

TOWN OF CANTON BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday May 10th 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, Code Officer Russell Lawrence, Recreation Director Caitlin Boreyko, Economic Developer Leigh Rodriguez's, Bookkeeper Denice Button and Bill Eckert of the Watertown Times

Absent: Assessor Steve Teele

4:30 PM Supervisor Button opened the Town Board Meeting

1. **Approval of minutes of Previous Meeting(s):** The minutes of April 12, 2017 regular board meeting were approved:

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

2. **Audit Committee:** The following bills for Abstract #5-2017 were approved for payment:

General "A".....	\$4,610.57
Town Outside "B".....	\$3,253.25
Special Lighting "SL"	\$300.09
Joint Activity "SM".....	\$1,278.53
Highway "DA".....	\$17,038.73
Highway "DB".....	\$4,679.55

Committee approval

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

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Phil LaMarche Vote: unanimous

Rodriguez noted that the Comprehensive Plan Committee has drafted a request for proposals for the consultant work and that it's at the Department of State now for review. Once this is approved Rodriguez will release it with no objections from the Town Board. Rodriguez also updated the Board members on the hiring of an assistant, stating that the interviews have happened and a job offer will be made by the end of the week.

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

See above Economic Development

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

Motion: Bob Washo Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimous

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

Motion: Bob Washo Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimous

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

Motion: Bob Washo Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimous

Lawrence informed the Board members that the Village of Canton has adopted the unified solar permit and is currently working on a fee schedule.

8. Recreation Director: Caitlin Boreyko's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Phil LaMarche Vote: unanimous

Caitlin shared with the board members her week of shadowing outgoing Recreation Director John Taillon. Introductions were made with board members and department heads. Supervisor Button added that Joe Kennedy of St. Lawrence University wants to sit down and go over some ideas he has for recreation (in cooperation with the Town of Potsdam). Councilman Smith suggested the community have a duck race to attract people to the river.

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

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

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

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimous

Supervisor Button noted that sales tax has been received and is up from the same quarter in 2016.

Councilman Washo asked about the revenue from the truck sale (RBEG account) and Supervisor Button reported that it would go to the RBEG account but is not reflected in April accounts. Councilman Smith questioned where proceeds from the sale of the rollover truck (acquired by the Highway Superintendant in March) should show up in the financial reports. After discussion it was decided that

Supervisor Button will contact the comptroller to find out how and where it should show up and then report back to the board members.

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

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

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

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Phil LaMarche Vote: unanimous

13. Legislators: None

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

Judge Rosemary Philips \$13,409.00 Judge James Monroe \$7,246.00

Motion: Bob Washo Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimous

15. Committee Reports: none

16. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Accept Resignation of Justice:

Supervisor Button read over a letter of resignation from Justice James Monroe to be effected May 15th, 2017. Letter received by all board members. Motion to accept resignation

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

b. Appoint New Justice:

Chris Curley, former Town Justice was present and accepted the appointment of Justice to fill the vacancy for the current year

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Phil LaMarche Vote: unanimous

Roll Call

Phil

Bob

Paul

Jim

David

Curley accepted the appointment

c. Set Fire Summit meeting date:

Fire Summit meeting dates were discussed for possibly June 12th, 2017 at 6 p.m. with an invite to the Village of Canton. Supervisor Button will get the date confirmed and let all who are involved know.

d. Recognition of Fire Chief:

Resolution of appreciation was read by Supervisor Button and will be presented to outgoing Fire Chief Robert (Bobby) Crowe.

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

e. Appointment to BAR:

Discussion was held on filling the vacancy of outgoing board member Ryan Spadaccini's term. Supervisor Button has reached out to Karin Blackburn of Rensselaer Falls. Motion to approve if Blackburn accepts seat

Motion: Bob Washo Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

f. Agenda items for Joint Village Meeting:

Discussion was held on suggestions of conversation to be held at the next Joint meeting with the Village of Canton to be held on June 19th at 5:30 p.m. Supervisor Button compiled such list and will email members with final details.

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

Attorney Nash asked for board approval to sign Town of Canton check and deposit in his escrow account the funds from the Dodge Ram truck (RBEG repossession and sale) to be dispersed within 3 days of receipt of check. Motion was granted.

Motion: Bob Washo Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

Supervisor Button received a letter from Village of Rensselaer Falls Mayor Hammond recommending Ron Stiles as a member to the Waterfront Revitalization Committee. Motion was approved. Supervisor Button to let Mayor Hammond and Ron Stiles know about approval.

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

Discussion was held on filling an empty seat on the ZBA board. Motion to appoint Anne Ryan-Ruud to the board

Motion: Bob Washo Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimous

5:55: p.m. meeting adjourned

Motion: Phil LaMarche

Seconded: Paul Backus

Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Hammond
Canton Town Clerk