

Regular Town Board Meeting & Public Hearing

3-8-18

Supervisor Nayer opened the Public Hearing at 6:50pm with 1 person present. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to present proposed Local Law # 2 of 2018 Entitled **“A Local Law in Relation to the Redemption Period for Seized Dogs”**

Supervisor Nayer closed the Hearing at 6:51pm. The Regular Board Meeting followed at 7:00pm.

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Wolf to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 8, 2018 Town Board Meeting and the minutes of the February 20, 2018 Special Town Board Meeting and accept the minutes as written. Motion was carried.

Announcements: Supervisor Nayer advised the Public to check the Town’s Website for the many activities listed. Supervisor Nayer commended all the Highway Departments for a great job they have done during the recent snow storms. Councilperson Mettler announced the Grange Corn Beef Dinner this Saturday is nearly sold out, please call and make your reservation soon.

Correspondence: From Lance MacMillian, P.E. Acting Regional Director, N.Y.S.D.O.T. – a letter advising that D.O.T. will be requiring a traffic study at the Intersection of State Route 23 and County Route 7 due to the proposed construction.

From William Gregory, Park Superintendent – an email requesting Danial Stang be hired as a seasonal part time Park Maintenance employee.

From the RM Greens Inc. and Dancer’s Marine – notices that they will be applying to renew their liquor license.

From Andrew Dangler, Project Manager, Upstate New York Section, Department of the Army – a copy of a letter to Mr. Ira Cooper advising that he will not need a permit from the Department of the Army for the construction of his boardwalk.

From Patricia Placona, President, Board of Trustees, Roeliff Jansen Community Library – a letter thanking the Town for the check for the Library so early in the year.

Department Head/Committee Reports: None

Public Forum: None

New Business:

After a brief discussion on whether the Town should accept upholstered furniture at its annual clean up day due to the extra cost to dispose of these items, a motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler that the Town add upholstered furniture to the

list of items that we will not accept due to the extra cost to the Town to dispose of these items. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer briefly reviewed audit report for 2017 and advised the Board that anticipates that the Town will receive over \$20,000.00 in interest this year.

Supervisor Nayer advised the Board that Dean Knox, Columbia County Engineering has suggested the Town establish a Copake Hamlet Highway Rehab Citizens Advisory Committee to work with the County on the 2021 County Route 7A proposed project. Supervisor Nayer emphasized that the final decision will be the County's.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize the establishment of a Copake Hamlet Highway Rehab Citizens Advisory Committee to work with the County on the 2021 County Route 7A proposed project. Also the Board adopted the following Mission Statement for the Copake Hamlet Highway Rehab Citizens Advisory Committee:

Copake Hamlet Highway Rehab Citizens Advisory Committee

Mission Statement

The purpose of this committee will be to work with the Columbia County Engineering/Highway Departments to help design and address issues for improvements to the RT 7/ 7A Road rehab and sidewalks within the Hamlet. The committee shall refer to the Copake Hamlet Design Plan from October 2015 as needed. This is an advisory committee to make suggestions to the County; the County will have final approval of the project.

Concerns to address should include,

Road Safety and Design

Sidewalk improvements

Street lighting and benches around the Hamlet

Improving traffic concerns around the Clock

Address drainage and electric concerns in the Clock Circle

Enhancing the Clock Circle design for pedestrian traffic

The Committee will consist of 5 to 9 members that can include any residents, landowners, and business owners within the Town of Copake. Committee members shall be appointed by the Copake Town Board.

Members must agree to a 3 to 4 year commitment and be able to attend 75% of the meetings.

Meeting date and times will be determined by the committee members.

Assigned members representing the Committee will need to meet occasionally during the week work day with the County to review plans as they develop.

Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and was seconded by Councilperson Wolf to advertise for members for the Copake Hamlet Highway Rehab Citizens Advisory Committee as a Public Notice, as an advertisement in the paper, on the Town's Website and in the Copake Connection. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

The Board set a Zoning Revision Workshop for March 27, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Copake Town Hall.

Local Laws:

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to adopt Local Law # 2 of 2018 entitled "A Local Law in Relation to the Redemption Period for Seized Dogs".

WHEREAS, Section 85-10.5 of the Code of the Town of Copake provides for a redemption period for seized and impounded dogs in excess of the period provided for such redemption by Article 7 of the New York Agriculture and Markets Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds it appropriate and desirable to enact Local Law Number 2 of 2018, "A Local Law in Relation to the Redemption Period for Seized Dogs," which establishes consistency between the provisions of the Copake Code and Article 7 of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law; and

WHEREAS, all legal prerequisites to the enactment of such Local Law have been timely completed, including the holding of a public hearing;

It is hereby **RESOLVED**, that Local Law Number 2 of 2018, "A Local Law in Relation to the Redemption Period for Seized Dogs" is hereby enacted.

Resolution # 4	Supervisor Nayer	yes
Dated March 8, 2018	Councilperson Miller-Simmons	yes
Copake, New York	Councilperson Mettler	yes
	Councilperson Gansowski	yes
	Councilman Wolf	yes

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and was seconded by Councilperson Wolf upon recommendation of Park Superintendent William H. Gregory Jr. to appoint Daniel Stang as a Seasonal Part time Park Maintenance Employee for 2018. Motion was carried.

Budget:

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize the following transfers:

FROM

A9060.8 (Medical Insurance) \$6000.00

TO

A5010.1 (Highway Super Salary) \$6000.00

FROM

A1355.44 (Assessor Services) \$500.00

TO

A1355.152 (BAR Clerk) \$500.00

Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and was seconded by Councilperson Wolf to authorize Supervisor Nayer to add \$200,000.00 to the Town's Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize Supervisor Nayer to open a new CD ear marked for "Retiree's Health Benefits" to cover the cost of current and future Retirees that qualify for health benefits after 25-30 years of employment with the Town of Copake. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer emphasized to the Board that just because this new CD is ear marked for "Retiree's Health Benefits", the Board can opt to use this money for another purpose if necessary.

Council Report:

Councilperson Wolf reported that The Broadband Forum held at the Town Hall was well attend by about 90-100 people and we were updated on the progress of Spectrum and Fairpoint Communication. Also on March 1st the Planning Board met and the Public Hearing continued on the proposed project at the intersection of Route 23 and Craryville Road and some other sight plans were reviewed that are currently with the ZBA. Councilperson Wolf added that the Planning Board Members are very dedicated, knowledgeable, prepared and it is very impressive to watch them work.

Councilperson Mettler reported that the Hamlet Taskforce would like the Town Board to advertise for new members.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to advertise for members of the Hamlet Revitalization Taskforce and request all letter of interest be in by April 17th 2:00pm. Motion was carried.

Councilperson Miller-Simmons advised the Park Commission asked if the Town Board Members would once again donate Easter Baskets for their raffle and permission to spend up to \$350.00 for this event.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize the Park Commission to spend up to \$350.00 for the Easter Egg Hunt out of the Town's Celebrations Account. Motion was carried.

Also Councilperson Miller-Simmons reported that all of the dates are full for the Summer Entertainment in the Park, there are a few sponsorships available if anyone is interested.

The Summer Playground Program signup will be open from April 15th - May 13th signups for Copake Residents only and May 14th - June 8th signups for all residents. The forms will be available at the Copake Town Clerk's Office during these dates. This year's program will run from July 2nd ending on August 10th.

Public Forum: None

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski that the bills from General Abstract # 3 and the bills from Highway Abstract # 3 be paid. Motion was carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,