

2017 Yearend Meeting

12/28/17

Members Present: Supervisor Nayer, Councilperson Miller-Simmons, Councilperson Mettler, Councilperson Sullivan and Councilperson Gansowski.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to waive the reading of the minutes of the 12/14/17 meeting and accept the minutes as written. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and was seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to return to the regular meeting. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded Councilperson Sullivan to rescind the motion made at the 12/14/17 regular town board meeting terminating the employment of J. Craig Surprise as the Town of Copake's Sole Assessor and rescind his termination. Motion was carried. Four yes votes, Supervisor Nayer voted no.

Correspondence:

From Richard Wolf – a copy of a letter of resignation to Leonard Barham, Chairman of the Board of Ethics.

From Jeffrey Judd Copake ZBA – a letter recommending the reappointment of Jon Strom to another term on the Copake Zoning Board of Appeals.

From Liana Roberts, Chairperson Copake Parks & Recreation Commission – an email requesting the Board appoint Terri DeRocha, Terry Sullivan and Lynn Connelly to three year terms.

From Kevin Egan, Director Government Affairs, Charter Communications - a letter advise a price increase in 2018.

From Grant Langdon – an email in favor of the Town allowing parking on Empire Road near the Grange.

From Lee Heim, Code Enforcement Officer – a letter advising the Board that the following Junkyards/Motor Vehicle Storage Areas are in compliance: Jim's Auto Body, Dell's Auto Body, Performance Auto, Davis Auto Body and H.D. Enterprises.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler per the recommendation of the Copake C.E.O., the Town Board hereby renews the following Junkyard/Motor Vehicle Storage Area Permits for 2018: Jim's Auto Body, Dell's Auto Body, Performance Auto, Davis Auto Body and H.D. Enterprises. Motion was carried. Councilperson Gansowski abstained from voting on Performance Auto Body.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to approve settling the following tax certiorari proceeding at the indicated Reduced Assessments, and to authorize the Town's attorney to execute the Settlement Agreement accordingly.

Jonathan C. Urban v. Assessor of the Town of Copake, Index No. 10496-16

Parcel 1, 165.-1-99.100:

Original assessment \$730,000

Reduced Assessment \$600,000

Parcel 2, 165.-1-99.200

Original Assessment \$1,285,100

Reduced Assessment \$1,050,100

Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to authorize the following Budget Transfer:

From:

A5132.4 (Garage)	1116.25
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To:

A8810.47 (Cemetery)	1116.25
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Motion was carried.

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to reappointment of Jon Strom to another five year term ending on December 31, 2022. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to appoint Terry DeRocha, Terry Sullivan and Lynn Connolly to three year terms on the Copake Parks & Recreation Commission ending on December 31, 2020. Motion was carried.

Councilperson Report:

Councilperson Mettler is going to prepare a statement for the Website, Facebook Page and the Copake Connection regarding paying Property Taxes early.

Supervisor Nayer thanked Councilperson Sullivan for her years of service to the Town.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons that the bills from Highway Abstract # 12A and the bills from the General Abstract # 12A be paid. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,