

Village of Canton, New York

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes: July 20, 2020

Board Present:

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

Carol Pynchon, Trustee
Anna Sorensen, Trustee

Others Present:

Gerald Ducharme, Village Attorney
Brien Hallahan, Superintendent
Cara Adams, Deputy Clerk
Jeff Murray, Code Officer
Linda Casserly, Historian

Sally Noble, Clerk/Treasurer
Jim Putman, Recreation Director
Leigh Rodriguez, Economic Developer
Cindy Brand, Assessor

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Dalton opened the Public Hearing at 6:20pm via Zoom.

Mayor Dalton read the following Legal Notice:

NOTICE
Village of Canton, New York
Public Hearing and Meeting of Board of Trustees
July 20, 2020

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Canton Village Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 6:15pm, to consider a local law to regulate burning in the Village of Canton. The local law would amend Chapter 164 of the Canton Village Code (“*Fire Prevention*”) by adding a new Article *III*, titled “*Burning Regulations*”, which would prohibit burning in the Village subject to specific exceptions therein stated; and provide penalties for violations of Chapter 164. The local law would also amend the definition of nuisance stated at §221-11(B) of the Code. The proposed local law may be viewed on the Village’s website.

Upon conclusion of the said public hearing, the Board of Trustees will commence its regular monthly meeting. Both the public hearing and the Board’s regular monthly meeting will be conducted by use of Zoom video-conference, as authorized by Governor Andrew Cuomo’s Executive Order 202.1 (*extended by Executive Orders 202.14, 202.28, 202.38, and 202.48*) and Executive Order 202.15 (*extended by Executive Orders 202.29, 202.39, and 202.49*). The public is invited to view or listen to the hearing and meeting, and to comment during each, by any of the following means:

Join Zoom Meeting

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdegdVYF80>

The link is also available at www.cantonny.gov.

Public comments may also be submitted via email addressed to Mayor Michael Dalton at MDalton@cantonny.gov or by regular mail addressed to the Mayor at 60 Main Street, Canton, New York 13617, to be received by 4:00pm on Monday, July 20, 2020, which will be made part of the record of the public hearing and meeting.

Mayor Dalton opened for Public Comment.

Trustee Larrabee stated this was a great option to allow the Community to have a reasonable size fire and to get everyone outside. She stated she was glad Fire Chief Crowe brought this to their attention. She is excited to move forward. Trustee Larrabee thanked Attorney Ducharme for all of his work.

No public comment

Mayor Dalton closed the Public Hearing at 6:25pm.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: The Mayor opened the regular meeting at 6:25pm via zoom.

- a. **Approve minutes of June 15 & 29, 2020-** Trustee Proemm made a motion to approve the minutes of June 15 & 29, 2020 seconded by Trustee Larrabee.

Trustee Pynchon wanted to clarify under the Economic Developer Report on June 15, 2020 the launching of the Loan Program was for the Town of Canton Loan Program.

All voted in favor. Motion carries.

ACCEPTANCE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Animal Control Report- Mayor Dalton stated that there were several complaints and no dogs seized.

Economic Developer Report- Economic Developer Rodriguez updated the Board that she has a few Loan Applications out but still none back. Dairy Queen is underway and reimbursement requests have been sent in, along with reimbursement requests for Town grants and the SAM Grant for the Clubhouse. She stated that they are continuing to work on Brownfield Projects. The Department of State was on hold for awhile but they are now processing reimbursements. The Willow Island project grant will be moving forward. They have five years to be completed. They do not have a contract yet but they are moving things forward at this point. The start date for the grant was May 1, 2020, she stated that they could be working on that if they want too but she advises to wait until they have a signed contract for the expenditures, to be safe. She stated that Canton lost a few businesses but there are a couple of new ones coming in, downtown is coming back to life.

Mayor Dalton stated that he mentioned when things started opening back up they discussed dining on the streets and sidewalks and parking lots but they did not have a lot of takers from the local businesses, he stated that they did not have to ask for any changes or relief from the State Liquor Board.

Economic Developer Rodriguez stated that they ended up adding a few picnic tables into the parks for more people to dine outdoors. She thanked the Recreation Department for providing them.

Mayor Dalton stated that the Maple Hill Water Project is scheduled to start.

Economic Developer Rodriguez stated that they will be starting August 10, 2020 and completion date of October 1, 2020.

