

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 11, 2012

PRESENT

Supervisor Nayer
Councilperson Miller- Simmons
Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney
Councilperson Mettler

ABSENT

Councilperson Gabaccia

Supervisor Nayer opened the meeting at 9:00 AM with 17 people in attendance.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons seconded by Councilperson Mettler to waive the reading of the minutes of Regular Town Board Meeting July 12, 2012 and accept them as written. Motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

From Lynn Hotaling – Letter of resignation from position of bookkeeper.

From Peter Krane – Thanking Ed Ferratto for help with a CO.

From Kim Brusie – Letter of resignation from position of Data Collector.

From Congressman Chris Gibson – Letter notifying the town of a meeting on Tuesday August 14, 2012 at Columbia Green Community College about Broadband issues.

From NYS Dept of Taxation & Finance – Announcing the State equalization rate for the Town of Copake is 75.00%.

From Citizen Committee to Nominate – Submitted the following names for appointment to the Ethics Board. Melissa Hermans, Leonard Barham, and Philip Wellner.

Supervisor Nayer reported Copake Falls Day is Saturday August 18th opening ceremonies at 10:00 A.M.

County: there was an unfortunate fire in Ghent good decisions were made, the problem was we don't have a reverse 911 system yet to alert people by phone, people in Berkshire and other Counties do. The County is addressing this.

PUBLIC FORUM

Lindsey LeBrecht – With no Police now and the lost of revenue we still continue to retain the same amount of support; I would suspect the amount of work has decreased. Do we have any figures or data on how much this is costing us?

Supervisor Nayer, we will be looking at this during budget time. As of last report the Court has taking in \$16,600, they projected \$45,000 for the year.

Marcia Becker – I was told the County Attorney has not been showing up for court, would that impact the revenue?

Supervisor Nayer, most cases have not been dismissed; some have at this point I would have to talk to Judge Spencer. The DA has been here the fourth Monday of the month; the Judges didn't want to sit the same night, so they split it up. Judge Spencer sits the second Monday Judge Herman the fourth Monday. They have to work this out with the DA.

DEPARTMENT HEADS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board Marcia Becker – Two minor subdivisions, Casino applied for building permit for a structure that was presented in 2008.

Code Enforcement Ed Ferratto – Three new houses, very busy. Inspected the farm stand on Casino's property, nothing has changed.

Assessor Craig Surprise – Data Collector have been out, equalization rate at 75%, State been down with new programs, asked for Liaison to the office.

Councilperson Miller-Simmons will be liaison to the Assessors office.

Summer Park Councilperson Miller- Simmons – Yesterday was last day of Park Program, had a nice BBQ, they averaged 40- 60 children per day. Bridget did a nice job, I stopped in once a week and the children appreciated it.

ZBA Frank Peteroy – two applications to make decision on.

Conservation Resource Committee – Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney reported it's inactive at the moment, will be introducing something at the September meeting.

Copake hamlet revitalization Task Force Councilperson Mettler – Met first time for informational on July 24th, elected Roberta Roll as Chairperson, will be meeting on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Next meeting will be August 27th.

NEW BUSINESS

Moratorium on Hydro Fracking – Supervisor Nayer advised that Taghkanic had just done one, forwarded it to the Attorney. I would like to see something that puts a moratorium on transportation and dumping into area. Attorney Dow will a draft of Local Law based on Taghkanic, you can introduce, have final form a week before public hearing.

A motion was by Councilperson Mettler seconded by Councilperson Miller- Simmons to introduce the draft local law to be further amended upon discussion. Motion was carried. Supervisor Nayer, we will have a public hearing on Local Law # 2 for 2012 at the next meeting at 6:45 P.M.

Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Lee Grant Update – Supervisor Nayer there was a DEC grant for repairs, from the storm in the amount of \$9,000,000 throughout the Counties we put in through the County \$202,000 the Town was awarded \$103,377.00. Met with Soil and Water were moving ahead to see about the funding.

Town owned property usage – Supervisor Nayer over years people borrow town owned property and some did not come back. Will be revamping heavier on this with the new Policy Manual, as we've lost a lot of stuff. Don Delamater donated all the bleacher at the Park to town from Roe-Jan School, there is an understanding that if he needs to use them at the school they will go back.

September Board Meeting – Supervisor Nayer, the regular September meeting date is primary day, we need to reschedule. A discussion followed.

Supervisor Nayer, the September Town Board is rescheduled for Tuesday September 4, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. Public Hearing on Local Law# 2 at 6:45 P.M.

Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association – Councilperson Mettler, the association asking for support letter from the board for application to Hudson Valley Greenway for a grant.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney to approve letter of support to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for Harlem Valley Rail Trail. Motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Copake Veterans Plaque – William Newcomb we have a collection of names, talking to Mr. Cantelle will do the stone and add names to existing one for \$1,200.

PD Finalization – Police Department closed down, firearms sold for \$4,200, surplus advertised raised \$14,000, encumbered other surplus.

Comp. Plan Workshop – The Town Board and Comp Plan Committee will be meeting on September 11, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. for workshop.

Policy Manuel Workshop – Manuel still in draft, Town Board will meet September 24th and 25th at 6:30 P.M. for workshop.

Supervisor Nayer, the town received one bid for pave repairs and color coating system to existing hockey rink.

COPELAND COATING COMPANY INC. - \$4,800.00

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller- Simmons seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney to accept the bid of \$4,800.00 from Copeland Coating Company for repairs to the ice-hockey rink at park. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer announced there will be a CPR course for Town Employees September 14th at 12:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney seconded by Councilperson Mettler to appoint Melissa Herman, Leonard Barham and Philip Wellner to the Ethics Board. Motion carried.

Supervisor Nayer appointed Theresa Traver Bookkeeper.

Supervisor Nayer, Highway computer was replaced; it was over \$150, three board members approved.

Department budget request are to be back by end of August.

Sales tax check for second quarter was \$142,860.92.

COUNCILPERSON REPORTS

Councilperson Miller- Simmons, we would like to have a rededication of the park at the light parade in December. Gloria Lyons, Vana Hotaling will help, will contact Flora Berquist. Talked with Bridget Roberts about getting the youth summer program involved in the 1K on community day.

Land Use Resource Committee moving along well.

PUBLIC FORUM

John Keeler, update on the Church Museum repairs and West Copake Firehouse. Councilperson Mettler, been in touch with Richard Barton with regards to Historical Society if there are any repairs to be done. Supervisor Nayer and I will be meeting at church with Richard to get a handle on what the society thinks and what we would see is necessary.

Attorney Dow, West Copake Firehouse, it's a long complicated process; the papers go back 10 years. Between now and the end of the year it makes sense to decide if it's worth moving ahead with it.

Councilperson Miller-Simmons, I thought we decided it was more valuable to us to keep it.

Supervisor Nayer will put on agenda for next month.

Ed Ferratto, if you need an opinion on the Museum I would be glad to help.

Stephen Hoppe, with campaign season coming up you should look into the sign issue.
Ed Ferratto, I have information on signs will forward to the board.
Attorney Dow, you can have limitations on signage but not on what's based in the
content. Such as political signs

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons seconded by Councilperson
Winchell-Sweeney the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted