

TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
October 15, 2011

PRESENT

Supervisor Crowley
Councilwoman Gabaccia
Councilman Sacks
Councilman Kiernan
Councilman Tompkins
Attorney Rappleyea

Supervisor Crowley opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Supervisor Crowley:
Talk to Bill about estimates for work on museum
Talk to Bill light for Town Hall
Set up appointment with Diane and Accountant

Attorney:
Draft amnesty Local Law
Local Law business exemptions

A motion was made by Councilman Sacks seconded by Councilman Tompkins the minutes from September 8, 2100 be accepted as written with the following corrections.

Pg 2 spelling of *Copake*
Pg 5 *our* highway department not are
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Sacks seconded by Councilwoman Gabaccia the minutes from September 16, 2011 be accepted as written with the following correction.

Pg. 2 *pressing* not prudent Councilman Sacks.
Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Assessor Surprise request appointment of Joe LaPorta to assist in the field and Jack Schultz and Susan Mollo to Data collector's position.

A motion was made by Councilman Tompkins seconded by Councilman Sacks to appoint Joe LaPorta to assist the Assessor in the field and Susan Mallo and Jack Schultz as Data Collectors. Motion carried.

2. Accountant Torchia – budget transfers.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Sacks to approve the following transfers.

FROM ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	TO ACCOUNT
A1355.150 Sole Assessor	306.00	A1355.151 Assesor Clerk
A1620-1620.47 Misc Contractual	1,1117.00	A1620-1620'2.47 Misc Contractual
A1620-1620-.47 Misc Contractual	159.61	A1620-1620/3.47 Misc Contractual
A1990.47 Misc Contractual	68.01	A1910.43 Insurance
A1990.47 Contingency	113.38	A6326.47 Misc Contractual
		A6410.4 Misc Contractual

3. Highway Superintendent Gregory – budget transfers.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Tompkins to transfer in the highway \$22,429.67 we received from FEMA to snow removal 5142.4608 and transfer \$12,429.67 from 5110.1 to machinery repair 5130.4604. Transfer \$250,000 form DA4960 to DA5130.2. Motion carried.

4. Highway Superintendent Gregory – request transfer of money from Park Fund per Mike Bradway.

A motion was made by Councilman Sacks seconded by Councilman Tompkins to transfer \$1000 from A7140.472 to A7140.171. Motion carried.

5. Deborah Cohen – Committee to Nominate Candidates to Ethics Board, I have been the victim of discrimination by republican members of the Town Board who have committed an actionable violation of town procedure and policy. Let the record reflect that Misters Crowley, Tompkins and Kiernan are going out on the same tide of ethical bankruptcy they came in on.

6 John Keeler – asking for a break down of money on Cassino matter. Supervisor Crowley, asked foil Officer to determine the information he's found a total of \$9,961.65 was spent between 2002 and 2005 in regard to his requests to the Planning Board. Subsequently, litigation against Mr. Cassino and his

countersuit against the Town, results in legal fees of \$91,279.85 for the actual litigation resulted in stop work orders and a court decision against Mr. Cascino for all of his activities. Note that the bulk of the expenses, \$79,646,87, were incurred and paid during the years of 2008 and 2011. In total we have now received \$12,417,32 in reimbursement from him with additional amounts due.

7. Teresa Traver – resignation, ZBA recording secretary by the end of December 2011.

8. NYS Office of Emergency Management – payment in the amount of \$22,429.67 for the Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm of December 2010.

9. Claire Parde – thank you for following up on our discussion about the Transportation Services Program in Copake and Ancram. Here’s a little background information.

10. NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic – Copake Memorial Clock will be considered by State Review Board at its next meeting, October 19, 2011, for nomination to the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

11. ZEO – in he’s opinion the Town of Copake should proceed with enforcing the lighting violation by serving Mr. Cascino with an appearance ticket. Mr. Rappleyea is in agreement.

12. Ann Rowley – a letter in praise of Camphill Village.

PUBLIC FORUM

John Keeler – looked a museum with Bill Gregory, roof and gutters in need of repair

Supervisor Crowley, need an estimate will ask Bill.

John Keeler, not enough light outside the town hall building.

Ask Bill to get prices on the lights.

John Keeler – what is the town doing on the properties that have no building permits?

Supervisor Crowley, they have been notified.

Don Shadic, about 7 violations have paid a total of \$1,420. Working with Assessor on the rest.

Jeff Nayer, what about amnesty program.

Discussed amnesty law for violators.

Morris Ordovery, each one would require a visit by Building Inspector.

Lindsey LeBrecht, what are you going to do about the people that already paid double?

Attorney will draft something for the board.

Harvey Weber, what is the status of Presidential Estates septic system?

Councilwoman Gabaccia, there's still issues, still pumping.
Supervisor Crowley, need to check status of escrow report.

Diana Jamison, request the Copake Police continue to patrol the park especially at night.

Diane Shadic, lights at park building were not on in the parking lots.
Diane Jamison, I was told a part was on order to repair.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Building Oversight Committee, Councilman Sacks, I reported its at a stand still.
Rules and regulation are posted for Fireman's Park

Deb Cohen, are you going to discuss my letter?

Councilman Sacks, she put in a letter and was ignored. We should interview everyone who applies.

Supervisor Crowley, I abstained.

Deb Cohen, do you follow town policy or don't you. If not what is my recourse?

Board agreed to interview Ms. Cohen when she comes in for her Zoning Review Committee.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Sacks to accept Teresa Traver resignation from ZBA secretary effective December 31, 2011. Motion carried. With regrets

Jeff Nayer, would like to advertise for ZBA clerk before the end of year as Teri could train.

The board decided to advertise for all appointments.

Attorney Rappleyea gave a background on the 2% tax cap.

If you decide to do this it's done by Local Law. I recommend also other towns and Associations of Towns, passing the override law.

Scheduled a public hearing for 6:30 p.m. on November 10, 2011 for Local Law # 2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Sacks, what is status of Park account, did account get a hold of you?

Diane Jamison, I was told that Larry needed to meet with accountant and I would get the information I asked for.

Larry, talked to Accountant he is setting up special account; all I have is check book.

Supervisor Crowley will call Accountant Monday to set up appointment with her.

Diane, when I went to see him he had none of the material I requested.

Councilwoman Gabaccia, the Park Commission has requested 3 alternates on their commission, to retain some members who can't make the meetings.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Tompkins to approve 3 alternates to the Park Commission. Motion carried.

Diane Jamison, Park Commission will be serving meals during Election Day.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Jeff Nayer, ZBA – Camphill has applications before them.

Assessor Surprise – found company for property cards, around \$280.00.

Asked the board think about business exemption for the town.

Asked the board to write a letter to Taconic Hills Central School District about increasing the senior exemption

Attorney Rappleyea, on business exemption you would have to do a Local Law. He will draft Local Law for board to view.

Councilwoman Gabaccia gave report for highway.

Seal Town Hall parking lot, received estimate of \$1,800

Time clock is running.

Hurricane damage is almost complete.

COUNILPERSON REPORT

Supervisor Crowley, Senator Saland Golden gathering Oct. 22ed 9:30 p.m.

Strides against breast cancer tomorrow in Albany.

DEC, hurricane, long term litigation grant filing will pass on to Councilman Kiernan.

Councilman Tompkins has county done anything in regards to bridge on Maple Lane?

Supervisor Crowley put out for engineer to design center structure.

Councilman Kiernan, applied to USDA for \$75,000 grant, will get \$17,500 to clean trees and derbies from stream. My report I wrote to DEC for mitigation issue was accepted. Representative from DEC will meet and issue permit for work that needs to be done to the stream.

Councilwoman Gabaccia, reviewing payroll we have been rounding $\frac{1}{4}$ hours to $\frac{1}{2}$ hours, suggest we do a resolution to retain the $\frac{1}{4}$ hours.
The board agreed.

Councilman Sacks, moment of silence in memory of Charles Miller, pass Fireman and great friend.

Horse was shot in our town this week we need to stop these actions.

Supervisor Crowley, vigilance on part of the community, if you hear gun shots or anything out of the ordinary call the police.

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

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

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor LaPorta to return and open the regular meeting at 10:10 a.m.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Tompkins to authorize the Court Judges to apply for Justice Court Assistance Program Grant. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Sacks seconded by Councilman Tompkins the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