Assessor Report- Assessor Brand informed the Board that she finished the two classes she needed for 12 credit hours. The services with the County for Data Collection has started. They have done 7 corrections to the final roll. There were exemptions that had to be removed. The property owners get a notice and have ten days.

Trustee Pynchon stated that she appreciates the thoroughness in the report and it is educational.

Code Officer Report- Code Officer Murray stated that Dairy Queen is progressing nicely and the construction is picking up within the Village.

Trustee Pynchon asked Code Officer Murray about Code Compliance Technician Tim Nolan regarding getting into place to do inspections.

Code Officer Murray stated that Tim has constructed a letter explaining the new protocols for entering houses for the inspections.

Treasurer/Clerk Report- Treasurer Noble stated that she added a Consultant Agreement to allow Troy & Banks who is recommended from NYCOM to do an audit of our franchise fees. They would look at the agreements with Time Warner/Spectrum, National Grid, St. Lawrence Gas and they will let the Village know if we have been underpaid or not. The Consultant would get 20% of anything they find and if they do not find anything, they do not get paid. Treasurer Noble stated that the Village does not have anything to lose.

Mayor Dalton added that this has been done a number of years ago. He made the recommendation to look into this.

Trustee Sorensen stated that it is a great idea. She stated that this was one of the recommendations at the Boot Camp she attended in Albany, NY with Trustee Pynchon.

Trustee Sorensen asked Treasurer Noble about the tax trial balance report for the Village taxes and the budget amount being different.

Treasurer Noble stated that the difference is the unpaid water/sewer that is levied onto the taxes.

Trustee Sorensen asked if there was any concern with the income that is not coming in for what is projected in the budget?

Treasurer Noble stated that she is watching this closely but nothing out of the ordinary right now.

Trustee Sorensen had one last questions regarding the Non-Property Tax Distribution on the budget. She asked if that was the Sales Tax line. She asked if there have been any projections on the Sales Tax relevant to the Village.

Treasurer Noble stated that she has not received anything. She stated that they are planning on the worst-case scenario but she believes that the Village's focus and financial situation can handle what is received from the County.

Mayor Dalton added that he is comfortable with the way the budget has been built.

Golf Report- Trustee Pynchon stated that Golf Pro Maginn was not in attendance at the meeting but the golf report numbers were surprisingly good. She stated that the number of kids using the Golf Course has increased. Golf Pro Maginn has been slowly building the Junior Golf Program and the fruits of his labor is paying off.

Police Report- Mayor Dalton stated the Police Chief Santimaw was on vacation but will be back on Monday.

Historian Report- Historian Casserly stated that she has been busy with genealogy requests. She stated that Rachel has been coming back in on Friday, which has been a huge help. Stephen will not be able to return to the office but she is sending things to his home to do. Renice Bisnett will not be able to return either. She stated that she has started posting on the Historian Facebook Page and the comments have been really good. She stated that Frank White who is 102 has been coming into the Office, he has been bringing her items, like a marriage license from 1841. Historian Casserly stated that she was asked about a Welcoming Committee. She is looking into starting a Welcoming Committee.

Trustee Pynchon stated that they have been discussing a Welcoming Committee on and off for a long time. She stated that she was interested in being a part of that.

Recreation Report- Recreation Director Putman stated that Taylor Park has been open for two weeks and no major incidents. He thanked Superintendent Hallahan and DPW for bringing down sand and cleaning up the sand once a week. He stated that he is working on plans for reopening the rink.

Trustee Pynchon asked if there was any progress on the outdoor rink? Recreation Director Putman stated that they have stopped working on the outdoor rink. He stated that a Community member has spoken with him and Mayor Dalton and him regarding some concerns and wants to discuss a possible future. He will be stopping down and

take a look at the rink in the next couple weeks, then they will progress in one direction or another.

Trustee Larrabee stated that she has received huge compliments that Taylor Park is open. She thanked Recreation Director Putman for opening up the Park.

Superintendent Report- Superintendent Hallahan stated that it is getting towards the end for his retirement.

Trustee Larrabee stated that she has happy neighbors on Hailey Drive for the paving. Trustee Proemm stated that Pleasant Street looks good too.

Trustee Pynchon said the following to Superintendent Hallahan:

Fourteen years!

Sally has your start date recorded as July 17, 2006. Almost exactly 14 years ago! What a lot has happened since that time and what a mark you have made on Canton.

