

Regular Town Board Meeting

8/12/17

Members Present: Supervisor Nayer, Councilperson Miller-Simmons, Councilperson Mettler, Councilperson Sullivan and Councilperson Gansowski.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Ganzowski to waive the reading of the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting dated July 13, 2017 and accept the minutes as written.

Announcements:

Copake Falls Day is August 19th, Music in the Park has three more Saturday evening performances, R.J. Ramble will be on September 23rd, R.J. Library Community Picnic Sunday, August 20th.

Supervisor Nayer thanked all of the agencies who assisted in the tragic accident at Bash Bish Falls recently. We are very fortunate to have a great group of volunteers in our Community.

Correspondence:

From Lisa Mondello, PE, NYSDOT – a letter advising that NYSDOT will not permit the use of the existing cattle pass under N.Y. State Route 22 for rail trail usage due to it not meeting the minimum width and height requirements.

From Roberta Lindig-Darling, Cyn-Phil Craryville Inn, Inc. – a letter advising that they are renewing their liquor license.

From Ilan Ronen, Café Supervisor, Camphill Village – an email thanking the Town for the offer to use the Park Building to serve meals for their residents and will not be using the building as the kitchen is not large enough for their equipment.

From Kevin Egan, Director Government Affairs, Charter Communications – a letter explaining the increase in the cable TV bills.

From Brenda Adams, executive Director, Columbia County Habitat – a copy of a letter to Councilperson Mettler thanking her for the meeting with the Hamlet Taskforce and offered to meet with the Town Board to review their plans in Copake.

From Viridian Energy Customer Care Team – a notice of a mandatory Zero Emission Credit charge that will appear on our bills beginning September 1, 2017.

From Grant D. Langdon – two emails regarding him losing his farm for want of a trial for his son.

Department Head /Committee Reports: None

Presentation by Brenda Adams, Executive Director, Columbia County Habitat for Humanity on how the Town of Copake and the Habitat Humanity can work together and provide affordable home opportunity in Copake and reviewed their acquisition of the former Doctor Callahan's Office at the intersection of Farm and Mt. View Road. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

Public Forum:

Shirley Knox read a statement regarding her displeasure with the Town of Copake and the Park Commission decision to hold a fireworks display in the Park. When Mrs. Knox heard two weeks before the event that the fireworks would be set off right next to her house she advised Councilperson Miller-Simmons that she was quite upset and concerned with the fallout of debris from the fireworks, she in turn was very polite, but left me with the impression that there wasn't anything that Mrs. Knox could do. Mrs. Knox's tenant, who had just moved in that day was very disillusioned because she and her family could not sit on their deck due to being pelted with the falling debris. Sunday when Mrs. Knox went out to look at their property they found the House and ground covered with cardboard, sulfur snowballs and paper. Supervisor Nayer and Highway Superintendent Gregory spent most of the day Sunday cleaning up the debris the best that they could and it still continues to fall from the trees and the roof. No one from the Town Board or the Park Commission showed up to assess the situation or help with the cleanup. It was your obligation as representatives of the Town of Copake to check things out as such activities at the Park. Mrs. Knox hopes the Town Board learns from this mistake and gives more scrutiny on their decisions making when it will have potential adverse effect on the lives and property of others in the Community. Mrs. Knox pleaded with the Town Board to never allow fireworks on the Park property again, there simply is not enough room for the safety of the fireworks display. Mrs. Knox reminded that Board that her and her husband donated a portion of their land and sold at a less than appraised value to enable the Park to build a ballfield with the stipulation that it was never to have lights on the ballfield and it would be only be used for children under the age of thirteen. Had we had known that our wishes were going to be ignored and the property was going to be abused, we would not had been so generous.

New Business:

Councilperson Mettler will write up a story on the Habitat Presentation for the Copake Connection to get the information out to the Public.

Councilperson Mettler reported that the Hamlet Taskforce would like to see signage put up on County Route 7A indicating the location of the Business District. Councilperson Mettler has spoken to Timothy Nixon, Columbia County D.P.W. and Supervisor Nayer regarding this matter and is asking for the support of the Board in this matter.

Supervisor Nayer advised that Board that he, Superintendent Gregory and one of his employees had over 17 hours in cleaning up the Knox's Property on Sunday alone. Every time the wind blows or it rains more debris is falling so we will be going back until the debris has been cleaned up completely. Besides the Knox's Property there was another 24 hours spent cleaning the Park Property also. Following the Board's discussion on what would be the best way to prevent fireworks from ever being permitted in the Park again, Town Attorney Dow advised that the Board could pass a Resolution or establish a Local Law and reminded the Board which ever one they decided on it would not keep future Boards from rescinding the decision. The Board decided to consider a resolution at the next meeting and consider possibly doing a local law in the future.

Old Business:

Supervisor Nayer advised that he sent RFPs for the purchase of a new boiler for the Highway Garage two of the three vendors submitted a quote. N & S Supply was \$4, 752.03 and F.W. Webb quote was

\$5,006.78. Supervisor Nayer requested the Board accept the lower Quote from N & S Supply. There will be some miscellaneous material need for around \$1,000.00.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Mettler to accept the Quote from N & S Supply for \$4,752.03 per the detailed specifications. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer advised the Board that we only received one bid back for the repairs to the Park's Basketball Court from Copeland Coating Company, Inc. for a price of \$6,600.00.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to approve Copeland Coating Company, Inc. bid of \$6,600.00 for the detailed specification for the repairs to the Park's Basketball Court. Motion was carried.

The Board set another Zoning Review Workshop for Tuesday, August 22 starting at 6:30pm.

Budget:

Councilperson Miller-Simmons questioned what the Bobcat Toolcat brought on the Auction Site. Supervisor Nayer said that we received a bid for \$10,100.00 and we have to make a counter offer at this time. The problem being that if we accept the offer we would be without a machine until the new one arrived.

The Town received a Sales Tax check for \$167,086.11 which is up \$11,575.79 above last year's 2nd quarter.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski approve the following transfers:

BUDGET TRANSFERS 8/12/2017

From

A1420.44 (Attorney)	10,000.00
A1620-1620.47 (Operation of Plants)	10,000.00
A1680.2 (Equipment, Central Data)	3,000.00
A5132.4 (Garage)	10,000.00
A8020.478 (LURC)	7,500.00
A1910.43 (Insurance)	1,400.00
Total	41,900.00

To

A7140.2 (Park Equipment)	40,500.00
A7140.472 (Park Contractual)	1,000.00
A4020.48 (Register of Vital Statistics)	400.00
Total	41,900.00

Supervisor Nayer advised that the Budget Estimates went out and are due back by the end of August.

Councilperson Report: None

Public Forum: None

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to enter into Executive Session to discuss Tax Certiorari settlements. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to return to the Regular Meeting. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to approve the agreement settling the following Tax Certiorari matters at the New Assessment levels indicated below

Petitioner	Agreement for Approval - New Assessment	Orig. Assess.	Claim	Judge	Index No.
<i>Written Agreements in hand</i>					
Kevin Thiemann	Miller	\$322,500	395,700\$	248,000\$	Zwack 10470-16
Kevin Thiemann	Wagner	\$545,000	615,000\$	367,249\$	Mott 10459-16
Kevin Thiemann	Thomas	\$532,500	675,000\$	425,000\$	Zwack 10460-16
Kevin Thiemann	Roeliff Meadows HOA Corp.	\$105,000	175,000\$	70,000\$	Zwack 10462-16

Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler that the bills from Highway Abstract # 8 and the bills from General Abstract # 8 be paid. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,