

JANUARY 9, 2023

Call to Order:

Mayor Ronald Dievendorf opened the meeting of the Canajoharie Village Board at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance at the Village Hall, 75 Erie Boulevard. Present: Mayor Dievendorf, Deputy Mayor Lyden, Trustees Stetin, Watt and Jones.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Diane Rumrill-Hall requested copy of approved December 5, 2023 board meeting minutes.

Additions to Agenda: Fire Department Nuisance Law & Water Department Emergency Declaration.

Approval of December 5, 2023 Board Minutes: MOTION to APPROVE the MINUTES made by Trustee Watt and seconded by Trustee Jones. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Health Insurance Coverage 2024: Trustee Lyden advised that the Village has transitioned the MVP Health Insurance Coverage to Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. Gallagher requires a business associate agreement and compensation disclosure.

DRI Submission: Trustee Watt advised that there has been no announcement from New York State as of yet. He further advised that he had been in conversation with Ticonderoga (last round of DRI funding recipients) that of a \$30 million water/sewer project that they were able to obtain most of the funding for.

Resolution of Support on Sale to Pennrose: Trustee Watt sponsored a resolution in support of the sale of the western portion of the Beech Nut site to Pennrose to develop multipurpose buildings. MOTION of SUPPORT (Resolution # 1 of 2024) made by Mayor Dievendorf and seconded by Trustee Stetin. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY’S SALE OF A PORTION OF THE FORMER BEECH-NUT SITE TO PENNROSE PROPERTIES, LLC.

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Legislature is considering the sale of a portion of the former Beech-Nut site, located to the west of Canajoharie Creek, to Pennrose Properties, LLC, hereafter referred to as Pennrose; **and**,

WHEREAS, Pennrose has submitted a letter of intent to develop the aforementioned site into multi-purpose buildings to include housing and commercial space; **and**,

WHEREAS, the Village of Canajoharie has conducted extensive public outreach—in conjunction with Pennrose and Montgomery County Business Development Center—as part of its forthcoming comprehensive plan as well as its application to the NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative program; **and**,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned outreach included strong support for affordable housing; **and**,

WHEREAS, Pennrose’s plan is a critical component of the Village of Canajoharie’s aforementioned application to NYS; **and**,

WHEREAS, the Village of Canajoharie board voted, during its regular monthly meeting in September 2023 to become a part of the Pro-Housing Communities Program, an initiative of New York State to provide affordable housing to communities which also, in part, incentivizes said participation by prioritizing participating municipalities for funding through programs such as the Downtown Revitalization Initiative; **and**,

WHEREAS, housing remains a crucial need in the Village of Canajoharie and surrounding area; **and**,

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of the Beech-Nut site—beyond the aforementioned benefits—is a key component to future economic development projects such as the development of the Route 5 Corridor between Nelliston and Palatine Bridge;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Canajoharie approve this resolution of support for the sale of the aforementioned parcel to Pennrose by Montgomery County.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MAYOR, RONALD DIEVENDORF	VOTING	YES
TRUSTEE, PETER LYDEN	VOTING	YES
TRUSTEE, TRACEY STETIN	VOTING	YES
TRUSTEE, ED WATT	VOTING	YES

TRUSTEE, BILL JONES

VOTING YES

I, Sandra L. Ward, Deputy Clerk of the Village of Canajoharie, Montgomery County, NY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was approved by the Village Board on January 9, 2024 and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript. _____

Sandra L. Ward, Deputy Clerk Date

Ethics Board: Mayor Dievendorf advised that Francis Avery agreed to a two year term as Chairperson of the Ethics Board, Beth Snyder will serve the remainder of her term until April 2024 and will then be appointed for a six year term. JoAnn Douglass will remain in her term until April of 2025. Any concerns from community residents must be submitted in writing to the Mayor for referral to the Board of Ethics. Attorney Hyde Clarke of Young/Sommer LLC will provide legal advice regarding counsel to the Ethics Board. MOTION to APPROVE sponsored by Mayor Dievendorf, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lyden. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Little League-Alyson Kretser: Alyson thanked the Village for their support and expressed concerns about replacing the player equipment shed, installing permanent fencing and installing additional cameras on the refreshment stand to deter theft. Mayor Dievendorf advised that all improvements would need to go through Code Enforcement, Cliff Dorrrough.

Arkell Hall Donation: Mayor Dievendorf advised that a donation from Arkell Hall had been received. He read his letter of thank you that he sent to Arkell.

