

# Village of Canton, New York

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## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING Meeting Minutes: September 25, 2017

### ***Board Present:***

Michael Dalton, Mayor  
Sean O'Brien, Trustee

Carol Pynchon, Trustee  
Beth Larrabee, Trustee

### ***Others Present:***

Gerald Ducharme, Village Attorney  
Caitlin Boreyko, Rec. Director  
Brien Hallahan, Superintendent  
Linda Casserly, Historian

Sally Noble, Clerk/Treasurer  
Leigh Rodriguez, Village Econ. Dev.  
Cara Adams, Deputy Clerk

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** The Mayor opened the regular meeting at 6:30pm.

Mayor Dalton introduced the St. Lawrence University Students.

- a. **Approve minutes of August 21, 2017-** Trustee Pynchon made a motion to approve the minutes of August 21, 2017; seconded by Trustee Larrabee. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Trustee Pynchon made a motion to accept the Department Head Reports; seconded by Trustee O'Brien. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Superintendent Hallahan informed the Board that Mark Basford and Jared Murray are replacing the roof at the Water Plant for the cost of \$5,000; saving approximately \$20,000.

Recreation Director Boreyko updated the Board on the Fall programs. She stated that they are starting the Nature Up North in October which will feature a new trail every Friday. The ice was going down. She informed the Board that one (1) of the two (2) compressors is running. The one compressor that isn't running needs oil which was currently being delivered.

Chief Santimaw informed the Board that new Officer Garrett Fries is attending firearms training in Watertown. He wanted to update the Board that they have not been able to fill the School Crossing Guard position. He has contacted Canton Housing, One-Stop Career Center and placed ads. Chief discussed approaching the School.

Economic Developer Rodriguez highlighted the status of the New York Main Street Grant. Some projects are underway and we have one that has gone under contract and one that is going under contract. The Micro-Enterprise Grant Program received nine (9) applications still being reviewed. They received more than double request for funds than what is available. The scoring is done by a committee. Restore NY Program's guidelines were released last Friday. The deadline to apply is October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Pynchon asked Superintendent Hallahan if the Bathhouse was ready for the ribbon cutting with Senator Ritchie. Superintendent Hallahan stated that the bathhouse should be ready in a few weeks. Mayor Dalton is going to speak with Senator Ritchie's office.

Clerk Noble informed the Board that the office is going through training on the new utility billing software.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Website Committee-** Trustee O'Brien stated that they will be setting up training on the new website with the Village and Town Employees.

**Ethics Committee-** Trustee O'Brien will report at the October meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION:**

Mayor Dalton stated that the preliminary engineering report has been received for the water system improvements. He is scheduling another meeting with Renee Hotte with USDA to discuss the next steps with funding. After that a Public Hearing will be set.

Mayor Dalton informed the Board that the drawing and projected costs of the Fountain have been passed onto Rev. Mike.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Historian Casserly stated that she has an article that the high school students on the high honor roll volunteered as crossing guards. Chief Santimaw is going to look into the liability.

Ashlee Downing asked the Board if there is a tentative timeline on the renovations on the fountain.

Mayor Dalton stated that they need to receive estimates, see if a lease agreement is needed and the fundraising still needs to continue.

Trustee O'Brien said that it is in stage one.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. Rental Registration-** Trustee Pynchon stated that the Rental Registration Law has been modified based on the suggestions and concerns. The proposed Law has been revised. A Public Hearing will be held.

Attorney Ducharme stated that the definitions have been clarified in the new draft by simplifying.

Attorney Ducharme discussed the following concerns:

- Concerns were raised by the term perjury. The proposal is to remove any reference to perjury.

- Language regarding the number of people that are not related or not a functional family unit. The definition of a functional family unit is in the zoning chapter of the code and will not be repeated.
- Question on if the law is constitutional and if the inspections done by the Code Officer is constitutional? Attorney Ducharme addressed this concern stating that it is constitutional. He stated that the law allows for self-certifying the property that would waive the inspection. The findings through the cases that were researched and as long as the inspection piece is tied to permission by the owner or through a search warrant the inspection is legal and constitutional.
- Question was raised about uniformity which pertains to zoning.

Public Hearing is scheduled for October 16, 2017 at 6:00pm.

- b. **Ethics Code-** Tabled to the October 16, 2017 meeting.
- c. **Comprehensive Plan Update-** Trustee Pynchon informed the Board that MJ Engineering has been hired. Public Meeting will be held on November 16, 2017 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Boces to receive public input.
- d. **Solar Update-** Mayor Dalton informed the Board that they received a new contract and new design from National Grid and is moving forward.
- e. **30 Riverside Drive/MR Bell's-** Mayor Dalton stated that they should receive the asbestos survey Thursday/Friday.