Looking back on the countless Village projects you have overseen – buildings, roads, sidewalks, water and sewer, parks and trees, fountains – it is impossible to measure impact you have had. Bringing solar power to Canton and managing the reconstruction of Main Street over two seasons are among the improvements that will be felt for many years.

And it's hard to estimate the number of Village residents you have helped, state agencies you have worked with, contractors you have engaged, equipment you have purchased, mountains of snow and truckloads of brush you have removed, pump stations you have cleaned, budgets you have prepared, meetings you have sat through, committees you have helped, trustees and mayors you have abided, and municipal staff you've worked with. (We all know that helping the Garden Club with their flowers each year was a favorite assignment of yours, thanks to the cookies you got in appreciation!)

It hasn't always been easy and some of those interactions weren't exactly pleasant. But through it all you demonstrated steady professionalism, patience, and good humor. You have earned the respect and gratitude of this Board, your Village colleagues, and the residents of Canton.

Thank you for your time, energy, and commitment to our Village. Enjoy the lazier days of retirement and all the new projects that lie ahead.

Superintendent Hallahan thanked everyone.

Trustee Sorenson made a motion to approve the Department Head Reports. Trustee Pynchon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communication & Technology Committee- Trustee Sorensen stated that the Committee developed a memo for Department Heads with questions of what the Board is looking for in their reports. The Committee has forwarded to Mayor Dalton and Supervisor Ashley for them to review.

Trustee Sorensen informed the Board that the Committee will be meeting with the Clerk's this week to talk about the future of coordination with Zoom.

Trustee Pynchon added that at the last Joint Town/Village Meeting there were comments and concerns raised about broadband and connectivity. She stated that this should be under the Economic Development Committee. She stated that she is gathering information for our County/Area Legislators and try to enhanced activity up here.

Complete Streets Committee- Trustee Proemm updated the Board that the work on the Remington Trail signage is coming along well, the entrance signs are up and they are working on the mileage markers. He stated that the Committee is working with the County Chamber to come up with an improved trail app for phones. Visitors would be able to see where all the Canton Trails are on the app for hikers/bicyclists.

EV Charger- Trustee Proemm updated the Board that everything is completed for the charger, just waiting for APEX to get the charger going. After the charger is working, he will apply for the rebate.

Economic Development Committee- Trustee Pynchon added that they have brought the management of the Economic Steering Committee back to Economic Developer Rodriguez office with the help of Part Time Clerk Jeni Reed.

Golf Committee- Trustee Pynchon and Trustee Larrabee will be meeting with the Concession Manager to see how things are going.

Sustainability Committee- Trustee Pynchon stated that the Committee has not been meeting because the people on the Committee have been overwhelmed with their other professional positions due to the pandemic. The pandemic points to other issues of sustainability that needs to be addressed moving forward. She stated that a lot of the members are connected to the Universities and are going to be getting back together.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **EV Charger Update-** Discussed under Committee Reports.
- b. **Miner Street Update-** Superintendent Hallahan stated that the project is progressing. He is proud of the performance on Miner Street and should be completed in a few weeks.
- c. **Discuss Amendment to SRO Contract with Canton Central, Asking to Terminate Early-** Mayor Dalton stated that he circulated the letter and amendment from the

Superintendent of Canton Central to the Board. The School backed out of the SRO Contract and sent an amendment that they would like the Board to approve. Mayor Dalton stated it was a three-year contract and they would like to get out of the contract because of budget concerns. Mayor Dalton stated that the School is not going to pay for the SRO and the Village is not going to put an Officer at the School. He stated that it is up to the Board if we want to let the School out of this officially.

Trustee Pynchon stated that this is a shame and thinks in this time with the recent conversations going on regarding defining and reimagining Police, that the position at the school is a perfect example of how people would like to see law enforcement with working and cooperating with the Community. She stated she understands the financial strain the Schools are under and the unthinkable of how to decide what to cut and where to cut. She stated that she feels like the Village needs to be good partners with the School. She stated that the Village still needs to be partners with the School. She stated that she wants to officially say that the Village is disappointed but suggests signing it and letting them out of the Contract.

Trustee Larrabee agreed with Trustee Pynchon stated. She stated that she respects Ron Burke and knows that the decision was not made lightly. She respects the budgetary contracts but feels like the Village should be good partners.

Mayor Dalton stated that he is disappointed and thought this was a perfect example of the Community Policing. He stated that there was some support on the School Board and some wanted the position to go. He stated that the Village will move forward and sign the contract and amendment.