Canajoharie Housing Authority: Deputy Mayor Lyden advised that a resolution was necessary for the bank authorizing the Village’s Federal Housing Voucher Program be administered by James E. Mastrianni, Inc. (JEM, Inc.) formerly administered by the Canajoharie Housing Authority. The Village Board as the Housing Authority authorizes the Mayor, Deputy Mayor to sign, initial, accept or execute all documents in connection with the administration of the voucher program. Trustee Watt made a MOTION to APPROVE, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lyden. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE CANAJOHARIE VILLAGE BOARD AS THE CANAJOHARIE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

WHEREAS, the Village of Canajoharie (“the Village”), Montgomery County, NY has signed a contract with James E. Mastrianni, Inc (“JEM, Inc.”) for the administration of the Village’s Federal Housing Voucher Program formerly administered directly by the Canajoharie Housing Authority (“CHA”) under a Board appointed by the Village.

WHEREAS, with the JEM, Inc contract being effective 1/1/2024, the CHA as an independent entity is now obsolete and the local office location has been vacated, but the CHA must remain in existence for the housing voucher program to exist.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Canajoharie Village Board is assuming direct control of the CHA by appointing itself the CHA Board. The mailing address for all CHA correspondence shall be the Village Office (75 Erie Blvd, Canajoharie, NY 13317). The Village Board as the Housing Authority Board authorizes the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to sign, initial, accept or execute all documents in connection with the administration of the voucher program. The Village Board as the Housing Authority Board also authorizes the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Village Clerk, and Deputy Village Clerk to be signatories on any CHA bank accounts.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MAYOR, RONALD DIEVENDORF	VOTING YES
TRUSTEE, PETER LYDEN	VOTING YES
TRUSTEE, TRACEY STETIN	VOTING YES
TRUSTEE, ED WATT	VOTING YES
TRUSTEE, BILL JONES	VOTING YES

I, Sandra L. Ward, Deputy Clerk of the Village of Canajoharie, Montgomery County, NY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was approved by the Village Board on January 9, 2024 and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript.

Sandra L. Ward, Deputy Clerk

Date

RFP for Village Property and Liability Coverage: Deputy Mayor Lyden advised that he has the June 1, 2024 renewal and that we will need to vote in February to send out requests for proposals (RFP.)

Planning Board – Kylie Ferguson: Deputy Mayor Peter Lyden spoke in Kylie’s absence and advised that our Federal Grant Funding Procurement Policy needed to be updated and made a MOTION to ADOPT the policy Seconded by Trustee Watt. All were in favor. Motion carried. Copy of policy available upon request at Village Office.

Department Reports:

DPW – FRANK NESTLE

- Raked the ditch between Montgomery Street Ext and Shultze St that the village is responsible for
- Leaf pickup was completed in White Park
- Clean up of riverfront park continues from the recent flooding
- Installed signs
- Repaired a 4” transmission Line near 62 Church Street. This allowed us to put a fire hydrant back in service.
- We are fully ready for winter weather. All sanders are installed and serviced
- Radios have been updated in most of the dpw equipment using radios the village had in storage
- Working on getting coveralls for employees per their contract.
- Employees cleaned the Village Hall and bathrooms several times
- Cleaned catch basins and Errigo Creek to be proactive with the heavy rains that were predicted and received.
- DPW employees assisted the Water department with a water break on Barclay Street
- Fire hydrant on Upper Walnut Street has been repaired.
- The garbage truck will be making more frequent trips to the transfer station this winter; the plan is to keep the truck empty while parked inside this winter to help prevent any rodent issues.
- Also the DPW Foreman is asking for some patience and understanding this winter as we will be training 3 new plow drivers.
- Drainage ditch along Mohawk Street has been cleaned

WATER – FRANK NESTLE

Monthly reports completed.

New water tower Wintergreen Park work is still in progress. Concrete pads have been poured. We are waiting for the generator to arrive and to be installed.

Repaired a water leak on Barclay Street that consisted of the service line between the main and the service valve. Estimated loss 13 gallons per minute

Repaired water leak in 4” main located on Church Street. This was a major circular break. Estimated loss of 915 gallons per minute

Clean Young and Gray Springs several times

Several UDig mark outs

Have spent several days listening for leaks throughout the village

Assisted DPW with a few projects

Walked the transmission line in Ephratah looking for a leak.

Trustee Watt made a MOTION to DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY due to the water brake in Ephratah authorizing the purchase a \$7500 variable drive for the Mud Road Reservoir, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lyden. All in were in favor. Motion carried.

WWTP – PETER J. BRIELE

Facility totals, tracking and sales.

Monthly Revenue from MCSD # 1 for November 2023 = \$ 2,100

Total Revenue for fiscal year (2023/2024) = **\$ 7,770**

Monthly Revenue from Montgomery County Leachate for December 2023 = \$4,641

Total Revenue for fiscal year 2023/24 = **\$ 19,734**

Monthly Revenue from Green Pine Septic Disposal for December 2023= \$ 625

Total revenue for fiscal year 2023/2024 = **\$ 3,907.50**

Monthly Revenue from Fred’s Septic Disposal for December 2023 = \$125

Total revenue for fiscal year 2023/2024 = **\$ 1,400**

Monthly Revenue from Stocking Stalls Septic Disposal for October 2023 = \$ 1,050

Total revenue for fiscal year 2023/2024 = **\$ 3,910**

Monthly Revenue from Horender Construction for December 2023 = \$50

Total Revenue for fiscal year 2023/2024 = **\$50**

Total Revenue for fiscal year 2023/2024 to date=Leachate+Septic +MCSD#1 Sludge = \$36,771.50

Roses Brands surcharge for November, 2023 = \$ 715.11

Total revenue for fiscal year 2023/24 = \$ 3,264.70

Labor – 429 hrs.
 OT. 8 Hrs. Holiday WWTP coverage
 Sick 19 hrs.
 Vacation 16 hrs.
 Personal 0 hrs.
 Birthday 8 hours
 Holiday 56 hrs.
 Jury Duty 0.0 hrs.
 Floating holiday 8 hrs.
 Comp/Flex time earned 0 hrs. Comp/Flex time used 0 hours.

WWTP work completed December 1st – December 31st 2023
 Completed all monthly reports and submitted them accordingly.
 Ordered and received winter coats/bibs for WWTP staff.
 Hosed secondary clarifier weirs weekly.
 Roosevelts inspected our Chevy one-ton dump truck.
 Contact tank #2 pump – Dennis Clark finished replacing conduit and wiring.
 Scale room Storage building – Removing obsolete equipment and organizing for more storage space.
 Sent samples to Pace Labs for our quarterly Mercury tests.
 Waste, decant, transfer, press and transport sludge to the landfill.

Fulton County sludge contract – This is where we take our sludge generated at the WWTP. The price is increasing from \$68 to \$72 per ton. My recommendation is to pass the resolution and sign the contract with Fulton County.

Trustee Stetin made a MOTION to ACCEPT, seconded by Trustee Watt the amendment to the Fulton County Sludge Contract increasing the price to \$72 per ton. All were in favor. Motion carried.

FIRE – FRANK NESTLE

Three year contract was negotiated with the Town of Canajoharie. 2024 \$46,015, 2025 \$47,395 and 2026 \$49,765.

The department received a NYS DEC. It was matching grant. The max allowable expense was \$5,000 so our share is \$2500. We will be purchasing equipment to assist us in fighting wildland fires.

The department will be submitting a grant from the AFG program in January. We will be providing the requested documents to our grant writer this week.

Three state classes are being scheduled to be taught at our station during the winter months.

Working on setting up a Thruway Safety training night.

Requesting permission from the board to go to bid for an UTV that will be funded by gracious donation from the Arkell Hall Foundation.

Trustee Watt made a MOTION to GRANT PERMISSION for the Fire Department to go out to bid for a UTV, seconded by Trustee Jones. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The department answered 463 calls in 2023.

Nuisance law draft public hearing set for 2/6/24 AT 6:15PM

POLICE – RAY RENZI

- Officer Nicholas Beevers has successfully passed his civil service test, and he was taken off the list to gain his civil service status.
- High school and Middle school had a K9 locker/bag search. The search yielded negative findings for drugs in our schools including marijuana.
- New York State Technology grant return expected to come back this month.
- We purchased online training that is state approved through a company called Vector Solutions. This company will provide officers with training, and yearly mandatory trainings for all village employees such as Sexual Harassment and Work Place Violence.
- Parking lot violations behind the Bean will start being enforced once all signs are posted throughout the parking lot.
- We are currently working on revising of the noise ordinance law, instituting a Tow Surcharge fee, and instituting a law prohibiting shooting firearms, BB guns, paint ball guns etc. inside the village limits.
- Lastly, we are looking into utilizing the Canajoharie Fish and Game club as a venue to conduct firearms training.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – CLIFTON DORROUGH

Cliff submitted a log of 1 building permit issued thus far, in Jan and 7 certificates of completion issued in December. Total building permits issued in 2023 was 86 with 78 having been closed.

SPECIAL PROJECTS - JERRY WARD

Beech Nut demolition progressing well.

Mud Road Dam – Colliers Engineering requires a client authorization to address the comment letters, update the engineering assessment, and resubmit to the NYSDEC.

MOTION by Deputy Mayor Lyden, seconded by Trustee Jones for Mayor to sign client authorization. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Wintergreen Park – the board must make a decision to proceed with the project and go out to bid as designed with the option to reject any or all bids. MOTION to APPROVE A RESOLUTION by Trustee Lyden, seconded by Trustee Watt. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE VILLAGE OF CANAJOHARIE WINTERGREEN PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA) REGULATIONS 6NYCRR PART 617.

THEREFORE, UPON MOTION OF Trustee Peter Lyden, seconded by Trustee Eddie Watt, **NOW**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Village of Canajoharie has determined that a need exists and it is necessary to renovate the existing bathroom facilities, replace the existing pavilion, and add a playground at Wintergreen Park.

SECTION 2. The Village of Canajoharie is in the planning and design stages for said park improvement project.

SECTION 3. The Village of Canajoharie has received a Montgomery County grant for said park improvement project.

SECTION 4. As part of the approval process, the Village of Canajoharie Village Board must comply with regulations required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

SECTION 5. The public comment period has expired and no substantive comments remain to be addressed.

SECTION 6. The Mayor of the Village of Canajoharie, acting as responsible officer of the Village of Canajoharie Village Board is hereby authorized to make a negative declaration and to complete and sign the Determination of Significance of the Short Environmental Assessment Form indicating that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 7. The Village Board of the Village of Canajoharie hereby authorizes the Village Clerk to prepare, file, publish, and distribute all documents as necessary to comply with NYCRR Part 617 (State Environmental Quality Review).

SECTION 8. This resolution shall become effective January 9, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE;

MAYOR Ronald O. Dievendorf	VOTING	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
TRUSTEE Peter Lyden	VOTING	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
TRUSTEE Eddie Watt	VOTING	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
TRUSTEE Tracey Stetin	VOTING	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
TRUSTEE Bill Jones	VOTING	<input type="checkbox"/> YES

I, Sandra L. Ward, Deputy Clerk of the Village of Canajoharie, Montgomery County, New York, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing resolution was approved by the Village Board of the Village of Canajoharie on **January 9, 2024** and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the original resolution and of the whole thereof and that said original resolution is on file in the Village Clerk’s office.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that each of the members of the Village Board had due notice of the said Village Board meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Village of Canajoharie this January 9, 2024.

Sandra L. Ward, Deputy Clerk

Date

Park Commission – Peter Douglass not in attendance.

Transfers: N/A

Approval of Abstracts:

Date	General	Water	Sewer	Water Proj
12/7/23	\$ 58,013.17	\$ 3,852.86	\$ 6,398.86	
12/13/23	\$ 23,054.60	\$ 4,317.19	\$ 2,411.49	
12/18/23	\$ 4,829.96	\$ 739.72	\$ 56.26	
12/16/23	\$ 3,687.71	\$ 6,019.91	\$ 4,045.76	
12/28/23	\$ 6,407.03	\$ 4,305.26	\$ 15,866.51	\$ 2,150.25

MOTION to APPROVE December 2023 abstracts by Trustee Watt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lyden. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION to ADJOURN to Executive Session by Trustee Watt and seconded by Deputy Mayor Lyden.

Executive session: confidential matters: press, legislator meeting 01/23/2024, accounting system, conflict of interest forms. Motion to Adjourn Executive session by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Watt.

No actions taken in executive session.

Mayor Dievendorf made a MOTION to APPROVE A RESOLUTION to Designate the Village Polling Place and hours polls are open. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING POLLING PLACE AND HOURS POLLS ARE OPEN

Introduced by: _____ Ronald Dievendorf _____

Seconded by: _____ Peter Lyden _____

Dated: ____ 1/9/2024 _____

WHEREAS, the next General Village Election shall be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Section 15-104 (3) (b) of the Election Law of the State of New York states that the Village Board of Trustees must designate by Resolution the polling place in each election district, and the hours during which polls are open; and

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

- 1) That the one (1) polling place in the Village of Canajoharie will be in the Village Hall, 75 Erie Blvd Canajoharie, NY; and
- 2) Polls will be open for the General Village Election to be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 between the hours of 12 noon and 9:00pm.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Deputy Village Clerk is authorized to publish a Notice stating the polling place and the hour’s polls will be open at least sixty (60) days prior to the General Village Election.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor, Ronald O. Dievendorf ____ YES _____ Trustee, Peter Lyden ____ YES _____

Trustee, Tracey Stetin _____ YES _____ Trustee, Edward Watt ____ YES _____

Trustee, William Jones _____ YES _____

Vote: Resolution Carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

STATE OF NEW YORK)

)SS.:

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY)

I, Sandra L. Ward, Deputy Clerk of the Village of Canajoharie, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Canajoharie at a meeting of said Board held January 9, 2023. _____ Sandra L. Ward, Deputy Clerk.

Trustee Watt made the MOTION to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Stetin. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Ward

Deputy Clerk