

Village of Canton, New York

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**SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Meeting Minutes: May 29, 2020**

**Board Present:**

Michael Dalton, Mayor  
Beth Larrabee, Trustee  
Klaus Proemm, Trustee

Carol Pynchon, Trustee  
Anna Sorensen, Trustee

**Others Present:**

Gerald Ducharme, Village Attorney  
Cara Adams, Deputy Clerk

Sally Noble, Clerk/Treasurer

**ORDER OF BUSINESS: Mayor Dalton opened the Special Meeting up at 8:03am via Zoom.**

- 1. Authorize Payments and Transfer of Funds-** Trustee Larrabee made a motion to authorize payments and transfer of funds for the Year End Bills for abstract # 2019-2020.. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

General Fund	\$	32,423.84
Water Fund	\$	4,977.00
Sewer Fund	\$	165.00
Golf Course	\$	9,483.49
Joint Activity	\$	0.00

- 2. NY-68 East Repaving Project 2020-** Trustee Pynchon made a motion to approve the NY-68 East Repaving Project 2020 Resolution. Trustee Sorensen seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Pynchon thanked the Complete Streets Task Force and wants there to be a greater nod to Complete Streets consideration when we are talking about sidewalks and roads. We have a taskforce and we need to take their considerations going forward.

Trustee Proemm stated that he would like to foster a better relationship and work more closely with DOT.

RESOLUTION NO 20200529

Village of Canton

Recommendations for New York State Department of Transportation  
NY-68 East Repaving Project - 2020

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) plans to repave New York State Highway NY-68 E in the summer of 2020 (the Project); and

**WHEREAS**, NYSDOT is obligated by law to collaborate with local agencies on roadway projects to implement Complete Street considerations, according to the 2011 Complete Streets Act, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town and Village of Canton established a consolidated Complete Streets Task Force to act as the community board in compliance with the NYSDOT Complete Streets Policy in order to strengthen Canton's community connectivity through increased and safer pedestrian and non-motorized vehicular access to roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State Highway 68 East (NY-68 E) is considered a local gateway and key corridor in the St. Lawrence Valley to the Adirondack State Park and nearby recreational areas such as Higley Flow State Park; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to the heavy motorized vehicle traffic from commuters and visitors, the highway is frequently used by cyclists and pedestrians, but at considerable risk because no paved shoulders exist along the road; and

**WHEREAS**, NY-68 E houses key community assets within the Town and Village of Canton such as the Cornell Cooperative Extension, the St. Lawrence University Sustainability Semester Residence, and the St. Lawrence University Equestrian Center; and

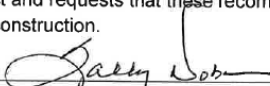
**WHEREAS**, the Complete Streets Task Force has studied the Project and recommends the New York State Department of Transportation include the following in their design and construction of the project to promote increased and safer pedestrian and non-motorized vehicular access to NY-68 E: (1) a paved 5-foot shoulder on both sides of the highway along the 13.6 mile stretch of road between the intersection of NY-68 E and NY-11 in the Village of Canton and the intersection of NY-68 E and NY-56, NY in the Town of Colton; (2) a new design of guardrails for increased shoulder travel safety; (3) removal of rumble strips from middle and fog line striping; and (4) fog lines painted on the highway wherever new road shoulders have been paved; and

**WHEREAS**, the Complete Streets Task Force and the Trustees of the Village of Canton believe NY-68 E should be rebuilt in a manner consistent with NY-68 W and NY-310; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Canton hereby supports the recommendations made by the Complete Streets Task Force to the New York State Department of Transportation's NY-68 E repaving project and requests that these recommendations be incorporated into the project design and construction.

Date

5/29/20

  
Sally Noble, Village Clerk  
Village of Canton

3. **Letter of Retirement from Brien Hallahan-** Trustee Pynchon made a motion to accept the Letter of Retirement from Brien Hallahan effective July 30, 2020; acknowledging his years of service to the community. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Dalton stated that they will begin the process to advertise for the position. The advertisement will be posted South to Syracuse and up to Plattsburgh. The advertisement will be sent to colleges like RPI, Clarkson University, and SUNY Canton.

Trustee Proemm made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:18pm. Trustee Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Best Regards,

Cara Adams  
Deputy Clerk