Mayor Dalton stated that the Village is in a position to adapt to this change and they will not be hiring a new Officer at year end.

Trustee Larrabee asked Mayor Dalton if there has been any conversation with the Superintendent with doing programming with the Police Department with education for our youth?

Mayor Dalton stated that this will be part of the conversation but the Village will not be hiring to replace the Officer that will be retiring.

- d. Discuss and Possible Approve Leasing Program for Vehicles-** Mayor Dalton stated that the Board participated in a presentation with Enterprise Fleet Management. The Village can save some money over the course of 10 years with an estimated savings of \$180,000. Mayor Dalton stated that this will keep the fleet up to date with less expensive repairs, latest technology (improved gas mileage) and helps with cash flow. He stated that the New York State Financial Restructuring Board recommends this type of agreement when looking to restructure the finances in municipalities.

Trustee Sorensen stated that she supports the program.

Trustee Proemm stated that it is a win with saving money.

Trustee Larrabee stated for the recorded that she was not at the presentation but she was able to speak with Mayor Dalton about the specifics. She stated that she is comfortable and confident with saving money.

Trustee Pynchon made a motion to move forward with the Leasing Program for Vehicles. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

- e. **Discuss and Possible Approve Burning Law Change-** Trustee Larrabee stated that she is excited to give Community members the option and thinks a lot of people will take advantage of it.

Trustee Sorensen said it is better to lay out the parameters and how to do it safely.

Trustee Sorensen made the motion to approve the Local Law # 3 to Regulate Burning in the Village of Canton. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Sorensen- Aye

Trustee Larrabee- Aye

Trustee Proemm- Aye

Trustee Pynchon- Aye

Mayor Dalton- Aye

All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Rubbish:

- Solid or liquid waste material, including, but not limited to, building waste material, cans, cartons, chemicals, diapers, foam rubber, furniture, grease, hair, leather, oils and other petroleum products, paint, paper and paper products, plastics, rags, sludge, shingles, Styrofoam, rubber products, tires, and automobiles and other vehicles and parts for junk, salvage or disposal.*
- B. A.

Special Event Fire:

- A bonfire or any other open-air fire kindled to mark a public event, celebration, or similar occurrence not held in an outdoor fireplace or fire pit.*
- B.

Trash

Includes garbage, refuse, rubbish, and any other debris.

Untreated Wood

For the purposes of this chapter, any wood or lumber which is not chemically treated, painted, coated, stained, sealed, glued or otherwise adulterated. Untreated wood does not include such materials as pressure treated lumber, plywood, particle board, fiberboard, and oriented strand board.

§164-6: Burning Regulations

- A. *It shall be unlawful for any person to burn, cause, allow, or permit the burning or kindling of any fire for the purpose of burning any leaves, grass, garbage, non-permissible flammables, refuse, rubbish, or trash within the Village of Canton, New York.*
- B. *It shall be unlawful for any person to burn, cause, allow, or permit the burning or kindling of any materials in an open fire, campfire, or other on-site burning within the Village of Canton, New York, except as provided by Paragraph "C" of this section.*
- C. *Exceptions and Restricted Burning*
1. *Outdoor burning in an open fire, provided same is not contrary to any other law, rule, or regulation, shall be allowed as follows:*
- a. *Barbecue grills and similar outdoor cooking devices when used for cooking or processing food, and the fire is attended by an individual of suitable age until the fire is extinguished.*
- b. *Small fires less than three (3) feet in height and four (4) feet in diameter, used for cooking and campfires, provided that only charcoal or untreated wood is used as fuel and the fire is attended by an individual of suitable age until the fire is extinguished.*
- c. *Small fires less than three (3) feet in height and four (4) feet in*

diameter that are used to dispose of a flag or religious item, and small fires or other smoke-producing process where not otherwise prohibited by law that are used in connection with a religious ceremony, provided that the fire is attended by an individual of suitable age until the fire is extinguished.

