

## Regular Town Board Meeting

April 12, 2018

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to waive the reading of the minutes of the March 8, 2018 Town Board Meeting and accept the minutes as written. Motion was carried.

Announcements: Dine out for the Library ends on April 18<sup>th</sup>, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm will be Ride with the Big Wheels, Supervisor Nayer thanked Highway Department for their work on the March snow storms and the Park Commission for another great Easter Egg Hunt.

Correspondence:

From Brad Sherwood, Project Manager, Department of the Army – a copy of a letter to Howard Scoffield advising that the excavation of accumulated sediment from around two existing dry hydrants with a Department of Army Permit.

From the Broadband Committee – a copy of a letter to Thomas DiNapoli, N.Y. State Comptroller requesting his Office ensure that Charter Communications, Inc. is compliant with conditions set by the N.Y.S. Public Service Commission in respect to the buildout of high-speed broadband facilities in Columbia County.

From Brad Sherwood, Project Manager, Department of the Army – a copy of a letter to Tracy Brown, Trout Unlimited advising that additional information and clarification is necessary regarding their application.

From Harvey Weber – a letter of resignation from the Copake Board of Assessment Review effective immediately.

From LuAnn Scherer, Director N.Y.S. Department of Public Services – advising that they have scheduled a series of Public Statement Hearings regarding the March 2018 winter storms. Also the Commission has initiated an investigation of the storm preparation and response by the State's major electric utilities.

From Gayle Sudder, Transportation Analyst, N.Y.S.D.O.T. – a copy of a letter to Dean Knox, Director of Engineering, Columbia County Department of Public Works advising they have completed their study on Farm Road and have lowered the maximum speed limit from the intersection of Mt. View Road and County Route 7A to 30 MPH and the remaining part of Farm will be 40 MPH.

From Grant Langdon – an email requesting the Copake Town Board pass a resolution in supporting the formation of a Commission to investigate Prosecutorial Misconduct.

From Roberta Roll, Chairperson CHRT – a letter requesting authorization to apply for a DEC grant to install dual port charging station in the Hamlet of Copake.

Dept. Head/Comm. Report: None

Public Forum:

Grant Langdon requested the Town Board to act on his request for a resolution in supporting the formation of a Commission to investigate Prosecutorial Misconduct. Councilperson Mettler responded to Mr. Langdon's request, we are a Town Board and this is not the appropriate forum for a resolution regarding a Commission.

New Business:

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to accept Harvey Weber's resignation from the Copake Board of Assessment Review effective immediately with regret. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer reported that he and Highway Superintendent Gregory and met with Tom Story, N.Y.S.D.O.T. to discussed inter municipal agreement renewal, digging on state right of ways and the Adopt Highway Program.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize Supervisor Nayer to sign the Inter Municipal Agreement with N.Y.S.D.O.T. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to declare four printer/copiers as surplus equipment and authorize the sale of this surplus equipment on Auction International. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to adopt the following new building fees effective immediately. Motion was carried.

1. Residential structures \$4.00 per thousand dollars of estimated cost.
2. Commercial structures \$5.00 per thousand dollars of estimated cost.
3. Minimum Fee for any Building Permit \$50.00. The fee for small sheds no larger than 120 square feet is \$25.00.
4. Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Compliance. \$35.00
5. Renewal Fee for Building Permits 50% of the original cost of the permit.  
(Building Permits are good for one year.)
6. Sign Permits. \$50.00
7. Abstract Search of Records. \$75.00.
8. Permit Fee for Demolition: Residential or Commercial Building \$ 50.00.  
Assessory Building or shed ( 120 sq ft & under ) \$25.00 per structure.

**Any work performed prior to obtaining a building permit will be charged Double the Building Permit Fee when it is issued.**

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to waive the Zoning Board of Appeals and Building Permit Fees for the Copake Fire Company # 1 related to the installation of a new electronic message Sign. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to authorize Supervisor Nayer to negotiate with the Union to change the date when the longevity pay be issued to the anniversary date instead of in December. Motion was carried.

#### Old Business:

Supervisor Nayer announced that the Town Board interviewed three people to fill the vacancy on the B.A.R.

Clean up Day is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am until Noon.

The Route 7A Rehab Committee has had eight people apply so far, the deadline to apply is April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

The CHRT applicants have until the April 17<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm to apply.

#### Local Laws:

Supervisor Nayer introduced Local Law #3 of 2018 entitled "A Local Law Changing the Hearing Date of the Town of Copake Board of Assessment Review".

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to set a Public Hearing and a Special Meeting for Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 9:00am for Local Law #3 of 2018 entitled "A Local Law Changing the Hearing Date of the Town of Copake Board of Assessment Review". Motion was carried.

The Board discussed the status of the proposed changes in the Zoning Ordinance and will hold a special Town Board informational meeting for the public on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 9:00am at the Copake Town Hall. The Board thanked the LURC and the remaining members that have continued working on this project.

#### Budget:

Supervisor Nayer announced that he has opened up the new account that is going to be used for the retiree's health insurance and has deposited \$200,000.00 in the account. Also \$200,000.00 has been added to the Equipment Reserve Fund bring the total up to about \$1,000,000.00 plus about \$8,000.00 in interest earned so far.

#### Councilperson Reports:

Councilperson Gansowski reported that Tracy Brown has filed for Grant to do the Culvert Replacement Study so things are moving forward on this project. Also Councilperson Gansowski thanked everyone who was involved in the Easter Egg Hunt it was excellent and especially due to the increase in the number of participants due to Hillsdale having to cancel theirs.

#### Public Forum:

Marsh Becker asked if it would be possible to have a large map available for the informational meeting. Supervisor Nayer stated that they have one that was sent to the Town that will be displayed at the informational meeting.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to appoint Brenda Piper to fill the vacancy on the B.A.R. created by Harvey Weber's resignation. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski that the bills from Highway Abstract # 4 and the bills from the General Abstract # 4 be paid. Motion was carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,