

**TOWN OF CANTON BOARD  
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING**

July 28th 2017

4:30 pm

Minutes

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

Also in Attendance: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lisa Hammond, Director of Economic Development Leigh Rodriquez, Village Mayor Mike Dalton, and Village Trustees Dwight Stevenson, , Beth Larrabee, Shawn O'Brien and Village Clerk Treasurer Sally Noble, Jake Newman, St. Lawrence County Attorney Stephen Button, County Legislators Kevin Aces and Joe Lightfoot and St. Lawrence County Risk Manager Paul Baxter

Absent: Charles Nash Attorney for the Town of Canton, Town Councilman Phil LaMarche and Village Trustee Carol Pynchon

4:30 P.M. Mayor Michael Dalton opened the Joint Special meeting held with the Village of Canton

1.Discussion of Tax Foreclosed Properties for Development purposes:

St. Lawrence County Attorney Stephen Button was on hand and addressed both the Town and Village of Canton on becoming the title holder of Bell's Service Station located at 30 Riverside Dr in Canton, in which the County has began foreclosure proceedings. Attorney Button stated that the station has a significant amount of contamination and would need extensive remediation. Button explained the foreclosure and tax auction process to both boards and added that the State Comptroller is willing to help St. Lawrence County put properties back into working order and gave the boards a dozen examples of similar agreements throughout the county since 2015. After discussion was held it was decided that both the Town and the Village will send letters to the Comptroller to express interest in coming to an agreement to purchase this tax delinquent property at 30 Riverside Dr. It was decided that the Village of Canton will take the lead and the Town will craft a letter to support this.

Attorney Button feels that the Village and Town of Canton seem like the likely partners because the Town has secured grant funding for developing Riverside Dr.

5:18 P.M. went into executive session for the purpose of negotiations

Motion: Paul Backus

Seconded: Jim Smith

Vote: unanimous

5:30 P.M. came out of executive session

Motion: Paul Backus

Seconded: Jim Smith

Vote: unanimous

Motion was made by Village Trustee Shawn O'Brien to send a letter of interest to the State Comptroller subject to Village Attorney approval. Seconded by Trustee Beth Larrabee Vote: unanimous

5:34 P.M. meeting adjourned

Motion: Bob Washo

Seconded: Paul Backus

Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Hammond, Canton Town Clerk

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