

REGULAR TOWN BOARD
DECEMBER 9, 2011

PRESENT

Deputy Supervisor LaPorta
Councilwoman Gabaccia
Councilman Sacks
Councilman Tompkins
Attorney Rappleyea

ABSENT

Councilman Kiernan
Supervisor Crowley

Deputy Supervisor LaPorta opened the meeting at 7:30.

A motion was made by Councilman Sacks seconded by Councilman Tompkins to accept the minutes of October 10, 2011. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mariner Tower - An application for a special permit and site plan review has been filed with the Ancram Planning Board for a public utility/ telecommunications facility including a one hundred and fifty foot tall tower.
2. Jeff Nayer - Letter of resignation as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
3. Diana Jamison – Letter of resignation for Copake Park Commission.

A motion was made by Councilman Tompkins seconded by Councilwoman Gabaccia to accept the resignation of Jeff Nayer from Zoning Board and Diana Jamison from Copake Park Commission. Motion carried.

Charles Dodson gave an information summary on two potential grant proposals for the town.

- A. Local Government Record Management Improvement Fund.
- B. NYS Office of Community Renewal: 2012 Community Planning Grant Application.(see attached)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Tompkins to give Charles Dodson permission to inventory all records located throughout the town. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORIUM

John Keeler – Asked Councilman Sacks about the elections and signs, I contacted you about misrepresentation of fact, you apologized to me and said you would print a retraction.

Councilman Sacks, it will be in the next edition.

Lindsey LeBrecht – Regarding referendum for police department, the intension was to get a clear picture of what the people thought in regards to keeping the department or dissolve. I think it confused a lot of people. A petition is going around that the board look into this in the future to get better wording in a clearer manner.

George Filipovites – I voted against retaining the police, I don't see how difficult the problem was I think it was either a yes or no. We've already voted on this and the people have spoken. I don't think tax payers dollars should be spent on bring this up again because of sore losers. It was not a difficult question.

Harvey Weber – I think it was failure in communications, whether it was a teaching lesson or written document.

Stanley Gansowski – I would like to thank the board for putting this out to the people. The people have spoken.

Jeff Nayer - We need to re-advertise for position that no one put in for.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Sacks to re-advertise for all positions to be returned by December 23, 2011. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Gabaccia – My problem with the police resolution was not the confusion, but the margin was so small. I'm willing to commit to revisit it.

John Belefone – It was a legal vote and 10 votes different, the board agreed to the wording of the referendum, this is America people go and vote. Because they lost you want to change everything.

Carol Gansowski – When you vote you're a responsible voter, you need to know the issue before hand. 10 votes 20 votes its done.

RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Sacks seconded by Councilman Tompkins.

WHEREAS, the Town of Copake has recently completed a comprehensive planning process in 2011,

AND WHEREAS, the comprehensive planning process has culminated in the creation of the Town of Copake 2011 Comprehensive Plan

AND ADDITIONALLY WHEREAS, the Copake Comprehensive Plan of 2011 was unanimously approved by the Coapke Town Board in September 2011.

AND FURTHERMORE, the Town Board having created a Land Use Review Committee as one of many actions items involved in the implementation of the Copake Comprehensive Plan 2011,

THE TOWN BOARD of COPAKE HEREBY establishes the following charge for the newly created Land Use Review Committee:

CHARGED BY COPAKE TOWN BOARD FOR COPAKE LAND USE REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Copake Land use Review Committee is charged to review and develop a working knowledge of the Town of Copake 2011 Comprehensive Plan. After developing a working knowledge of the Town of Copake 2011 Comprehensive Plan, the committee will use the plan as the foundation to:

Review the current zoning ordinances and determine areas in which the ordinance is not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and recommend changes to remove inconsistencies.

Review any new land use issues the Plan has raised and recommend changes necessary to address those issues. The Plan identified a number of land use tools that could be further evaluated.

Review and update land use ordinances as necessary to address new State, Federal, or Local Laws which have been adopted sine the last update.

After discussion with the Planning and Zoning Boards, carefully update definitions to make it easier to review projects fairly and consistently.

Evaluate Local Laws that the Town has adopted and determine which should become part of the consolidated Zoning Code, (For example, some communities adopt laws related to wind energy, telecommunications, hydrofracking, or junk cars that are commonly addressed in zoning at this time.)

Review the Building Department administration and recommend ways to streamline permitting processes of various boards.

Determine whether updates to subdivision is part of the scope of the work, and if it should be codified as part of zoning, as is more frequently the case.

Review the plans and zoning of surrounding communities to see if any adversely affect Copake. The Town Board can address the issues with the leaders of the surrounding communities.

Dated December 8, 2011
Resolution #

Supervisor Crowley	Absent
Councilwoman Gabaccia	Yes
Councilman Sacks	Yes

Councilman Tompkins	Yes
Councilman Kiernan	Absent

A motion was made by Councilman Sacks seconded by Councilwoman Gabaccia to set the organizational meeting January 4, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Sacks to authorize the Supervisor to make the following transfers.
 \$30,000.00 from DA5130.2 to Snow Removal DA5130.2
 \$12,000.00 from DA5130.2 to Machinery DA5130.4
 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Sacks seconded by Councilwoman Gabaccia to set the end of the year meeting December 29, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Supervisor LaPorta, the generator at the park needs to be repaired; Highway Superintendent asked the board for permission to have generator company repair the generator at the park. Permission granted

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Zoning Enforcement Officer Ferratto is checking compliance of the Motor Vehicle Storage permits.

Diana Jamison everyone invited to the light parade at the park December 10th.

Councilwoman Gabaccia thanked Councilman Tompkins for working with them the last few years.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

