

**PUBLIC HEARING
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 22, 2010**

Present

Supervisor Crowley
Deputy Supervisor LaPorta
Councilwoman Gabaccia
Councilman Sacks

Absent

Councilman Tompkins
Councilman Kiernan

Deputy Supervisor LaPorta opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. with 30 people present.

The purpose of the hearing is to solicit opinion from the citizens of Copake for pursuit of grant money under the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal.

Councilwoman Gabaccia, there is \$400,000 available from New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal, what you can do with that money is public facility. George Filipovits and I are working on a grant for a 54' X 54' addition to the park building. One of the primary uses will be for senior citizens, also expand emergency management facilities. Councilwoman Gabaccia read a letter of support from Marcus J. Molinaro Member of Assembly (see attached).

George Filipovits read a letter of support from Arthur Bassin, Supervisor of Ancram (see attached). A letter is being e-mailed from Hillsdale. We hope to set up with departments for medical screening etc. for our seniors. We have the park etc. for the youth, we need things for our seniors. Project will not infringe on any playing fields. George Filipovits went over what the building will include. We're going green using solar panels.

Deputy LaPorta, the solar panels for the addition is included in the grant. He gave the public a general idea of the size of the building.

Harvey Weber – suggested contacting Senator Saland and Office of the Aging.

Barbara Gallicano – if its raining out do we have to call off our meeting so the youth program can use the building?

Deputy LaPorta, no there will be series of doors that are portable.

Jim Everts, Ancram, do you have a generator?

Deputy Supervisor, yes.

Mike Salvatore, Copake makes up about 50% of membership should contact the other towns so they are aware of this.

Councilwoman Gabaccia, we reached out to both Ancram and Hillsdale, they support the project; they understand the Young at Hearters involve the three towns. It will include seniors in the Roe-Jan area.

John Keeler, thanked Councilman Gabaccia and George Filipovits for the back ground on this grant. I attended the budget workshops and now that we will be spending tax dollars for select groups, this addition will be available for people outside the tax district, the board has taken a firm stand on residents outside the area for the summer program, however it looks like this program is going beyond that. I would like the board to take a firm look at the 2011 budget.

1. We need new windows for the town hall
2. The clock in town needs to be fixed
3. Repair or replace the PA system
4. Update heating system at highway garage
5. Street sweeper is on borrowed time
6. Pickup truck removed from the 2009 budget, but it's still required.
7. 2009 only one mile of the highway road out of six were completed.

Highway garage addition should be a stimulus project. Look for stimulus money for consolidation of services. Storage space for the park is available now; let's seek for a small garage at Herrington's.

The following question for the proposed addition.

1. Septic system is it adequate?
2. Cost of Chairs, table etc., maintenance, heat, electric, air conditioning, house keeping and solar is not assured. Who is going to pay for this?

The YAH meet at Hillsdale for \$300 a year that amount is more then enough what the town provides them in the budget.

I request the board to look very closely at what would be nice to have as opposed to what is needed.

I'm not against this proposal; I say the time is wrong.

Deputy LaPorta, I agree with you on a good share of the issues, however, this grant does not address any of these issues and it can't, based on the criteria. As far as the expenses after building is up we can ask the other towns for help. First, we have to get the grant; if we do, we don't have to accept it. John Keeler, but we're not addressing problems we have today.

Supervisor Crowley, any grant the town board has to vote to accept.

Jeff Nayer, I'm opposed to this, because it's a park and suppose to be open space. This is going to cost the town more for utilities and don't bank on other towns.

Councilwoman Gabaccia, if we get grant money we should go to work on details, and find ways to fund it.

If we get it we have a two (2) year period to complete.

Chris Quinby, what is the time frame from getting and accepting the grant?

Jeff Nayer, thanked George Filipovits and Councilwoman Gabaccia for their work towards this grant.

Jean Peck, my own household things I have a list of needs and wants, there's a lot of things I want, do I actually need it. I thought when this building was built it was for seniors. There's other places in town, why can't they be utilized for the seniors.

Deputy Supervisor, the firehouse is just for fire matters.

Jean, the churches have rooms for meeting.

Deputy Supervisor, it's not just for seniors only, it is ear marked for all purpose building.

Ralph Platt, I'm all for this I don't understand why the seniors don't use it now.

Mike Salvatore, we were told in the event of bad weather the kids would be brought in during the meeting.

George Filipovits, this is not just for seniors, it's for the whole town, Copake Senior and Family Center.

Councilwoman Gabaccia, with this grant you have a better chance of getting it by having a multiple use building.

Supervisor Crowley, the town board by law must vote to accept the grant; if we find we don't have enough money for this use we turn the money back.

Deputy Supervisor LaPorta closed the hearing at 7:15 P.M.

Supervisor Crowley opened the special meeting at 7:16 P.M.

The purpose of the meeting is for consideration of Comprehensive Planning Committee grant proposal to Hudson River Valley Greenway.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Sacks seconded by Supervisor Crowley.

Whereas, the Town Board of Copake has previously appointed and charged the Comprehensive Planning Committee, and

Whereas, the Town Board has endorsed Copake as a Greenway Community, and

Whereas, the Comprehensive Planning Committee's request for proposed grant funding, as attached, to the Hudson River Valley Greenway.

Now therefore be it Resolved That, The Town Board of Copake approves the Comprehensive Planning Committee's request for proposed grant funding, as attached to the Hudson River Valley Greenway.

Dated at Copake New York	Supervisor Crowley	Yes
April 22, 2010	Councilwoman Gabaccia	Yes
Resolution #10	Councilman Sacks	Yes
	Councilman Tompkins	Yes
	Councilman Kiernan	Yes

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

Respectfully submitted,