- d. *Any exception listed in sub-paragraphs 1(a), 1(b), and 1(c) shall be allowed only when:*
 - i. *The burning is located 25 feet from any structure, such as a home, garage, mobile home, wedding tent, etc.; and*
 - ii. *The burning is located 25 feet from any adjacent or neighboring property line; and*
 - iii. *The burning is contained by nonflammable material commonly used as a fire-containing apparatus, or structure. Examples of commonly accepted fire containing structures include (i) a fire pit not less than 10 inches deep, (ii) a stone fire circle not less than 10 inches in height, and (iii) prefabricated fire-burning products, such as a chiminea or other products commonly marketed as outdoor/patio fire-containment units containing a basin and fire-screen.*
2. *The following outdoor burning shall be allowed, under the conditions stated:*
 - a. *Burning on an emergency basis of explosive or other dangerous or contraband materials by the police or other public safety organization.*
 - b. *Fire training, including firefighting, fire rescue, and fire/arson investigation training, performed under applicable rules and guidelines of the New York State Department of State's Office of Fire Prevention and Control. Fire training performed on acquired structures shall comply with regulations promulgated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for such training fires.*
 - c. *Individual open fires approved by the Director of the Division of Air Resources as may be required in response to an outbreak of a plant or animal disease upon request by the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Markets, or for the destruction of invasive plant and insect species.*
3. *Special event fires may be allowed, provided they are not contrary to any other law, rule or regulation, under the following regulations:*

- a. *No person shall kindle or maintain any special event fire without first obtaining a special event fire permit issued by the Code Enforcement Officer upon approval by the Fire Chief. Copies of the special event fire permit shall be available and ready for inspection on site for the duration of the special event fire.*
- b. *Permitted special event fires shall not be located less than fifty (50) feet from any structure.*
- c. *The duration of the special event fire and the allowable quantity of permissible material to be burned shall be determined by the Code Enforcement Officer and the Fire Chief, in their sole discretion, based upon the fire safety considerations of the situation.*
- d. *A competent adult of at least twenty one (21) years of age shall be designated as the contact person to meet with the Code Enforcement Official and Fire Chief for any issue pertaining to the special event fire.*
- e. *The special event fire shall be continually monitored by a competent adult at least twenty one (21) years of age, who is specifically designated for that purpose.*
- f. *The base of the special event fire shall not be larger than ten (10) feet in diameter. The fire must be enclosed by an approved barrier set at a distance sufficient to provide maximum safety. An approved adequate fire suppression source must be immediately available, and must be sufficient to totally extinguish the fire.*
- g. *The Fire Chief, Code Enforcement Officer, and their respective designees are each allowed entry upon the property where the special event fire is located, at all times for the duration of the said fire and until it has been completely extinguished, in order to ascertain and ensure compliance with all required safety measures.*
- h. *The Fire Chief, Code Enforcement Officer, and their respective designees are each authorized, in their sole discretion, to order that a special event fire be immediately extinguished.*
- i. *Upon completion of the special event, or upon the direction of the Fire Chief, Code Enforcement Officer, or their respective designees, the fire must be completely extinguished, and an approved fire watch must be provided for a duration of time directed or approved by the Fire Chief, to ensure that the fire does not rekindle.*

- j. *The Code Enforcement Officer and the Fire Chief shall each have the authority to impose any other restriction and/or safety precaution pertaining to the special event fire.*

D. *Authority and Enforcement*

1. *In any situation where the Code Enforcement Officer, Fire Chief, or police and fire department personnel determines that a fire poses a danger to persons or property, or is contrary to any provision of this Article, the said Code Enforcement Officer, Fire Chief, or police and fire department personnel, as the case may be, shall be and hereby are authorized to issue such directions as they may deem necessary to protect the safety of persons and property, and to ensure compliance with this Article, including a direction that the fire be extinguished.*
2. *The Code Enforcement Officer, the Fire Chief, and police and fire department personnel may each restrict, prohibit, or direct the extinguishment of any fire within the Village of Canton upon determining that atmospheric or local circumstances make such fire hazardous to persons or property.*
3. *Any person who is burning, causing, allowing, or permitting the burning or kindling of any fire within the Village of Canton shall comply with the directions of the Code Enforcement Officer, of the Fire Chief, and of any police or fire department personnel, regarding such fire, including a direction that the fire be extinguished.*

E. *Violations and Penalties*

1. *Any complaint alleging a violation of this Article shall be filed with the Code Enforcement Officer, who shall promptly undertake an investigation. The Code Enforcement Officer may issue a code violation ticket based upon said investigation. The Code Enforcement Officer may also issue a code violation ticket based solely on the report of any other enforcement official or agency, including the Fire Chief and the police and fire departments.*
2. *Any person who is found to have violated any provision of this Article shall be subject to pay a mandatory fine in an amount to be fixed by the court subject to the following parameters:*
 - a. *For the first such violation, the fine shall in the minimum amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) and up to but shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250).*

