

Regular Town Board Meeting

11/10/16

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 10/13/16 Town Board Meeting approve the minutes as written with the following correction replace “ Rail Trail Program” with “Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association”. Motion was carried.

Announcements:

Adopt a tree program to decorate the Hamlet, Saturday Noon – 2:00pm the Furnace Blast Program, Thanksgiving Day Dinner 2:00 pm at the Copake Memorial Park Building which is free to everyone sponsored by the West Copake Church, 12/10 Annual Holiday Parade lineup at 5:00pm parade starts at 5:30pm, 12/3/16 Craft Fair & Bake Sale sponsored by the Hudson Valley Knit Club at the Copake Memorial Park. A special thank you to Liana Roberts for another great haunted house display at the Copake Memorial Park.

Correspondence:

From Roberta Roll, Chairperson Copake Hamlet Task Force – an email from Russ Davis resigning from the Task Force.

From Warren Bloomfield – a letter expressing his concern with misquotes and longtime safety/drain issues. A second letter complaining of a dog off leash in Copake off Anthony Street Extension.

Department Head/Committee Reports: None

The following presentation was presented by Deb Cohen:

Mission Statement

Copake Broadband Committee

The 2011 Town of Copake Comprehensive Plan specifically calls for the development of competitive high speed internet:

*An excellent telecommunications infrastructure will be critical to establishing Copake as a competitive business location. In addition to high speed infrastructure for email and entertainment, the community needs to plan for other forms of e-commerce as well as advanced services such as distance learning and telemedicine". pg 33*

*Action: Develop modern telecommunications for residents, businesses, and emergency service providers, including cellular and high speed data, wireless internet, cable and satellite television and entertainment, that are sited in such a way as to have minimal or no impact on scenic resources. pg 34*

The Copake Broadband Committee seeks to implement this directive in concert with Governor Cuomo’s broadband initiative for New York State.

Accordingly, the purpose of the Copake Broadband Committee will be to collect all relevant data regarding all forms of telecommunications in our town. This should include cable franchise agreements, “as built” maps of all installations, Internet service providers both wired and unwired, telephone companies and utility companies that own and/or control utility pole real estate.

Special note should be taken to designate unserved or poorly served areas of each town.

The Copake Broadband Committee will serve as a liaison between the town, county, state, and community members for sharing important and relevant information needed to facilitate and expedite our common goal of bringing affordable, reliable and truly high speed broadband to every business and household in our town.

The committee will also serve as a resource for the Copake Town Board when negotiating franchise agreements and lobbying state and federal agencies for grant opportunities.

The committee shall comprise five to seven members who possess a strong interest in the Committee’s mission, as well as basic knowledge and experience in broadband technology.

Public Forum:

Bob Haight questioned the status of Councilperson Gansowski proposal to have a curb cut in the guide rail at the triangle on the south shore of Copake Lake. Supervisor Nayer advised that Councilperson went on his own as a private citizen to the County not as a member of the Town Board and the County is not very receptive to the idea. Councilperson Gansowski did meet with County and the issue has not been dropped, the State is now involved in this matter. Marcia Becker spoke in agreement with Councilperson Gansowski and Bob Haight.

New Business:

Supervisor Nayer recommended changing the number of people on the Broad Band Committee to 3 to 7 people. Councilperson Mettler spoke in support of the establishment of the Town Broad Band Committee. Councilperson Gansowski questioned if there were any grants available for Broad Band? Supervisor Nayer stated that there may be grants available through New York State.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to accept the mission statement and form a Town Broad Band Committee. Motion was carried.

The Board agreed to advertise for 3 – 7 members of the Town Broad Band Committee and have all letters of interest return to the Town Clerk’s Office by 2:00pm on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Nayer advised that we have applications for vacancies on the ZBA, Planning Board, Task Force and Parks & Recreation Commission and the applications will be forwarded to these Boards to set up interviews and the Town Board should be invited to attend these interviews. The Board decided to hold off on interviewing the Cleaner/Booking Agent until the applications are in for the Town Broad Band Committee are received in December.

Old Business:

No action was taken on the Proposed Zoning Revision.

The Town Board and the Town Attorney discussed the proposed Solar Local Law and decided to set a Public Hearing for December. A motion was made by Supervisor Nayer and seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to introduce the Proposed Local Solar Law and set a Public Hearing for December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer reported that he had looked into to see if there were grants to construct a new records storage building and there were none. Supervisor Nayer looked into taking the meeting room in the old West Copake Fire House and refurbishing that into a records storage room and we can construct this room in house for approximately \$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00. There is money left in this year's budget to purchase the materials and construct this room.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize the construction of a records storage room in the old West Copake Fire House. Motion was carried.

Resolutions:

The follow resolution was offered by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Copake hereby establishes the following standard work day for the position of Park Superintendent, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Councilperson and Dog Control Officer will be 6 hours and will report the official to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities.

Resolution # 18	Supervisor Nayer	yes
Dated November 10, 2016	Councilperson Miller-Simmons	yes
Copake, New York	Councilperson Mettler	yes
	Councilperson Sullivan	yes
	Councilperson Gansowski	yes

Budget:

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize the Parks & Recreation Commission to spend up to \$500.00 for the Annual Holiday Parade. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer reported that the third quarter sales tax check was \$172,868.46 up 6.5% from last year's third quart check. Mortgage tax projection is going to be close to what the Town budgeted.

Councilperson Report:

Councilperson Mettler stated that the trees in the Hamlet will be the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Councilperson Miller-Simmons thanked Liana Roberts for the great job she did on the Haunted House, it is really a lot of work.

Councilperson Gansowski reported that the ZBA is moving along with the proposed welding shop and Craryville Gas Station.

Supervisor Nayer reported that the old Random Harvest Building is moving through the channels to be reopened.

Public Forum:

Roberta Roll question an update on Casino's case? Supervisor Nayer reported that Mr. Casino is still in jail, no other updates.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Mettler that the bills from Highway Abstract # 11 and the bills from General Abstract # 11 be paid. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

Respectfully submitted,