

## Regular Town Board Meeting

8-10-13

Members Present: Supervisor Nayer, Councilperson Miller-Simmons, Councilperson Gabaccia, Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and Councilperson Mettler.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to waive the reading of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting 7/11/13 and to accept the minutes as read. Motion was carried.

Prior to the Pledge of Allegiance Supervisor Nayer asked for a moment of silence in memory of Donald Delamater who past recently. Don and his family were instrumental in raising funds for the youth program through hosting tractor pulls.

Supervisor Nayer made the following announcements:

There will be a Blood Drive at the Copake Memorial Park on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Copake Falls Day will be on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> starting 7:30 AM.

Brad Peck Ins. will be sponsoring a Defensive Driver Course at the Town Hall on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The cost of course will be \$40.00 per person.

The 60+ program will be going to three days a week starting the week of 8/26 and will be staying at the Town Hall instead of moving back to the Park Building.

The Highway Department has started repainting the inside of the Town Hall and they will be continuing throughout the year as time permits.

Thanked all of the Fire Companies that responded to the structure fire at Camp Pontiac last week and Ed Ferratto and Jack Schultz from the Building Department.

Correspondence:

From Marcia Becker, Chairperson Copake Planning Board – an email advising that Gray Davis has resigned from the Copake Planning Board due to work commitments and travel.

From Noah Elkin – an email expressing his concern with speeders on Farm Road.

From Town of Mt. Washington Zoning Board of Appeals – a notice of a public hearing for Cathy Torrico for placing a structure within the 100 setback.

From Roberta Roll, Chairperson Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force – announcing there will be a second bike event on September 22 starting at noon called the “Roe Jan Ramble Bike Tour”. The Task Force also requested the Board to sponsor this event with no cost to the tax payers.

From Carol Powers – a letter requesting the Town’s support for the fall bike tour.

From Cyn Phil Craryville Inn – a letter advising the Town Board that they will be renewing their liquor license.

From the Roe Jan Community Library – a copy of a letter to William Gregory, Copake Highway Superintendent thanking him for delivering a load of mulch to the Library.

From N.Y.S.D.E.C. – a copy of a permit application no. NAN-2011-00750 by Camphill Village Inc.

From Frank Peteroy, Vice Chairperson of the LURC – a letter advising that the LURC has appointed Robert Haight as their new Chairperson.

From Valerie Schmichael – a request to be removed from the Copake Board of Ethics.

Public Forum: None

Department Reports

Highway Superintendent Gregory reported that Ancram has been assisting them with their paver this month.

Deputy C.E.O. Jack Schultz reported that their office has been busy following up on complaints.

Chris Quinby, Copake Park & Recreation Commission Member reported that they will be needing volunteers to assist with the Haunt House in October.

Bob Haight, Chairperson LURC reported that they have sent the Pigasso request onto the Copake Farmland Committee and their finding should be returned to LURC.

Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney Liaison Copake Advisory Committee reported that they have had their second meeting.

Councilperson Mettler, Liaison Copake Hamlet Task Force reported that the Copake Connection is going out on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month.

New Business:

We removed some trees around the museum in Copake Falls that were damaging the roof and we had to have some temporary repairs done. We will have to put a new roof on next year and will need to add it to the 2014 budget.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia to authorize Supervisor Nayer to bid the roof work on the Church Museum. Motion was carried.

The front door is being left unlocked when people use their key to enter through this door instead of the side doors. Supervisor Nayer asked for permission to have the locksmith remove the lock so everyone has to use the side door to enter.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize the Locksmith to remove the lock from the front door and all people entering the building will be instructed to use the side doors. Motion was carried.

Councilperson Mettler reported that the Hamlet Revitalization Task Force has proposed to have a bike ride in Copake on September 22<sup>nd</sup> which will be free to the riders. This fall bike ride will be called the Roe Jan Ramble Bike Tour. The Task Force is requesting the Town to sponsor this event with no cost to the Town. A group of people have started to meet as an informal committee to organize this ride.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia and was seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney that the Town Board support the Roe Jan Ramble Bike Tour. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize the amendment of the Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Moneys pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law do to an increase in CHIPs reimbursement from the State. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to authorize the Columbia County 60 plus program to remain at the Town Hall and to increase the number of days from two to three that they serve lunches. The days that lunches will be served will be Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays beginning the week of August 26<sup>th</sup>. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia to authorize sending a letter for support to the Harlem Valley Rail Trail supporting their efforts in extending the rail trail from Copake Falls to Hillsdale. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia and was seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney to accept the resignation of Gray Davis from the Copake Planning Board and Valarie Schmichael from the Board of Ethics with regrets. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer requested any changes to the Town Code be put off until next year due to the amount of money we will be over drawn in the Legal Services account this year. Councilperson Gabaccia ask what is the estimate cost for the changes in the Code. Supervisor Nayer replied about \$2,000.00. Councilperson Gabaccia and Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney both requested time to review the Budget Expenditures prior to making a decision. Attorney Dow advised the Board that some of these items under consideration are just to bring the Town Code in to conformity with State Law, for instance the procurement section does not comply with the State Law. The Board decided to table any action until next month.

Supervisor Nayer reported that the Veteran Monument Committee has been gathering names and found that there are also Korean Veterans names that are missing from that monument. The Copake Community Service group is working with the Committee and we are looking at 4 to 5 thousand dollars to correct all of this and we have raised \$1,750.00 to date. The Committee will be holding a Pancake Breakfast fund raiser on Columbus Day Weekend.

Budget:

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

FROM

A1680.2 (Equipment) Central Data	\$3,000.00
A5132.4 Garage	\$1,501.92
	\$4,501.92

TO

A3620.4 Building Dep't.	\$3,000.00
A1910.43 Insurance	\$1,501.92
	\$4,501.92

Motion was carried.

The Sales Tax check arrive for the amount of \$141,748.52 which is about 1% less than last year at this time.

The Assessor's Computer is maxed out and will be looking into replacing it in the near future.

As Budget Officer the Supervisor Nayer has sent out the Budget Estimate Sheets to all of the Department Heads and would like them back as soon as possible.

Supervisor Nayer reported that we received our Tabaco check for \$26,500.00 this year up about \$1,500.00 over last year.

Councilperson Report:

Councilperson Miller-Simmons read a sample of the many Thank You cards and notes that were received from the Summer Program participants and families applauding the great job that Bridget, Colleen and all the councilors did during the six week program.

Public Forum:

Chris Quinby reminded the Board that there are two Tuesdays that there are elections at the Town Hall which will affect the 60+ program.

Russ Stein requested more info on the bike tour and questioned if there was any strategic plans to make improvements to the roads for cyclist? Supervisor Nayer advised that the County has made some improvements on County Route 7A in West Copake and the Town Highway Superintendent makes every effort he can when improvements are made to Town Roads.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler that the bills from General Abstract # 8 and the bills from Highway Abstract # 8 be paid. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,