

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 29, 2020**

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Conference Room Under Library. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, Al Posnanski, and TA Samson. Others: Bob Scott, Chuck Townsend, Tom Opper, John Bergeron, and Ellie Davis.

Motion by Dave McAlister and second by Al Posnanski to approve the minutes of 12/15/2020. Unanimous.

Budget 2020 and 2021

Samson indicated that his best guess as to unspent money in 2020 is \$309,639. The increase is related to unspent payroll in several departments. He also anticipates revenue that will be about \$56,000 less than anticipated. The net going into the unassigned fund balance is \$253,949. The proposed expense budget is unchanged. He also anticipates that the increase in the tax rate in 2021 will be about .25% or about 4 cents per thousand.

CARES (Stimulus) Money Acceptance and Use

The amount received from the CARES money totals \$86,073.38. He recommended that \$40,000 be applied to the purchase of 3 ambulance monitors, \$10,000 applied to the purchase and shipment of a hazardous waste storage container and \$36,073.38 applied to the purchase of a new Town dump truck. Selectman Posnanski moved to accept the money and dedicate the funds to the proposed uses. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Encumbrance

Samson proposed a list of year end encumbrances that required approval for carry over through 2021. The list totaled \$239,140.31 and is attached. It includes in part, the \$144,968.62 dump truck that actually has a two year appropriation and the \$37,004.60 monitors for the three ambulances. Selectman Posnanski moved to encumber the purchase orders through 2021. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Up-Coming Hearing on Land Use Ordinance

Samson noted that there would be three meetings/hearings on a zoning ordinance limited solely to the Historic District and to the current regulated activities of the District. The first will be the Selectmen's meeting on January 5. The second will be a Planning Board meeting on January 7 and the third will be a Planning Board meeting on January 14.

Non-Public

At 5:28 PM Selectman Posnanski moved to enter non-public session for review of legal issues. McAlister seconded and motion passed unanimously.

At 5:45 PM McAlister moved to exit non-public meeting. Seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 5:45 PM Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 5:46 Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
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