

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 18, 2018**

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Selectmen's Conference Room under the Library. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister and Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others: Robert Scott, Jon Warzocha, John Bergeron and John Coffey.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 12/4/18. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimous approval.

CIP Hot Box

Bob Scott made a presentation for a replacement Hot Box. He asked that the amount warned be increased to \$38,000 although he believed that after the sale or tradein of the old one, the amount spent would be less. The Board noted that the warrant language was a not to exceed and that they would have final approval when the purchase order was presented in 2019. Samson was authorized by Board consensus to change the warrant article to \$38,000.

Water Line Replacement

John Coffey and Jon Warzocha presented a plan that would replace several water lines and total nearly \$1 million dollars. They were asked to give a number for replacing the main line from the plant to the Village which is over 100 years old. That number would be about \$500,000. Samson indicated that we do not have the capacity to pay that cost nor pass that cost on to the users. Jon reviewed all of the possible sources of funds and suggested that the Town apply for a CDBG grant for public facilities in the July cycle. There is a health concern since the main line has lead connections in the piping. The Board indicated that Samson and the two Johns should work on writing an application.

Budget vs Actual

Samson reviewed the most recent draft of the 2018 financials and 2019 budget draft. Samson also reviewed the revenues and indicated that with an estimated \$60,000 in unspent money and \$150,000 in the current fund bance and \$210,000 in excess revenue, we have enough to cover the payments to capital reserves, the purchase of the FAST Squad equipment (already in 2018 budget estimate) and pay at least \$125,000 of the land acquisition price for the gravel pit. The rest would come from the 2019 highway budget. Dave McAlister moved to sign the conditional purchase and sale for the gravel pit and authorize the deposit check of \$5,000. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimous approval.

Canaan Ambulance

Samson reviewed all of the paperwork for the takeover of the Canaan FAST Squad operations. The final agreement calls for the Town to pay Canaan FAST \$110,000 for equipment and bridge operations until January 1, 2019. Al Posnanski moved to approve the contract and issue a check to Canaan FAST for \$110,000. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimous approval.

FEMA funds

Samson indicated that our budget margin for the year under gross budget is a little tight and wanted the Board to warn a notice of accepting \$35,907.20 in FEMA funds and a vote to increase the budget by \$35,907.20 with the money assigned to the Canaan Ambulance

Service. The Board by consensus approved a hearing for Thursday December 27 at 7:30 AM.

Wage Approvals

The Board reviewed the proposed wage schedule for 2019. The rescue squad schedule would not be ready until next week. There were apparent errors on the schedule and Samson indicated that he would fix them and approve the schedule on 12/27.

Other Business

John Bergeron asked that fence sections from the Wells Annex section of the fence be restored in the Spring. The consensus of the Board was to do that.

At 7:50 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen