

COPAKE TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 11, 2010

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT

Councilman Tompkins

Supervisor Crowley opened the meeting at 9: 00 a.m. with 18 people present.

Supervisor Crowley – storm advisory for tomorrow.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Sacks to accept the minutes of November 9, 2010 with the following corrections.

Pg. 3, line 8 Councilwoman Gabaccia add *spoke to Councilman Sacks and Councilman Tompkins thought it was settled.*

Pg. 7 line three, its up to board, should be up to *ORPS.*

Regarding Cascino TRO should be *Main Case.*

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Sacks to accept the minutes of November 15, 2010 with the following corrections.

Pg 1 Councilman Sacks when we know you're going to spend, should read *I think we should save when we know we're going to have to spend.*

Pg 2 to *asked* not ask.

Councilman Gabaccia would like to add *the summer program is too heavy that's why suggested you drop Arts and Crafts position.*

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Sacks seconded by Councilwoman Gabaccia to accept the minutes of December 2, 2010 with the following corrections.

*Motion to go out of executive session was before roll call vote for Sole Assessor.*

Town Clerk to add *reason for Special meeting.*

Motion carried.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. John Keeler – in some towns Building Inspector serves as ZEO.  
Councilman Gabaccia – reserve discussion on this until Councilman Tompkins is here.
2. Copake Planning Board – copy of letter sent to Housing Resources advising the Copake Green project has been deemed abandoned by their office.
3. Howard Dean, P.C. – Client John Belfonte was recently told by Assessors that property was recently designated historical. Please check this and if so would like official documentation.  
Supervisor Crowley – this was straightened out with letter from Assessors.
4. Charter – notification of rate change for product and pricing information.
5. Tom Crowell – will be receiving the ORHP grant to help plan the extension of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail.
6. Bob Rosegarten – resignation from Economic Advisory Board.
7. Ralph Platt – resignation form Park Commission.
8. Susan McCarthy - withdrew resume for Sole Assessor.
9. Charter - letter sent in error that Cobridge has purchased Charter.
10. Copake KOA – applying for liquor license for Campground.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

John Keeler – signs identifying Town Hall and Park building as shelters.  
Supervisor Crowley asked Highway Superintendent Gregory to look into signs.

Jeff Nayer – Policy Manual, needs looking at.  
Supervisor Crowley, will advertise for policy committee.

Morris Ordovery – County managed to get their rate down for the 2011 budget, we had 9%. Suggest a 10% cut across the board.

Mac Simms – Commended the board for pursuing Cascino. What is board going to do with the CAP from the state? How are you preparing for bad financial news?

Supervisor Crowley – its being addressed by our Assemblymen

George Filipovits – Planning Board vacancy asked that the board keep politics out of it and take our opinion.

Marcia Becker – interviews for the Planning Board were done according to the Policy Manual, section 6.

Harvey Weber – Taconic Hills School also emergency center.

Howard Blue – on policy committee, unfortunate that there is no ombudsman. It appears that the Ethics Board is illegal according to NYS Law. 1. Meetings must be open. 2. Findings are made public. I ask the board to investigate this and rectify.

Supervisor Crowley – will advertise for Ombudsman.

Chris Quinby - like to see everyone at the parade tonight. Thanked the Copake Fire Department for their quick response to a minor fire at my house.

Jeff Nayer – don't ask my department to cut 10% when I'm very frugal with the money and other departments just spend.

Supervisor Crowley – other towns had unexpended balance, we didn't have that luxury.

Joe LaPorta – contract signed for clock, will be dismantling on Wednesday. Christmas tree will replace the clock. Clock should be done in about 180 days.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Councilman Sacks will be working on guide lines for zoning. Will be meeting next week.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Crowley – met with Art Basin, in process of discussing consolidating services. Discussed talking to County about sharing the plowing of their roads and ours.

Councilwoman Gabaccia – working with Councilman Sacks and Councilman Tompkins regarding consolidation of building and zoning.

Attorney Rappleyea – will get copy of agreement I wrote for Hillsdale, Canaan and Austerlitz to you.

Supervisor Crowley – year end meeting, December 31, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.  
Organizational meeting Wednesday January 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Super visor Crowley – the board appointed Craig Surprise Sole Assessor. Very knowledgeable, he is certified by state to do reval. Could do reval in house for under \$50,000.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Crowley - Cell towers moving along, looking at someplace in West Copake for the tower.

Supervisor Crowley – Foil Officer, will advertise. Attorney will get job description.

#### COMMITTEE

Harvey Weber – Environmental Committee needs small amount of money to reimburse member Beatrice O’Connell \$55.00 for seminar.

Supervisor Crowley – give bill to Vana and she will voucher it.

Harvey Weber – Town Park Commission and Taconic Hills School district are working with George Frick on bringing Pop Warner Football to the area.

#### DEPARTMENT HEADS

Highway Superintendent Gregory – looking at different alarm company as Corner Stone service is not good. Will get quotes.

New Copake signs are up.

Jeff Nayer helped with replacing the oil tank.

Councilman Sacks – commended the Zoning Board for their expertise.

Marcia Peteroy – EAB, we would like to know what to do with the old sign. Maybe donate to auction to raise money for one of the committees.

Councilman Sacks – thanked Accountant Torchia for attending the Park Commission meeting and answering questions.

## COUNCILPERSONS

Supervisor Crowley – e-mail from resident about assessing CAP system, state has gone to CAP system. If town signs on you do a reval the first year the town gets \$5.00 a parcel, second year and third year \$2.00 to maintain records. Fourth year another reval at \$5.00 parcels. When you sign on you agree to the reval every four years if not you have to pay back the \$2.00 from the previous years.

Officer in Charge Lopez ask for permission to send \$ 390.00 for ammunition for training.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Kiernan to authorize Officer in Charge Lopez to spend \$390.00 for ammunition for police training. Motion carried.

Supervisor Crowley – county budget at 0 % increase, I voted against it. A lot of anticipated revenue in budget is very iffy. We asked department heads to cut 5% and no raises, they originally asked for resolution to do away with sales tax exemption on first \$110 of clothing purchases in county. I voted against that as other Supervisors did, after huge outcry last meeting proposal put forward to accept the first \$55 for sales tax with sunset clause. I was still against it but I voted the compromise otherwise you'd be paying sales tax on all your clothing. The main reason I voted against the budget is that in contingency there is over a \$150,000 for creation of administrative positions. When we're asking everyone to bite the bullet, I don't think this is the time to create two \$100,000 positions.

One Deputy HR Director at \$68,000 and County Administrator at \$150,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Kiernan seconded by Councilman Sacks the bills from highway abstract #12 and general abstract # 12 be paid. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