- b. *For the second such violation, the fine shall be in the minimum amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) and up to but shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).*
- c. *For three or more violations, the fine for each such violation shall be in the minimum amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) and up to but not to exceed One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500).*
- d. *The fines assessed pursuant to sub-paragraphs 2(a), 2(b), and 2(c) shall double if the violation occurs during a "no burn" period established by any New York State regulatory agency.*

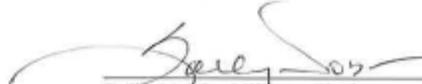
F. *If any section or specific part or provision of this Article, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is found to be invalid by a court for any reason, the court's decision shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this Article, and any other section or provision of this Article not affected by the court's decision shall remain in full force and effect.*

C. Effective Date: This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State.

The votes are as follows (Yes or No):

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| Mayor Michael Dalton | voting | Yes |
| Trustee Carol Pynchon | voting | Yes |
| Trustee Elizabeth Larrabee | voting | Yes |
| Trustee Klaus Proemm | voting | Yes |
| Trustee Anna Sorensen | voting | Yes |

Date: July 20, 2020


Sally Noble, Village Clerk

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Authorize payment of vouchers & transfer of funds** – Trustee Sorensen made a motion to authorize payment of vouchers & transfer of funds for abstract # **02 of 2020-2021**. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

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| General Fund | \$158,701.79 | Golf Course | \$47,799.15 |
| Water Fund | \$33,671.29 | Joint Activity | \$13,442.25 |
| Sewer Fund | \$36,347.83 | | |

- b. **Update on Periodic Meeting with Universities & Law Enforcement-** Mayor Dalton stated that they have been having meetings with the Universities and Law Enforcement to discuss the things that have been going on nationwide. They have discussed the return to campus plans regarding COVID, bringing the students back, expectations for law enforcement and municipal leaders. Mayor Dalton stated that at the last meeting they updated them of the De-escalation training and Fair and Impartial Policing. They discussed how they can communicate better for the University Community and communication with the full-time residents. Village of Canton Police, St. Lawrence University, SUNY Canton, Sheriff, and a large section of our Community in Canton and Potsdam will continue throughout school and will have direct communications with the students and create a good relationship. They have discussed body cameras. Mayor Dalton stated that they were hoping for some guidance from the Governor's Executive Order but have not received yet.

Police Chief Santimaw, Mayor Dalton and the Emergency Service Committee will start the process to come up with ideas, if guidance from the Governor does come then we will adapt to the guidance going forward.

Trustee Pynchon wanted to emphasize that it has been powerful to see Canton, Potsdam, Municipal Leaders from Canton and Potsdam, University Leaders from all four schools, Law Enforcement and Security from every level, and Chief Diversity personnel from all of the schools. She stated it is quite remarkable spirit of cooperation. She stated that communication is going to be essential. Communication to our residents that these conversations have been going on with both of the Universities and Law Enforcement that people will be safe. She stated it has to be a two-way street, expectations have to be clear about what students expect out of law enforcement and residents but as residents of the communities we need to be clear with the Universities what is expected from the students. She stated it has been an honor to be a part of this.

Mayor Dalton stated that as they move forward, he will provide updates.

Trustee Proemm thanked Mayor Dalton and Trustee Pynchon for working on this.

Trustee Sorensen stated that she and Trustee Larrabee are on the Public Safety Committee. She stated that they met with Chief Santimaw and Mayor Dalton and will continue to meet. She stated that they are excited to have this community dialogue. She stated that residents of the community have contacted her who are interested and she has been collecting the information and will be making it public.

Trustee Larrabee agreed with the other Trustees and wanted to acknowledge that this is a great platform to have these conversations to see the spectrum from all sides. She stated that she wanted to denounce what happened to Law Enforcement with four communities and five agencies targeted. She stated it was dehumanizing and derogatory with the substance that could have been absorbed through the Officers skin. She stated that she publicly wanted to support the law enforcement agencies that were attacked with a derogatory message.

- c. **Discuss Possible Changes to Village Code - Mayor Dalton** that there was a request to look at the Village Code 33-2 and 233-3, which deals with harassment and derogatory type of comments, that need an update. Mayor Dalton stated that they would need guidance from Attorney Ducharme.

