

Regular Town Board Meeting

8/13/16

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to waive the reading of the minutes of the 7-14-16 regular meeting, the 7-22-16 Special Board Meeting and approve the minutes as written. Motion was carried.

Announcements:

Music in the Park continues until 8/27/16 at 7:00 pm, Copake Falls Day Saturday, August 20th, Col. Co. Hazardous Waste Day Saturday, September 10th 8:00 – noon Greenport County Highway Garage, Roe Jan Ramble Saturday, September 24th.

Correspondence:

From New York State Dept. of Taxation & Finance – a letter advising that Copake’s final State Equalization Rate is 114.50.

From NYS Mesonet University at Albany – a letter determining a Negative Declaration pursuant to SEQR for the NYS Mesonet Early Warning Weather Detection System proposed at 1000 Orphan Farm Road, Copake, New York.

From Marcus Molinaro, Dutchess County Executive – a letter urging the Town of Copake to consider adopting “Think Differently” resolution, which would be a great step forward for residents with special needs.

From Department of the Army – a copy of a letter to Fred Bunker authorizing the proposed installation of coir logs along the shoreline at 15 Longley Drive to stabilize and prevent further erosion of approximately 420 linear feet of shoreline under nationwide general permit number 13.

Department Head & Committee Reports: None

Presentation by Dick Hermans, Chairman, Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association on the status of their construction of the section of trail from Anthony Ext. south to Black Grocery Road which is approximately 1.54 miles of trail and were able to raise matching funds totaling \$750,000.00 for this project. Notices have been sent out to neighboring land owners regarding the proposed project. Two bids were received for this project, both were within the budget and are being reviewed at this time. When this project is done it will be about a mile of trail to connect from Black Grocery Road to Orphan Farm Road which the Association applied for a Federal Tiger Grant but found out last week they were denied. The Association will continue pursuing Grants and hopefully the State will see that it is very compelling to get this section done. In closing Mr. Hermans encouraged the Town to pursue the trail spur linking the current rail trail to the Hamlet and offered help from the Association if needed. Supervisor Nayer stated that the Town of Hillsdale Highway, Copake Highway and Columbia County DPW are going to pitch in helping with moving the fill need for this project.

Public Forum:

Debra Regguieri, President Copake Lake Conservation Society read a letter from the Copake Lake Conservation Society and from Lindsay LeBrecht opposing Councilperson Gansowski's suggesting the guide rail in the triangle of Columbia County Route 7 and Lakeview Road be removed. It would eliminate any defenses that are in place to keep Copake Lake free of invasive species and would be taking money away from the two marinas that are big supporters of keeping Copake Lake a safe and healthy waterway. Supervisor Nayer emphasized that this County Property and the Town will forward these concerns onto the proper authorities.

New Business:

Supervisor Nayer advised the Board that we have out grown our records storage area and we will have to address this in the very near future. Supervisor Nayer is going to start looking into possible grants and designs.

Old Business:

Waiting for things to be sent in regarding the Zoning Revisions from the last workshop.

Budget:

Started working on the 2017 Budget, waiting for estimates to be returned. Two resolutions were passed to set up reserve funds and now we need to open up the account and our Town Accountant advised us to have a motion made to set up these accounts. Supervisor Nayer reported that we currently have \$1,750,000.00 in our reserve fund.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded Councilperson Sullivan to authorize Supervisor Nayer to establish a Capitol Improvement Reserve Account and deposit \$100,000.00 into this account. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to establish an Equipment Reserve Account and deposit \$500,000.00 into this account. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer advised that next month there will be a resolution changing how and what banks the Town of Copake can invest the Town's Funds.

2nd quarter's Sales Tax check was \$155,530.32 which is up about 3% from last year.

Councilperson Report:

Councilperson Miller-Simmons reported that the Summer Park Program ended yesterday and that they had a great wrap up party. Supervisor Nayer cooked a nice lunch for the kids and we have received good feedback on the new Program and Assistant Directors.

Public Forum: None

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

Respectfully submitted,