

## Town Board Meeting & Public Hearing

September 11, 2014

Members Present: Supervisor Nayer, Councilperson Miller-Simmons, Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and Councilperson Mettler.

Supervisor Nayer opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 pm with 12 people present. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to present Proposed Local Law # 6 of 2014 entitled "Prohibition of Natural Gas Mining and Associated Uses and Activities." The hearing was closed at 6:47 pm.

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board followed at 7:00 pm.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 9, 2014 Town Board Meeting and accept the minutes as written with corrections. Motion was carried.

### Announcements:

Roe Jan Ramble Bike Ride Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Tractor Pull & Pulling Track Dedication Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> Copake Memorial Park, K.I.S.S. Program collection site will be at the Town Hall from September 22<sup>nd</sup> to September 26<sup>th</sup>, Best of the Best Buffet Dinner Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Copake Memorial Park Building sponsored by West Copake Reformed Church.

### Correspondence:

From Tony & Mei George – a letter requesting a lower speed zone on Birch Hill Road.

From Johanna Vriens – a letter requesting the Town look into possible Zoning Violations of three residences in an R-1 or R-2.

From Veronique Fabio, Secretary of the Copake Z.B.A. – a letter advising the Z.B.A. recommends the appointment of Stosh Gansowski as a member and Adam Resnikof as an alternate member.

From Stosh Gansowski – a letter advising that he will not be able to fill the vacancy on the Z.B.A.

From the Department of the Army – a copy of a letter to Walt's Dairy, LLC stating that the proposed work maybe authorized under their nationwide general permit number 27.

From New York State Department of Taxation & Finance Office of Real Property Tax Services – a letter certifying that the Town of Copake's final equalization rate will be 81.75.

From Steven Rosenweig – an email and pictures expressing his concerns with the speed limit and signage on County Route 7A near the intersection of Snyder Pond Road.

From New York State DEC – a copy of a letter outlining the visual inspections on the Copake Lake Dam and the Robinson Pond Dam conducted on May 1, 2014.

From Leonard Barham, Chairperson of the Board of Ethics – a letter with the revisions they have worked on for the Code of Ethics.

From Roberta Roll, Chairperson Copake Hamlet Revitalization Taskforce – an email requesting the Town Board to appoint Jennifer Redmond and Margaret (Peggy) Lewis to their Taskforce.

The Board agreed to re-advertise on the Town Website and the Town Bulletin Board for a vacancy on the Copake Z.B.A. with a dead line of September 23<sup>rd</sup> for letters of interest.

Supervisor Nayer will prepare a resolution for the October Meeting regarding the request for a reduction in the maximum speed limit on Birch Hill Road.

Public Forum: None

Department Head Reports:

Highway Superintendent Gregory reported that they have finished sealing roads and are trying to complete their summer work.

Supervisor Nayer reported that the Planning Board has quieted down and the Z.B.A. is still handling the Catamount issues. The Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector's Office has been busy.

Councilperson Mettler reported that the Ag & Farmland Protection Committee has reviewed the first draft and are now looking at the second draft. The Committee will be meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> this month which all of the Town Board is invited, and they will be having a Public Hearing at 2:00 pm on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Also the issue regarding the safety on roads has been put into the plan.

Councilperson Miller-Simmons reported that the Park Commission has not had a quorum at the last six meetings. The Chairperson in sending out an email to see what date would be best for everybody for a meeting. The Haunted House is scheduled and the Park Commission will be taking over the annual costume party that the Ladies Auxiliary used to do.

Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney reported that the next meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee will be on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

Roberta Roll, Chairperson of the Copake Hamlet Revitalization Taskforce reported that there are 108 registered for the Roe Jan Ramble to date and over \$7,000.00 has been raised for the extension of the Rail/Trail. The Taskforce will be referring the bicycle safety issue to their bike sub-committee.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeny and seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize Supervisor Nayer to sign an agreement with the Nation Red Cross permitting them to use the Copake Memorial Park Building as a Shelter in case of emergencies. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer advised the Board that he has put funds for a dog enumerator into next year's budget. This has not been done in many years and there are probably only 30% of the dogs in the Town registered.

The Board set the Special Meeting to present the Tentative Budget for Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 9:00 am and a Special Meeting to conduct interviews and possible appointments to the Citizen's Committee to Nominate on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 10:00 am.

Leonard Barham, Chairperson of the Ethics Board advised the Board that their Board with the assistance of the Town's Attorney, have made some procedural and administrative changes to the Code of Ethics that should make the process that the Ethic Board follows more efficient and more effective. Supervisor Nayer asked the Chairman and the Town's Attorney to meet and work out a few details and get it back to the Town Board by the October Meeting.

Supervisor Nayer proposed to the Board the option of paying off the truck loan from the Highway Unexpended Balance.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney to authorize Supervisor Nayer to use \$134,369.25 from the Highway Fund Balance to pay off the Highway Truck Bond. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

Proposed Local Law # 6 of 2014 will be moved to the October Meeting to allow time to hear back from the Columbia County Board. Councilperson Mettler stated that she will not be at the October Meeting and wanted to go on the record of being in favor of this Proposed Law.

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to appoint Jennifer Redmond and Margaret (Peggy) Lewis to the Copake Hamlet Revitalization Taskforce per the recommendation of the Taskforce. Motion was carried.

The following Resolution was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons:

RESOLVED, the Copake Town Board hereby authorizes Town Justices

GLENN R. SCHERMERHORN & JOHN P. SPENCER to file an application for a justice robe, updated security system, office equipment, and security equipment. Funding will come from the New York State Office of Court Administration 2015 Justice Court Assistance Program.

Resolution # 12	Supervisor Nayer	yes
Dated September 11, 2014	Councilperson Miller-Simmons	yes
Copake, New York	Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney	yes
	Councilperson Mettler	yes

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize Supervisor Nayer to make the following amendment to the 2014 Budget:

**FROM HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE**

\$134,369.25

**TO HIGHWAY BUDGET**

\$134,169.25-----DA9710.6 (Principal on Indebtedness)

\$200.00-----DA9710.7 (Interest on Indebtedness)

\$134,369.25

Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer advised the Board that the surplus car sold for \$1,125.00 on Auctions International.

Councilperson Reports:

Councilperson Mettler announced that they still need volunteers to help out at the Roe Jan Ramble if anyone is interested.

Public Forum: None

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded Councilperson Mettler that the bills from the Highway Abstract # 9 and the bills from the General Abstract # 9 be paid. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer requested a moment of silence in memory of the lives lost thirteen years ago today from the attack on our Country September 11, 2001.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,