

TOWN BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 10, 2011

PRESENT

Supervisor Crowley
Councilman Tompkins
Councilman Kiernan

ABSENT

Councilwoman Gabaccia
Councilman Sacks

Supervisor Crowley opened the public hearing at 6:53 p.m. with 23 people present.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider .Local Law # 2, a Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in general municipal law 3-c.

Steve Hoppe, dose passing this law prevent the board from passing it every year?
Supervisor Crowley, the way the law reads now you can do it every year.

Supervisor Crowley closed the hearing at 6:53 p.m.

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The purpose of the hearing is continuation of public hearing on the 2012 budget.
Discussion on the budget followed.

Supervisor Crowley, there will be a continuation of the public hearing on the 2012 budget on Monday November 14th at 9:00 a.m.

Supervisor Crowley opened the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. with 23 people present.

Motion was made by Councilman Tompkins and seconded by Councilman Kiernan to go into executive session regarding a personnel matter.

Motion was made by Councilman Tompkins and seconded by Councilman Kiernan to return to the regular meeting, motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tompkins and seconded by Councilman Kiernan to accept the minutes for the October 15, 2011 as written. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Greene County-Thanking the Copake Highway Department for assistance in the recover process from Hurricane Irene. Highway Superintendent Gregory accepted letters of appreciation for his department.
2. Dustin Bassette-letter of resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion was made by Councilman Tompkins and seconded by Councilman Kiernan to accept Dustin Bassette's resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

3. Parish of Our Lady of Hope-requesting approval to conduct raffles in the Town of Copake to benefit the mission and ministry of our parish.

Motion was made by Councilman Tompkins and seconded by Councilman Kiernan to allow Parish of Our Lady of Hope to hold raffles, motion carried.

4. Columbia County Planning and Economic Development-Nomination for Steve Savarese to serve a three year term in Region 8 CCPB board.

Motion was made by Councilman Tompkins and seconded by Councilman Kiernan to nominate Steve Savarese to the Columbia County Planning and Economic Development Board for region 8, motion carried.

5. Steve Rosenzweig-request for speed reduction on Snyder Pond Road. Supervisor Crowley stated that NYSDOT has approved the speed limit reduction and Highway Superintendent Gregory has the signs ordered.
6. Columbia County Department of Human Services-Crisis/Assessment Team of the Mental Health Clinic has been awarded a certificate of recognition.

PUBLIC FORUM

John Keeler-Lindig's yard sale is stilling going on, with a lot of junk cars. Supervisor Crowley will have the Zoning Enforcement Officer look into it.

Deb Cohen-read the following letter: "Good evening gentleman, Copake citizens. I would like to share with you an incident that happened to me today which is, I believe, an illuminating example of how Copake's town government has operated for the last four years. If you attended last month's meeting, you know that I have been concerned about the process by which the Zoning Review Committee has been formed as well as the people who have been selected to serve on it. For the record, I was an applicant for this committee. On Wednesday morning, I saw Councilman Kiernan in the road leading to his farm and I stopped to talk to him. Before proceeding I specifically asked Mr. Kiernan if I could discuss a matter of town business with him. Mr. Kiernan leaned into my car and said, sure you can. We discussed the Zoning Review Committee for several minutes and I left. Now, I am known for my strong opinions, but nothing in that conversation was threatening. In fact, I never left my car and I was strapped in with my seatbelt the entire time. Early this afternoon, New York State Trooper J.J. Weber came to my home seeking to interview me about my meeting with Mr. Kiernan. He said that Mr. Kiernan had called the state police saying that he had been threatened and harassed by me and he,

the state trooper, was investigating. I remember well my elderly Jewish relatives talking about the dark days in Nazi Germany when the Gestapo would knock on their doors. I must say seeing the state trooper knock on my door-knowing that I had done nothing wrong-gave me a little taste of what that must have felt like. This is how it works in Copake under Mr. Crowley's leadership. If a citizen voices an opinion that you three don't like, you threaten, intimidate, menace and lie and then you send the State Police to intimidate some more at the citizen's home and place of business. You three men are cowards of epic proportion. January 1st cannot come soon enough. I welcome Jeff Nayer and what I hope will be a return to decency in Copake's government.

ACTION ITEMS

Museum Work-Supervisor Crowley spoke to Robin Bruce and was told that they have a buildings and grounds committee and they are aware of any problems. They will advise the Town Board and any action is needed.

Town Hall Lights-New light has been installed at the front entrance.

Park Fund Checks-Working with the accountant on it.

Business Exemption Law-Attorney Rapeylee will be sending samples of local laws for the Board to review.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Crowley, we have received all the necessary permits from DEC to begin cleaning the stream. We also met with State and Federal Emergency Management Offices to explore possible funding.

Hudson Valley Clean Energy nearly ready to begin solar panels on Town Hall.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Tompkins and seconded by Councilman Kiernan:

Town Board of the Town of Copake do hereby adopt LOCAL LAW NO.2 FOR THE YEAR 2011 A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW (see attached).

Dated November 10, 2011	Supervisor Crowley	Yes
Resolution # 20	Councilman Tompkins	Yes
	Councilman Kiernan	Yes
	Councilman Sacks	Absent
	Councilman Gabaccia	Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park Commission-Diane Jamison, for the fifth month there has not been a quorum for meetings.

Harvey Weber-there will be a movie, Kings Speech, at the Copake Park on November 20th at 1p.m.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Deputy Supervisor LaPorta thanked the Town Board and Park Commission for their support of the Youth Football Program.

Diane Jamison, the Holiday Light Parade will be held on December 10th. Line up at the fire house at 5p.m., parade at 5:30p.m.

ZBA Jeff Nayer, secretary will be leaving the first of the year. Also need two members and an alternate.

Highway Department Bill Gregory, first snow storm of the year went well.

Motion was made by Councilman Tompkins and seconded by Councilman Kiernan the bills from the General abstract number 11 and Highway number 11 abstract be paid.
Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tompkins and seconded by Councilman Kiernan that the meeting be adjourned, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,