

## Regular Town Board Meeting

9-12-13

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney to waive the reading of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting 8/10/13 and to accept the minutes as read. Motion was carried.

### Announcements:

Defensive Driver's Safety Course will be given at the Town Hall on this Saturday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM sponsored by Brad Peck Ins.

Senator Marchione will be at the Hillsdale Town Hall this Saturday from 12:00 – 2:00 for anyone who would like an opportunity to speak to the Senator.

The new STAR Applications are being mailed out by the State. If have not had the STAR in the past you should see our Assessor, if you currently have the STAR Exemption you need to renew through the State.

The Roe Jan Ramble Bike Ride will be on Sunday 9/22 starting at 1:00 PM you can still signup.

The Vietnam Memorial Pancake Breakfast will be Columbus Day Weekend Sunday from 8:00 AM to noon at the Copake Park Building.

### Correspondence:

From Morris Associates – a letter defending defamatory statements made against their firm on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> in the Register Star.

From Roeliff-Jansen Community Library – a letter announcing they will be celebrating its one hundredth birthday at its new site on September 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 12:30 PM and asking to borrow the Town's Bandstand.

From Mary & Charles Simon – an email requesting a reduction of the maximum speed limit on Craryville road.

From NYSDEC – a copy of a permit for a deck/porch replacement at 19 Lakeshore Drive at Robinson Pond within 100 feet (Freshwater Wetland CO-3).

From NYS Department of Taxation & Finance – Certificate of the Final State Equalization Rate for 2013 Assessment Roll for Town of Copake will be 78%.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney to allow the Roe Jan Library to use the Town's Bandstand for their 100 anniversary. Motion was carried.

### Presentation:

Ned Schneier and John Pollack gave a presentation on the financial status of the Roeliff Jansen Library and reviewed the proposition and how it will affect the Town of Copake Tax Payers if the proposition is passed in November by the voters. Mr. Pollack went onto explain that the new library is more than just books, it used for many venues and brings a lot of people to the Copake area.

Public Forum: None

Department Head Report:

Marcia Becker, Chairperson Copake Planning Board reported they have approved two minor subdivisions at Copake Lake.

CEO Ferratto reported that they have had an increase in the building permits more so then neighboring Towns.

Councilperson Mettler reported for the Ag & Farmland Committee that approximately 60-80 surveys went out to taxpayers who are in the ag district.

Chris Quinby and Lindsay LeBrecht Park Commission Members reported that the Haunted House is scheduled for October.

Robert Haight, Chairperson for the LURC advised the Board that every member has taken turns recording the minutes of their meeting and it just is not working. More time is wasted every meeting discussing what was left out of the minutes and what should be added. Bob stated it is costing the Town more in wasted time then it would cost to hire a secretary to take the minutes. The Board would discuss this issue further amongst themselves to see if there is any money available for a secretary.

Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney reported for the Conservation Advisory Committee that they did not meet in August and will continue to meet on the fourth Saturday of the month.

Councilperson Mettler reported that the Hamlet Revitalization Taskforce is sending out the Copake Connection on a monthly basis and anyone who has anything to add to the Connection should get it to the Taskforce before the 15<sup>th</sup>.

New Business:

A motion was made by Supervisor Nayer and seconded by Councilperson Mettler to request the Conservation Advisory Committee to review the Fracking Moratorium and ask them to look into the pros and cons of fracking prior to the Moratorium expires. Motion was carried.

The Special Meeting to present the Tentative Budget for 2014 is on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Copake Town Hall at 9:00 AM.

Highway Superintendent Gregory requested the Town Board authorize the purchase of a new loader off of state contract to replace a 1989 loader paid for out of unexpended highway balance.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize Highway Superintendent Gregory to purchase a new Caterpillar 938K with fusion coupler for a State Bid price of \$149,850.00 less a trade-in of \$30,000.00 for the 1989 loader for a total purchase price of \$119,850.00. The money for this purchase will be transferred from the Highway Unexpended Balance to the Equipment Fund. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

A discussion was held on what to do with the revision work on the Town Code. Councilperson Mettler and Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney agreed that the work should be tabled until January and rename it a limited review and revision of the Town Code.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Winchell Sweeney to table the limited review and revision of the Town Code until January 2014. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer advised the Board that the Committee working on the Veteran's Monument has raised nearly \$3,500.00 and anyone that has names to be added please get them to the committee as soon as possible.

Councilperson Mettler updated the board on the status of the Roe Jan Ramble, there are currently about 50 riders signed up, there is no cost to the Town or the riders, there will be a 2 mile, 10 mile and a 25 mile ride all starting at 1:00 PM. Anyone interested can still register online or at the Copake Town Clerk's Office and there will free T-shirts and hot dogs for the riders.

Councilperson Mettler reviewed the history of events that have gone on for the last 12 months with the Town's Website and how we are moving forward to create a new website. We will be starting to down load the board minutes beginning next Tuesday and hope to have the new site up and running soon.

Supervisor Nayer advised the Board that we have received two bids for the work on the Church Museum roof, Phelps Brothers Roofing, LLC \$11,500.00 and Harpis Roofing \$15,000.00. Both Companies met the Specifications and Supervisor Nayer recommended to award the contract to the lowest bidder.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to award the Roof work for Church Museum to Phelps Brothers Roofing, LLC for a bid price of \$11,500.00. This bid price does not include the replacement of sub decking which cannot be determined until by inspection upon removal of shingle. Motion was carried.

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler;

That we the members of the Town Board of the Town of Copake do hereby petition the Department of Transportation of the State of New York, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law to establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on Craryville Road from the intersection of State Route 23 north to the Hillsdale Town line.

Resolution # 14	Supervisor Nayer	yes
Dated September 12, 2013	Councilperson Gabaccia	absent
Copake, New York	Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney	yes
	Councilperson Miller-Simmons	absent
	Councilperson Mettler	yes

Supervisor Nayer reported as Budget Officer that he has been working with some of the Department Heads that have turned in their Budget Estimates. There are a lot of unknowns as far as how much the insurance will increase this coming year.

Councilperson's Report: None

Public Forum: None

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and seconded by Councilperson Mettler that the bills from Highway Abstract # 9 and the bills from General Abstract # 9 be paid. Motion was carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,