

TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
October 14, 2010

PRESENT:

Supervisor Crowley
Councilwoman Gabaccia
Councilman Tompkins
Councilman Kiernan
Highway Superintendent Gregory
Attorney Rappleyea

ABSENT:

Councilman Sacks

ACTION ITEMS

Supervisor Crowley – will check with insurance company on the coverage for the new signs for the town.

Supervisor opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with 21 people present.

Supervisor Crowley – Financial reports and department head reports are available.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Tompkins to accept the minutes of September 11, 2010 with the following corrections. Correspondence, *block grant ineligible due to failure to meet poverty standards* not noncompliance. Pg 12 *Marinor* Towers not Marion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Park Commission – request appointment of Harvey Weber and Joan Spencer to Park Commission.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Tompkins to appoint Harvey Weber and Joan Spencer to the Park Commission. Their terms will expire December 31, 2010. Motion carried.

2. William Newcomb – request reappointment of Stephen Hoppe to Board of Assessment Review.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Kiernan to appoint Stephen Hoppe to the Board of Assessment review. His term will expire September 30, 2015. Motion carried.

3. NYS Department of Transportation – Study on Route 22 speed and passing zone. Our analysis of the data and related factors indicate that the existing 55 MPH speed limit on Route 22 between School Road and Anthony Street is appropriate. Should there be a substantial increase in traffic volume, change in traffic patterns, or further roadside development which may affect the prevailing speeds, we will re-evaluate the speed limit.
4. Highway Superintendent Gregory – anyone aware of problems with any of the buildings owned by the town contact him.
5. Scott Swenson – resignation form the Copake Park Commission.
6. John Keeler – suggesting the Supervisor adhere to the 3 minute rule during public forum
7. Copake Fire Company # 1 – appreciates all the highway garage has done for them, especially Mr. Gregory and Mr. Broggi for taking the personal time to get the trucks working.
8. John Keeler – Fishkill to tackle deficit-reduction plan.

George Frick gave presentation on Pop Warner Football team in the towns of Copake, Ancram, Hillsdale, and Gallatin asking the board for support. Will be going to the Association in Albany to find out about manpower to start the league. The league will be carrying liability.

A motion was made by Councilman Tompkins seconded by Councilman Tompkins the Town Board of the Town of Copake is in support of a Pop Warner Team in the Town. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jeanne Mettler, Comprehensive Committee – thought you would read our letter. Supervisor Crowley, I apologize its in my office. Later in the meeting we will be doing a budget transfer for the Comp Plan.

Russ Davis, Chairman of committee for restoration of the clock – to date we have a little over \$24,000. You have a contract form the gentleman whose is going to

do the restoration. We talked with four different companies and this gentleman presented the most comprehensive plan. We are proposing a restoration from the ground up including the base. Tonight we are asking for a resolution to continue to do this, and also to give Supervisor permission to sign the contracts once they are approved by Attorney.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Tompkins authorizing Committee for Restoration of the Clock to continue the restoration of the clock from the ground up including the base. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Tompkins to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract for the restoration of the clock once it's approved by the Attorney. Motion carried.

John Keeler – I proposed selling the West Copake Firehouse. I understand a reval is required every 3 years. I would like to see firehouse sold and the \$30,000 for the reval be paid the balance of the sale and scrape metal sale be used for the highway garage. I suggest a group be formed for the sole purpose of getting the reval done. This group should monitor the reval to insure the program is updated every 3 years, audit the progress. The Town Board should take a firm position and continue to question all the activities in the progress.

ACTION ITEMS

Supervisor Crowley – spoke with ZEO on properties on Main Street, have not heard back from him.

Councilwoman Gabaccia – still researching voting machines.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Crowley – next meeting November 11th is also Veterans Day. Do we want to change meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Kiernan seconded by Councilwoman Gabaccia to reschedule the November 11, 2010 meeting to November 9, 2010 due to Veterans Day. Motion carried.

Supervisor Crowley - as of January 1, 2011 the state will be out of the dog licensing business and dumped it on the Towns. The state will still be taking a

\$1.00 for every spayed or neutered dog, \$3.00 for every unspayed or unneutered dog.

Attorney Rappleyea - the towns needs to pass a local law which will take effect January 1, 2011. I've done proposal of law with blanks in it for the board to consider what level to charge, we could charge a higher fee to recoup the expense.

Supervisor Crowley – Town Clerk Hotaling suggested to change spayed and neutered fee from \$5.00 to \$7.00 town would make \$6.00 unspayed and unneutered leave at \$13.00 town would make \$10.00 to cover the cost of the tags and mailing.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Tompkins to have a public hearing on November 9, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. for Local Law # 8 A Local Law to address the licensing of dogs in lieu of the State of New York recent mandate that dog licensing become a local government function on January 1, 2011. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Crowley – thanked the Highway Department for the repairs to the buildings.

