

Special Town Board Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2013
6:30 PM

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

The purpose of this special meeting is to go into executive session to interview for open positions and to possibly to appoint members to the Conservation Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to go into executive session to conduct interviews. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney to come out of executive session and return to the special meeting. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to appoint Edgar Masters, Heidi Bock and Brian Boom to serve on the Conservation Advisory Committee. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to dissolve the Conservation Resource Committee. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer appointed Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney as the Town Board Liaison to the Conservation Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Mettler that the Special Meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried.

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board followed at 7:00 PM.

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to waive the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting 4/11/2013 and the minutes of the special meeting 4/22/2013. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney to accept the minutes of the regular meeting 4/11/2013 and the minutes of the special meeting 4/22/2013 as written. Motion was carried.

Announcements

Parking Lot bids need to be added to the Town Board Meeting Agenda under old business.

County will be doing shoulder repairs and paving in the Hamlet.
County will be closing the bridge by old cement plant on Route 23 for approximately 60 days for repairs. The County knows this will be an inconvenience and there will be detours to use.
May 18th will be Copake Cleanup Day from 9:00 – Noon.
May 18th and June 1st are the signups for the Summer Program. May 18th is for residents only.
May 31st at 7:00 PM there is a special concert at the Taconic Hills Performing Arts Center by the “Flame”.
June 1st is Columbia County House Hold Hazardous Waste Collection Day from 8:00 AM – Noon.

Correspondence

From Department of The Army – a copy of a permit issue to Gregg Hosier for the installation of a seasonal floating dock and a gravel parking lot pad at Copake Lake.

From Laura Carfi, Maple Lane – a letter requesting the Town Board to petition N.Y.S.D.O.T. to reduce the speed limit on Maple Lane.

From Grant D. Langdon – a letter and emails regarding his son Frank’s alleged false arrest.

From the U.S. Bankruptcy Court Southern District of New York – Notice of presentation of motion and order approving stipulation of settlement between Robert L. Geltzer, as chapter 7 trustee of Michael Rachlin and Costal Camps, Inc., d/b/a Camp Laurel pursuant to rule 9019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

From Veronique Fabio, Z.B.A. Secretary – a letter requesting the Town Board appoint Adam Resnikoff to fill a vacancy on the Z.B.A.

From Cathy Reinard, Chairperson LURC – an email advising the Board that the LURC has decided to continue with their current meeting format and are going to adopt Nan’s suggestions for length of discussion and other time saving techniques.

From Alex Schneider, Director of Development & Community Services, COARC – thanking the Town’s support in putting together the 5th Annual COARC Polar Plunge on February 23rd.

From Assemblymember Didi Barrett – a letter thanking Supervisor Nayer and Councilperson Mettler for taking the time to meet with the Assemblymember mobile district office on April 12th at Dad’s Diner.

From Edgar Masters, Co-Chairman of the Farmland Protection Committee – an email advising the Town Board that the Farmland Protection Committee recommends the appoint of Community Planning & Environmental Associates, Nan Stolzenburg to be the Town’s Consultant for the process of achieving an Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan.

From Arthur J. Bassin, Supervisor, Town of Ancram – a letter stating that the Ancram Conservation Advisory Council opposes approving the application of Camp Pontiac, Copake, New York of using herbicides in Lower Rhoda Pond.

Presentation

Lynda Scheer, Program Coordinator, Healthcare Consortium and NY Connects long term care, presented information to the Board and the Public information regarding two grants that are specific to the residents of Copake and Ancram for assistance in paying for prescriptions and the second grant helps with none emergency transportation relating to medical appointments.

Public Forum:

Grant D. Langdon spoke on his son Frank's alleged false arrest on arson charges in 1987.

Roberta Roll questioned the status of the Casino court case and if Mr. Casino has been issued any building permits for the work he is doing. Supervisor Nayer advised the C.E.O. has been in touch with the Town's Attorney that is handling the case on a regular basis and the May 8th court date has been postponed until a later date due to a conflict in the Judge's schedule. C.E.O. Ferratto advised that Mr. Casino's request for building permits for the work being done on the fruit stand have been denied due to a stop work order being issued on this project. Mr. Casino has been issued building permits for the construction of two retaining walls. The Board expressed their frustration with this matter. The Board will be going into executive session later this evening to discuss this matter.

Department Head's Reports

C.E.O. Ferratto reported that his office has been very busy issuing building permits and following up complaints.

Chris Quinby, Copake Park Commission Member asked the Board to consider changing the door locks on the Park Building to a card system as there are a lot of keys that are out in the public that cannot be accounted for. Supervisor Nayer advised that there needs to be better control over who is issued access to the building and the Board will get prices on a card reader.

Harvey Weber, Environmental Committee reported that the Committee will be meeting more regularly now that spring is here and he has left a lot of information for the Board to review.

Roberta Roll, Copake Hamlet Revitalization Taskforce reported that the recent Bicycle event was a great success and also reported that the new biking brochure has been printed and distributed. The committee continues to meet twice a month and are working on an information brochure to distribute to people coming into the Town to develop a business or new construction and a brochure that will list all of the businesses in Town and maybe all of the Roe Jan Area. The Taskforce also continues to work with Karen DiPerri on the Copake Connection.

New Business

Supervisor Nayer reported that any not-for-profit organization that is interested the Carnival people will be offering two booths to originations that would like a chance to raise money.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler, upon the recommendation of the Farmland Protection Committee, the Town Board appoints Nan Stolzenburg, Community Planning & Environmental Associates to be a consultant for the process of achieving an Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and seconded by Councilperson Mettler to approve the Office for the Aging request to look into the feasibility of offering a third day a week for their nutrition program at the Park Building. Motion was carried.

The Board tabled any action on the Town Code until the next meeting.

Supervisor Nayer received two quotes on cleaning the rugs in the Town Hall. Valley Carpet was \$650.00 and All Clean was \$770.00.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize Supervisor Nayer to spend up to \$650.00 with Valley Carpet to have the Town Hall carpets cleaned. Motion was carried.

The Board extended the period to submit applications to the Citizen Committee to Nominate and a member to Board of Ethics until 6/10/13 do only receiving one application so far.

Councilperson Mettler updated the Board on the RFPs for the redesign of the Town's Website. We got a pretty good return from the RFPs and Councilperson Mettler forward all of them to Noah Elkin and Karen DiPerri who have offered to review them for the Town and make their recommendations to the Board of the top four proposals. When the Board receives the top four RFPs in June interviews can be setup and Councilperson Mettler would like to see Karen and Noah be present at the interviews do to their knowledge of the matter. Councilperson Mettler asked the Board if they would like just the top contenders or the all of the RFPs sent to them to review. The Board felt it would be beneficial to see all of the RFPs.

Supervisor Nayer reviewed the Bids for the Parking Lot and Walking Path repairs and sealing work. EWS'S bid was for \$3,109.00 and Copeland's bid was \$7,500.00. Supervisor Nayer check the references of EWS and got nothing but good results.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia to authorize Supervisor Nayer to enter into a contract with EWS for the repairs and sealing of the Town Hall Parking Lot and Walking Path for a bid price of \$3,109.00 per the detailed specifications. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia upon recommendation of the Copake Z.B.A., to appoint Adam Resnikoff to fill a vacancy as an alternate member to the Z.B.A. Motion was carried.

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia;

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 Maple Lane, a Town Road that comes off of State Route 22.

Resolution # 8
Dated May 9, 2013
Copake, New York

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

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons:

Whereas, by a Resolution passed at the February 2012 Town Board meeting the Town Board of Copake duly constituted the Land Use Review Committee [“LURC”];

And whereas, by Resolution passed at the March 8, 2012 Town Board meeting, the LURC was granted one year to complete its work unless granted an extension by the Town Board;

And whereas, one year of regular meetings and diligent effort has been found to be insufficient time for the completion of the tasks assigned to the LURC;

And whereas, the purposes for which the LURC was constituted remain vital to the Town,
It is hereby

Resolved: That the LURC is hereby granted an extension of one year to continue its work, provided however, that if the Committee has not completed its work within such time, the Town Board may grant an additional extension of time to the Committee in which to complete its work.

Resolution # 9
Dated May 9, 2013
Copake, New York

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

Budget

Supervisor Nayer advised the Board that he has received the first quarter Sales Tax check for \$133,246.41 down slightly from last year’s first quarter and the first Mortgage Tax check is projected at \$62,000.00 plus up over \$28,000.00 from last year.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize Supervisor Nayer to enter into a current contract with Nan Stolzenburg,

Community Planning & Environmental Associates to continue working with the LURC on their project at a rate of \$300.00 per meeting. Motion was carried.

Councilperson Report

Councilperson Mettler advised that the next edition of the Copake Connection is coming out May 17th if anyone has any article or notice to include please get them to Karen or Jeannie as soon as possible.

Public Forum

Roberta Roll asked what time frame did the first quarter sales tax check covered. Supervisor Nayer advised that it was from 12/1/12 to 2/28/13. Roberta also announced that the Copake Farmer's Market will be resuming June 1st and will be weekly this season.

Marsha Peteroy questioned if anything could be done about the white plastic bale covers that are scattered around the old Pierson Farm. C.E.O. Ferratto will look into this matter.

Gloria Lyons questioned how big the savings is on the Town Hall electric sense the solar panels were installed. Supervisor Nayer advised he could not give an exact amount as the statements are very confusing.

Grant Langdon advised the public that he has an article coming out about the history of Copake and he will try to get a copy to the Library.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to go into executive session to discuss matters of litigation. Motion was carried. Councilperson Miller-Simmons excused herself from the executive session due to illness.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia to return to the regular meeting. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia that the bills from General Abstract # 5 and the bills from Highway Abstract # 5 be paid. Motion was carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