Attorney Ducharme spoke with the County Attorney regarding the timetable. He suggested to hold a Special Meeting with the Town. The deadline with the County is October 20, 2017.

- f. **Open & Award Winter Towing Bids-** Clerk Noble stated that one (1) towing bid was received from Johnson's Towing in the rate of \$100.00.

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to accept the Winter Towing Bid to Johnson's Towing in the rate of \$100.00. Trustee Pynchon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carries.

Mayor Dalton introduced Golf Pro Kevin MaGinn. Kevin informed the Board that they plan on shutting down the Golf Course at the end of October. The Board thanked Kevin.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Authorize payment of vouchers & transfer of funds** – Trustee Pynchon made a motion to authorize payment of vouchers & transfer of funds for abstract #4 of 2017-2018. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

General Fund	\$202,090.73	Golf Course	\$39,382.11
Water Fund	\$39,922.67	Joint Activity	\$17,256.52
Sewer Fund	\$66,505.12		

- b. Authorize Paint Testing at Judson Street Water Tower-** Trustee O'Brien made a motion to authorize paint testing at Judson Street Water Tower in the amount of \$964. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.
- c. Discuss Klaus Proemm appointment to Dwight Stevenson's Vacant Seat-** Klaus Proemm would like to wrap things up on the Planning Board. Tabled until the October meeting.

Klaus Proemm made a recommendation of Jessica Prody for the Planning Board.

- d. Discuss Parking Fines-** Chief Santimaw sent a memo to the Board regarding Parking Fines for cars parked in prohibited places. The proposal is to increase the amount to \$25.00. A Public Hearing is set for October 16, 2017 at 5:45pm.
- e. Uber Ride Sharing-** Attorney Ducharme stated that there is little control with Uber since it is governed and regulated by the State. He stated that they would have to look at the Taxi Code. After further discussion the Board decided to continue what the Village is doing with the Taxi Fees and Permitting per the Village Taxi Code.
- f. Approve Winter Recreation Employees-** Trustee Pynchon made a motion to approve the hiring of the following Winter Recreation Employees. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

**Part-time Laborers (\$11/hour):**

Brian McCluskey  
Eian House

**Skate Guards (9.75/hour):**

Emma Trulock  
Matthew Gollinger  
Elizabeth Burke  
Samuel Martin  
Paige Glasgow  
Abigail Warner  
Elizabeth Christy  
Oliva Post  
Amy Cousins  
Autumn Harden

**g. Resolution-**

*VILLAGE OF CANTON, NEW YORK*

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Canton, New York, held at the Municipal Building at 60 Main Street, Canton, New York, 13617, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017, the following resolution was offered by Trustee Carol Pynchon, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Trustee Sean O'Brien, to-wit:

*RESOLUTION  
OPPOSING ELIMINATION OF THE  
DEDUCTIBILITY OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXES*

*WHEREAS*, Congress is giving serious consideration to eliminating the federal income tax deduction for state and local taxes; and

*WHEREAS*, this deduction, which has been in place for more than 100 years, is heavily utilized by residents of our community and state; and

*WHEREAS*, New York residents already pay more into the federal treasury than the federal government returns to New York. The state and local tax deduction is a fundamental principle of federalism, and without it our residents would be faced with double taxation, as they would be forced to pay federal income taxes on the taxes they pay to state and local governments; and

*WHEREAS*, this federal cost shift onto local governments would place extreme pressure on municipal budgets, with diminished revenue for essential local government investments, including public safety and infrastructure. Increased federal taxation and reduced municipal services will harm our local housing market, decrease home values, and erode our local tax base,

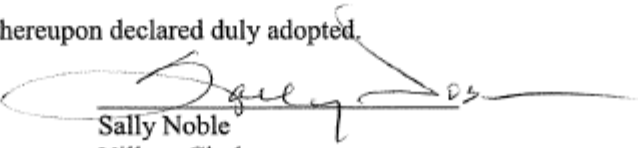
*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Village of Canton, New York expresses its strong opposition to any tax reform proposal that would eliminate the State and Local Tax (*SALT*) Deduction and urges Representative Elise Stefanik to join us in publicly opposing any such proposal.

Adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote, as follows:

Mayor Michael Dalton	<u>    Aye    </u>
Trustee Carol Pynchon	<u>    Aye    </u>
Trustee Elizabeth Larrabee	<u>    Aye    </u>
Trustee Sean O'Brien	<u>    Aye    </u>

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: September 25, 2017.

  
Sally Noble  
Village Clerk

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Make a Difference Day is October 21, 2017.

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:36 PM. Trustee Pynchon seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carries.

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:10 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Larrabee. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. Everyone voted in favor. The motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Adams  
Deputy Clerk