

**VILLAGE OF CANTON and TOWN OF CANTON BOARD MEETING
JOINT BOARD MEETING
June 10, 2019**

Village Board Present:

Carol Pynchon, Deputy Mayor/Trustee
Sean O'Brien, Trustee

Klaus Proemm, Trustee

Others Present:

Sally Noble, Village Clerk/Treasurer
Leigh Rodriguez, Econ. Developer

Cara Adams, Deputy Clerk
Gerry Ducharme, Attorney

Town Board Present:

Mary Ann Ashley, Supervisor
Tim Danehy, Councilperson
Bob Washo, Councilperson

Phil LaMarche, Councilperson
Jim Smith, Councilperson

The Canton Village Board and Canton Town Board held a Special Joint Meeting on Monday at 6:30pm, June 10, 2019 in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building, 60 Main St., Canton, New York, 13617.

Supervisor Ashley opened the Joint Board Meeting at 6:35pm.

Supervisor Ashley added the following items to the agenda:

- **Joint Resolution Pride Month (June)**
- **Complete Streets Nomination**

1. **Ethics Policy-** Supervisor Ashley stated that she is grateful to the subcommittee for the second draft of the Ethics Policy. After discussion between the Town and Village Boards it was agreed to send the draft back to the subcommittee to revise the code making the six-page disclosure form a separate document and remove the references within the code regarding the disclosure form. When the revised version is sent to the Boards they will be sent to the Town/Village Attorneys to review. Supervisor Ashley informed the board that the code would have to be passed, create the joint ethics board and hold a Public Hearing and after would have to be submitted to the Department of State.

Supervisor Ashley added Public Comment- No Public Comment

2. **Municipal Building RFPS-** Supervisor Ashley stated that they received five RFPs on the need's assessment of the Municipal Building. The RFPs are being discussed at the committee level. The committee is close but not ready to make a recommendation. This will be discussed at the next Town/Village meeting.
3. **Annexation of Argent Property-** Attorney Ducharme stated that he received the draft petition but it was sent back to Argent's Attorney John Collins with questions and suggested changes. Attorney Ducharme has not heard back from Attorney Collins. The petition will need to be filed with the Town Clerk and a copy to the Village Clerk. A joint Public Hearing will have to be held no less than 20 days and no more than 40 days after the filing. The County Planning Board will be involved. Attorney Ducharme explained the Argent Property on Sullivan Drive. They currently have one apartment building and are planning on single family homes.

Councilperson Washo asked about the annexation of the roadway of Outer State Street, to clear up the road lines.

Councilperson Danehy stated that if the Road was annexed into the Village it could reduce the speed limit.

After further Board discussion regarding the project and annexation of the property they decided that they have more questions.

4. **Economic Development Consortium-** Supervisor Ashley and Deputy Mayor/Trustee Pynchon stated that nothing needed to be discussed.
5. **Decriminalization of Cannabis-** Supervisor Ashley stated that Trustee O'Brien wanted this on the agenda. Trustee O'Brien stated the resolution would say we are in support of the passage of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act in the Senate. It would make a positive impact on the farmers and population. This would show leadership on this then we are in position to attempt to make the terms/regulations to benefit the local communities and be a model.

Trustee Proemm shared that the Farm Bureau voted in support of legalization.

Councilperson Washo agreed with Trustee O'Brien. He stated that the County will be saddled to opt in or out. He said it is time for the taboo to be discussed. He is in agreement to opt in and is in favor of it.

Trustee Pynchon supports the intention but would like more to be added to the resolution with more 'where as' to spell out the why to make it a more powerful statement to bolster it to make it a stronger case.

Councilperson Danehy stated to vote on a resolution is premature. He did not feel comfortable voting tonight.

Ann McLaughlin, resident of the Town of Canton spoke in favor. She stated that she has been in front of the Legislator speaking in favor. She stated that it is not political issue it is a human rights issue.

After further discussion the Board decided to have Trustee O'Brien and Councilperson Washo work on the resolution. The Resolution will be brought in front of the Boards separately.

6. Joint Resolution Pride Month (June)- Trustee O'Brien read the following Resolution.

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE AND TOWN OF CANTON

June 10, 2019

WHEREAS, the month of June is nationally recognized and celebrated as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month in commemoration of the June 28, 1969 Stonewall Uprising in New York City which began the modern-day LGBTQ human rights movement; and

WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, making this year's celebration a significant moment in the ongoing struggle for LGBTQ human rights; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for Canton to join in the celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer pride across the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village and Town of Canton shall memorialize the historic accomplishments and recognize the continued struggles of the LGBTQ community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Pride flag be raised at the Canton Municipal Building on June 28, 2019 to demonstrate Canton's admiration and gratitude for the past, present, and future contributions of the Canton LGBTQ community to the North Country and the world.

Supervisor Ashley fully supports the resolution. She has seen and experienced the hate and takes it personally. She thanked Trustee O'Brien for bringing it to the table.

Trustee Pynchon stated that it demonstrates a welcoming place for diversity and it is a wonderful symbol. She referenced the Pride March at the Dairy Princess Parade. She supports the resolution and raising the flag.

Councilperson Washo supports the resolution and raising the flag.

Councilperson Smith supports the resolution but had concern about raising the flag on the Municipal Building. Stating that it could open the door for raising flags that they might not support.

After Board discussion they decided that if another group asked for support on a resolution to fly their flags the Board will discuss if they support it or not at that time.

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to pass a Joint Resolution of the Village and Town of Canton in support of the month of June as nationally recognized for Pride month and the Pride Flag will be raised at the Municipal Building on June 28, 2019. Councilperson Washo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

- 7. Complete Streets Nomination-** Trustee Proemm nominated Ethan Townsend to the Complete Streets Task Force to fill a gap. The Committee is still looking for two alternates.

Trustee Pynchon made a motion to approve Ethan Townsend to the Complete Streets Committee. Councilperson Washo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Councilperson LaMarche made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35PM. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Adams
Deputy Clerk