

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 8th, 2014**

Chairman, Bob Reagan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. In attendance were Selectmen Robert Reagan, Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, and Bob Scott.

Motion by Scott Borthwick to enter into executive session at 6:00. Second by Dave McAlister and unanimously agreed. Motion by Scott Borthwick to come out of executive session at 6:55. Second by Dave McAlister and unanimously agreed.

Chairman, Bob Reagan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Selectmen Robert Reagan, Scott Borthwick, and Dave McAlister. Also in attendance were TA Mike Samson, Al Posnanski, Ellie Davis, Phil Smith, Bob Scott, Denis Salvail and Phil Salvail.

Minutes of March 25th, 2014.

Selectman McAlister moved to approve the minutes of March 25th. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Budget vs. Actual

Samson reviewed the Budget vs Actual. The major differences so far include an overrun on the cost of the Town Report by \$985; an increase in the cost of the prosecutor by \$4,700; unforeseen government building costs (roof at police department) that will require dropping one or two scheduled projects; office supplies will likely need an additional \$2,500; the printing line includes new print cartridges for the copier; the police department equipment account was hit for dispatch air cards and this expense will have to be offset by savings in health insurance; the mechanic is running ahead of budget for parts and supplies; highway has exhausted the salt account; the over run in partime labor in the transfer station will be offset by savings on the full-time position and the site improvements at the transfer station are for testing at the old landfill.

Highway Department Loader

Bob Scott is looking at several loaders including new and used and comparing warranties and reputation. All are under \$110,000 (with trade in).

Dave Zani

Zani and the Town have discussed a land swap. Zani is planning on building a full service grocery store that would double or triple his current footprint. To provide adequate parking he is looking to secure a small triangle of land from the Town land where the Fire Department is located in exchange for a significant parcel of land behind the Highway Garage. Zani is looking for a triangle of land with 50 feet of frontage on RT 118 and a leg that runs from that point back to Zani's property line for a distance on 270 feet. The area would be 6,750 sf +/- . In exchange there would be a transfer of an area at the back of the Highway Garage of about 200 feet deep and 250 feet wide or about 50,000 sf. The Board indicated that they would be willing to rent the property for a year to Zani and ask the voters to confirm the land swap next March.

Police Cruiser and Ammunition

There was discussion about purchase of the new police cruiser which has sufficient money in the police cruiser capital reserve account. The money has been requested from

Kendra. The trade in is currently not in service because of issues in the transmission. The Board signed the purchase order for the cruiser. The Board also discussed the purchase order for ammunition and it was noted that the ammunition is for two years. A majority of the Board signed the purchase order.

Junk Yard Renewal

The Board reviewed the application for a junkyard permit renewal from Richard Wheeler. Selectman Borthwick moved to approve the application and authorize Bob Reagan to sign the application. Dave McAlister seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Other Business

Water and Sewer Rates

The Board has had at least two meetings on the proposed changes to the water and sewer rates as well as publication in the Town Report. Selectman Borthwick moved to approve the revisions to the Water and Sewer Rates as proposed to be applied to the bills for the first quarter of 2014. Dave McAlister seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Excavation

The Board reviewed the application of David Zani to remove gravel. The Board signed the application.

Motion by Scott Borthwick to adjourn at 8:00 with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen