerk and Tax Collectors records were reviewed by Councilman Jim Smith and Supervisor David Button
- Justice Courts records were reviewed by Councilman Phil LaMarche and Paul Backus

All reports were accepted by committees

e. Review recommendations on Road Projects:

The Highway Committee met with Superintendent Billings to discuss highway projects

Motion to approve legal notice to sell surplus equipment, namely a 2014 Western Star Tandem axle salvage truck at the highway barn with a minimum bid of \$15000.00 to be opened on April 24th at twelve noon. Approval was also given to Billings to accept the bid and notify bidder. Bid to be paid by cashier check.

Motion by committee

Recommended Road projects were discussed and approved as follows

Ames Road North - 1100' by 16' Repair binder base & overlay with Top Coat

\$20,000.00

North Woods Rd - 2500' by 20' Repair binder base & overlay with Top Coat

\$50,000.00

Irish Settlement Rd – 6000' by 20' Finish Roadway prep & apply base binder & Top Coat

\$150,000.00

Eddy Pyrites Rd – 4500' by 20' Repair two culverts & prep with binder true & level course & Apply Top Coat

\$90,000.00

Pollock Rd – 5100' by 20' Apply True & Level Course binder & Top Coat

\$91,000.00

Committee approval

f. Basketball Recognition: Removed

g. Executive Session – Negotiations:

h. Any other Business that may come before the board:

Motion was made to accept a bid for a purchase of a 2011 or newer sakai 880 asphalt roller from Tracey Road Equipment in the amount of \$48,900.00. the only bid received and opened on April 10, 2017

Committee approval

5:45 p.m. went into executive session for the purpose of negotiations

6:45 p.m. board came out of executive session

In consideration of discussions carried on before the current budget was adopted, an increase in annual compensation of \$1,813 for the Justice Court Clerk was approved upon motion.

Motion: Phil LaMarche

Seconded: Bob Washo

Vote: unanimous

6:45 p.m. meeting adjourned

Motion: Jim Smith

Seconded: Bob Washo

Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa A. Hammond". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Lisa A. Hammond
Canton Town Clerk