

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, October 21st, 2014**

Chairman, Bob Reagan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. In attendance were Selectmen Robert Reagan, Scott Borthwick, and TA Mike Samson.

Also in attendance were Philip Salvail, Ellie Davis, Al Posnanski and John Coffey.

Minutes of October 7th, 2014

Selectman Borthwick moved to approve the minutes of October 7th. Bob Reagan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Budget vs. Actual

Samson indicated that the current budget was essentially unchanged and that the total anticipated surplus was about \$8,000 and the maximum surplus is rapidly declining. He indicated that we will need to watch the costs closely during the last two months of the year. We will hold back the community organizations until December. Samson indicated that we will be getting the tax rate within the next two weeks and we can expect a 9-11% increase. The Board noted that we need to let the voters know the cause of the increase. Samson indicated he would prepare a insert flyer for the bills similar to last year's insert.

Samson indicated that his office printer has died and we need to get a replacement. Treadwell indicates that we can get a replacement for about \$1,100 that will have toner cartridges included. The board indicated that they would approve it and told Samson to prepare a purchase order.

2015 Budget

There are two changes in the proposed budget to add the increases for unemployment and workers compensation. The unemployment expense was unexpected but the workers compensation was expected although a little higher than expected. Samson asked that the Board approve increasing these lines. He recommended \$36,208 for workers compensation (about \$4,500 more) and \$10,943 for unemployment (about \$1,400 more). Motion by Scott Borthwick to adopt the proposed changes. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

John Coffey presented the proposal for drilling a well next to the lake to draw lake water to the water plant without drawing directly from the lake and getting water that is filtered by soil rather than from the open lake. There are many issues that will need to be addressed prior to taking that action but we will look at the strategy. The lake will still remain as the municipal reservoir.

Other Business

There was a discussion about the next meeting and the board decided to hold a meeting at the fire station after voting. Samson was asked to invite Morrison and Depelteau-Tracy in to discuss the impacts of the new tax rate since it was likely to increase by at least 9%.

Selectman Borthwick moved to discuss personnel issues at 6:40. Bob Reagan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. At 7:45 Selectman Borthwick moved to come out of Executive Session. Reagan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Scott Borthwick to direct Samson to redraft a proposed contract with Chief Frank in accordance with the discussions held in the executive session. Seconded by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Selectman Borthwick moved to open sealed executive session minutes from September 30th , October 7th and tonights. Bob Reagan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Scott Borthwick to adjourn at 7:55 with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen