

TOWN OF CANTON BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

Monday July 11th 2016

4:00 pm

Minutes

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

Also in Attendance: Attorney for the Town Charles Nash, Community Developer Linda McQuinn, Recreation Director John Taillon, Code Enforcement Officer Russell Lawrence, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lisa Hammond, Klaus Proem Chairman of the ZBA and Toby Ervin

Absent: Council member Rosemary Philips, Assessor Steve Teele, Highway Superintendent Terry Billings, Historian Linda Casserly and Director of Economic Development Leigh Rodriguez

4:05 P.M. Supervisor David Button opened the Regular Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Button added two items to the agenda

0. Safe Streets and 4a. Municipal Building Appraisal

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S): The minutes of the June 13th, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved:

Motion: Bob Washo

Seconded: Paul Backus

Vote: unanimous

2. AUDIT COMMITTEE: The following bills for abstract #07-2016 were approved for payment:

General Fund "A"	\$4,327.45
Town Outside "B"	\$7,375.12
Special Lighting "SL"	\$272.79
Joint Activity "SM"	\$1,704.39
Highway "DA"	\$7,477.25
Highway "DB"	\$78,580.41

Committee approval

3. DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Leah Rodriguez's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Paul Backus

Seconded: Bob Washo

Vote: unanimous

4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Linda McQuinn's report was approved:

McQuinn stated that there will be a public meeting on July 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Louisville Fire Hall on the Blueway Trail.

McQuinn is continuing on the grant application for the CFA

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimous

5. ASSESSOR: Mr. Teele's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Bob Washo Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimous

6. HISTORIAN: Ms. Casserly's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

7. CODE ENFORCEMENT: Mr. Lawrence's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

8. RECREATION DIRECTOR: Mr. Taillon's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

9. HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Billing's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

Discussion was held on the work to be performed at the Pyrites Boat Launch and where the money will come from. Further discussion was held on purchasing or renting equipment that is needed to complete the project.

Supervisor Button stated that no letter has been received from Pave New York on the amount of monies that the Town of Canton will be receiving.

Town Board members discussed asking the County to borrow one of their bobcats to do this job.

10. TOWN SUPERVISOR: Mr. Button's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimous

Supervisor Button stated that he wrote to the St. Lawrence County Legislatures about participating as a co-application for a CFA grant to site and design a shared service highway facility. Discussion was held and Supervisor Button will follow up with Canton's Legislator.

11. TOWN CLERK: Mrs. Hammond's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Bob Washo Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

12. LEGISLATOR(S):

13. JUSTICE COURT REPORTS: Justice Courts written reports were submitted and approved:

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Attorney Charles Nash asked for a revision of the current procurement policy to reflect that the State Comptroller's Office has increased the threshold below which public works projects need to be bid from \$30,000 to \$35,000
Motion to amend public works projects bidding to \$35,000

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimously

15. NEW BUSINESS/OTHER:

0. SAFE STREETS:

Klaus Proem was present and stated that the Village of Canton passed a resolution in support of Safe Streets. Proem provided a copy of the resolution to the board members and gave a brief intro to the resolution. Proem stated that Completes Streets is a program that would impact villages more than towns but stated that there will be grant opportunities in the future for the town and the village and that projects that are done in communities with a Complete Streets policy would be favored.

Toby Irvin was present and spoke in favor of Safe Streets as a member of Friends of Canton Trail (an informal group). Irvin stated that the Canton trail interconnects a number of smaller trails (such as the SUNY Canton trail, Remington Recreation Trail and SLU Trails.

Discussion was held and it was decided that Supervisor Button will contact the County about participation and redraft the Village resolution to fit the Town of Canton's needs and bring it back to the August board meeting.

1. Review and Approve Speed Zone Request – Outer Riverside Dr & CR 14:

Discussion was held on a speed reduction request on CR 27 from Lynn Soulia. It was decided that Supervisor Button will write to Sheriff Kevin Wells about speed zone request and ask for his opinion in the matter

The Village of Rensselaer Board of Trustees has asked for consideration on a speed reduction on CR 14 entering into the Village of Rensselaer Falls. Discussion was held and motion was granted on a resolution

Motion: Jim Smith

Seconded: Paul Backus

Vote: unanimous

2. Dog Contract approval

Motion to approve and sign agreement for Dog pound Services with Daniel Moyer

Motion: Paul Backus

Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

3. Approve Contract with River Street re. Grasse River Blueway Trail:

Motion to approve contract with River Street as the contractor for the Blueway Trail and the Master Trail plan in Canton

Motion: Paul Backus

Seconded: Jim Smith

Councilman Bob Washo Abstained from voting

Supervisor David Button voted yes

4. Discuss Restore New York Projects:

Supervisor Button and board members discussed a couple projects for consideration, one being the Canton Plaza property and the old Skives building on Riverside Drive. Application will be made on the Skives property with the intent to purchase property through this grant process. Button stated that the CFA would cover any demolition costs. Supervisor Button will talk to the SUNY Foundation to see if they may be interested in being the developer. The Riverside Drive property is in the Brown Field zone. A letter of intent will go out Wednesday July 27th.

4a. Municipal Building Appraisal:

Motion to spend \$750.00 on a Municipal building Appraisal - This agreeable upon the Village's approval to pay its \$750.00

Motion: Bob Washo

Seconded: Jim Smith

Vote: unanimous

5. Any other business that may come before the board:

Meeting Adjourned: 6:05 PM

Motion: Jim Smith

Seconded: Paul Backus

Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Hammond Canton Town Clerk