Councilman Sacks suggested we have meeting with Planning and Zoning to look at and get input on cell towers that Ancram just adopted.

Jeanne Mettler, Comprehensive Plan – suggest no laws regarding changing to zoning be done until we're done with the plan.

Councilman Tompkins - sale of fire house, I'm curious how the board feels about going forward and selling the firehouse, I know its down for a park. Right now one of our parks has a Police Department next to it and we can't control the criminal mischief and drinking my concern is in West Copake there is a campground and with the structure they have they're able to control young adults and everyone can stay in that area. I don't think it would be wise to put a park where the old firehouse is.

Councilwoman Gabaccia, we're so close to the end of a Comprehensive Planning process some how what happens with that property I feel it's in with the vision of who we are. I also knows there's work going on with EAB in terms of creating hamlet centers for revitalizing Copake , Copake Falls, Copake North and West Copake. I'm not as clear where this property might fit into that vision, so I'm hesitant to jump on this.

Councilman Tompkins – I fully support you clearing the rail trail from Copake Falls to park. Also looking at maintenance and how it will affect the town later down the road. I would like to hear from the Comp Plan, next year we might not have a Police Department.

Supervisor Crowley – there’s one acre of land on the firehouse, he asked Highway Superintendent Gregory if it would be more beneficial for what you store in the firehouse to have it closer to the garage. Highway Superintendent Gregory answered yes.

Councilwoman Gabaccia, asked the Comp Plan how they feel about the board making this major decision before you’re done with this process.

Jeanne Mettler – it been our view all along that the town board should await our plan. I’m asking you not to take any actions on any of these items until we get a plan to you.

Charles Dodson – the town owns 12 parcels regardless of how its history has been raised here we think it useful to have oversight of all 12 parcels not just one.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Councilman Tompkins seconded by Councilwoman Gabaccia the Town Board of the Town of Copake authorizes Supervisor Crowley to make the following budget transfers:

DECREASE		INCREASE	
Police		Comprehensive Planning	
A3120.1	\$7,500	8020.42	\$7,500
A3120.2	\$1,500	8020.42	\$1,500
A3120.4	\$1,000	8020.42	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$10,000		

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Tompkins to encumber any funds from the Comprehensive Planning 8020.42 into next year’s budget. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Tompkins seconded by Councilwoman Gabaccia to authorize the Supervisor to make the following budget transfers

DECREASE		INCREASE	
Buildings		Town Justice Court Clerks	
A1620-1620/2.4	\$5,000	A1110.10	\$5,000

Planning Board
8020.13 \$2,500

Town Justice Court Clerks
A1110.10 \$2,500

Motion carried.

Supervisor Crowley, we asked every department in the town to help with the budget, many did, and we've had an ongoing issue with the court. They knew what their budget was at beginning of the year, they overspent it. They were continually reminded that they were at a certain percentage, and we're going to go over the budget. I think they hide behind the judicial law and held the tax payers hostage. Therefore I vote *NO*.

COMMITTEES

Harvey Weber, Environmental Committee – thanked the town for the movie *FRESH*, also Ralph Platt for helping set up for the showing of the movie at the Park.

Chris Quinby, Economic Advisory Board – General store is replacing the roof and fixing the porch. Looking at renting it.

Michael Peschel, said new signs are here.

Supervisor Crowley will check with insurance company on the coverage of the sign.

Highway Superintendent Gregory – NYS Department of Labor did a surprise inspection. It was brought up that we did not have a violence policy. Ask the board to add the Work Place Violence Policy to the Policy Manual.

A motion was made by Councilman Kiernan seconded by Councilwoman Gabaccia to add the Work Place Violence Policy to the policy manual. Motion carried.

COUNCILPERSONS REPORT

Councilwoman Gabaccia – I notice in the public notice for Sole Assessor the deadline was October 15th, in the minutes it was decided at the last meeting to have cut off November 15th.

Supervisor Crowley – we could continue taking, the reason for change was Real Property felt they needed more time for the interviews.

Councilwoman Gabaccia – thanked Joe LaPorta, Bill Gregory and Larry Proper for fixing the microphones.

Councilman Tompkins – thanked the owner of the Craryville store for cleaning up the property.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Kiernan to go into executive session on a tax case. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Tompkins seconded by Councilman Kiernan to return to regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Kiernan seconded by Councilwoman Gabaccia the bills from highway abstract # 10 and general abstract # 10 be paid. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Kiernan we take care of tax issue with the conditions discussed in executive session. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Gabaccia, we recognize and appreciate the efforts of the owner of the Craryville store to comply with the clean up. It's been important to the hamlet of Craryville.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Kiernan the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