Trustee Sorensen stated that research tells them what people of color, most often experience in terms of racism. She stated that racism is, racial slurs being hurled at them from car windows in a public space and homophobic comments and slurs to people who are LGBTQ experience in public spaces. She stated that there is a code for Sexual Harassment that prohibits some profane language. Trustee Sorensen stated that it would make a clear statement if the Canton Communities expectations would be to revise the code to include racial epithets and homophobic slurs. She stated that there are difficult lines to walk in terms of free speech but thinks there is room to lay out the expectations that are acceptable to have a welcoming community. She stated that this would demonstrate that.

Trustee Sorensen and Trustee Pynchon will work with Attorney Ducharme.

- d. Discuss Home Rule-** Mayor Dalton stated that he received a Home Rule request to be forwarded to both the Assembly and the Senate. He stated that he and the Supervisor have had multiple meetings and it appears the direction that the representatives what to go.

Trustee Pynchon stated that Senator Richie and Assemblyman Walczyk has helped work on lowering the speed limit to project the safety of people.

Trustee Pynchon made a motion to approve the Resolution Request by Village of Canton for Enactment of a Special Law Authorizing Reduced Speed Limit on East Main Street. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

*RESOLUTION
REQUEST BY VILLAGE OF CANTON
FOR ENACTMENT OF A SPECIAL LAW
AUTHORIZING REDUCED SPEED LIMIT ON EAST MAIN STREET*

This Resolution is adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Canton, New York at its regular monthly meeting held on 20th day of July, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Village of Canton wishes to enact a 40 mile per hour speed limit on East Main Street in the Village, between mile marker 11 7506 1320 and mile marker 11 7506 1332; and

WHEREAS, the designated portion of East Main Street is also part of U.S. and State Highway 11, and therefore home rule requests addressed to the New York State Assembly and New York State Senate are required before the Village may pass a local law or other ordinance, order, rule or regulation to enact said speed limit; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. S07072, introduced by Senator Patty Richie on or about January 8, 2020, and New York State Assembly Bill No. A10030, introduced by Assemblyman Mark Walczyk on or about March 4, 2020, each state the following:

Pursuant to Section 1643 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, the village of Canton in the town of Canton in St. Lawrence County is hereby authorized and empowered to lower the speed limit to 40 miles per hour on East Main Street between mile marker 11 7506 1320 and mile marker 11 7506 1332, in the village of Canton provided the governing body of such village shall establish such speed limit by local law, ordinance, order, rule or regulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Canton hereby requests the enactment of New York State Senate Bill S07072 and New York State Assembly Bill A10030, so that the Village of Canton shall have the authority to lower the speed limit to 40 miles per hour on East Main Street in the Village, between mile marker 11 7506 1320 and mile marker 11 7506 1332, by local law, ordinance, order, rule or regulation; and it is further

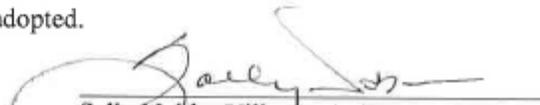
RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Village of Canton shall submit a Home Rule Request to the New York State Assembly and to the New York State Senate for the enactment of said special law.

Adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote as follows:

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| Mayor Michael Dalton | voting | <u>YES</u> |
| Trustee Carol Pynchon | voting | <u>YES</u> |
| Trustee Elizabeth Larrabee | voting | <u>YES</u> |
| Trustee Klaus Proemm | voting | <u>YES</u> |
| Trustee Anna Sorensen | voting | <u>YES</u> |

The Resolution was there upon duly adopted.

Date: July 20, 2020


Sally Noble, Village Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eileen Raymond asked for clarification where the speed limit change will happen.

Mayor Dalton stated that the Village is interested in a speed limit change from the end of the 40 mile an hour speed limit to slow it down around St. Lawrence Health Systems.

Ms. Raymond stated that half of the problem living on East Main Street is the speed limit at the edge of the Village to change to 30 but the warning sign is 10 feet from the speed limit sign. She stated that trucks come roaring by her house hitting their jake break. She suggested moving the warning sign.

Mayor Dalton stated that he would speak with NYDOT about moving the sign.

Toby Irven stated that lowering speed limits is a lengthy process with the County, DOT and a study needs to be completed.

Mayor Dalton stated that Town and Village are different. He stated he would be happy to share the documents with Mr. Itven.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Trustee Pynchon made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:44pm for a purpose as identified in Public Officers Law §105(1) (f). Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carries.

Trustee Larrabee made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:05PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Proemm. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Trustee Sorensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06PM. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Adams
Deputy Clerk