

Regular Town Board Meeting

June 14, 2018

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Wolf to waive the reading of the minutes of the May 10th regular Town Board meeting and the minutes of the June 2nd special Town Board meeting and accept them as written. Motion was carried.

Correspondence:

From Warren Shaw, P.E. Assistant Engineer, Dam Safety Section, N.Y.S.D.E.C. – a copy of a letter sent to Glen Ganz, Maintenance Director, T.S.P.O.A. regarding the routine inspection of the Robinson Pond Dam.

From Arnold Anderson, Post Quartermaster, VFW Post 7955 – a letter requesting their 2018 budgeted funds for the various community programs that they run.

From Victor Goode – an email advising the Town Board that Ben Meir is in violation of the Town Zoning Laws.

From Bill Gregory, Highway Superintendent – an email requesting permission to order a 2019 7500 series single axle 4x4 with an all season body, plow and wing.

From Roberta Roll – an email requesting the Town Board appoint Alan Friedman to the Hamlet Taskforce.

From Kevin Egan, Director, Government Affairs, Charter Communication a letter explaining the upcoming program changes.

From Marc I. Gross, Senior Counsel, Pomerantz LLP – a copy of a letter to Ms. Jennifer Crosby requesting an explanation why they are failing to abide by the terms of the Supreme Court Agreement.

From the Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation – a letter and check for \$5,000.00 to go towards the Summer Park Enrichment Program.

From Fran Pross – an email stating her concerns with invasion of the Japanese Knotweed and requesting the Town look into measures to control this invasive plant.

From Kevin Egan, Director, Government Affairs, Charter Communication a letter adjusting the dates for the upgraded service to start to July 24th.

From Bryan Van Tassel, Summer Playground Director - an email requesting the appointment of Katelyn Jensen as a Summer Counselor replacing Matthew Leipman who is unable to work due to other obligations.

Councilperson Mettler stated that she received an email from Lisa DeLeeuw, Executive Director, HVRTA requesting a letter of support for the NYS DOT TAP Grant from the Town Board dated Monday, June 11th

after our final agenda was already out, so Councilperson Mettler distributed it by email to all the Board Members.

Announcements:

Entertainment in the Park every Saturday Evening starting at 7:00pm. American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Town Hall Saturday, June 23rd 9:00am-Noon.

Department Head/ Committee Reports: None

Public Forum: None

New Business:

Highway Superintendent Gregory explained to the Board the problems they have been having with a 2009 4700 Dump Truck. Superintendent Gregory is requesting to move the date for replacement of this vehicle to 2019 and replace this vehicle with a new 2019 7500 series single axle 4x4 with an all season body, plow and wing. Supervisor Nayer stated that this truck will be funded by fund balance and reserves if necessary.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to authorize Highway Superintendent Gregory proceed with ordering a 2019 7500 series single axle 4x4 with a stainless steel all season body, plow and wing. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer reported that he got the estimate from the Town's Insurance to add the small structures at the Park that were not on the Policy and it comes to around \$40.00 a year.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to authorize Supervisor Nayer to add \$34,000.00 total additional coverage for the Dugouts and Concession Stand for an additional annual premium of \$40.00. Motion was carried.

The Board set two dates for interviewing the applicants for the 7A Rehab Committee, Wednesday, June 27th from 5:00pm - 6:00pm and Thursday, June 28th from 5:00pm – 8:00pm.

Supervisor Nayer reported that there was a great Memorial Day Parade, great turnout of watchers and the Hamlet businesses reported a great day. We also had no reports of graves not being decorated this year. Supervisor Nayer will process the Copake VFW check for \$500.00.

Supervisor Nayer received complaints of a crack in the Park Tennis Court. Highway Superintendent Gregory is contacting a repair company to give us different ideas on the best way to make the repairs. Supervisor Nayer stated we know the court needs to be repaired, we will get an idea for the repairs and put it out for bids. Whether it gets done this year or not will depend on budgetary issues coming up this year.

Supervisor Nayer advised the Board that he was notified by the Union that the retirees will not be covered by the Union Health Insurance after they leave employment.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to authorize Supervisor Nayer and Councilperson Miller-Simmons to negotiate with the Union Representative for Health Insurance Coverage for retirees. Also if a decision has to be made prior to the

next Board Meeting Supervisor Nayer has the authority to proceed with a M.O.U. without bringing this back to the Board for further approval. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer thanked Tim Albright for his years of service to the Town and wished him a Happy Retirement.

Supervisor Nayer expressed his feelings about the recent issue with HVRT letter and reviewed previous letters of support that he has written over the last 6 ½ years for various Grants. Councilperson Mettler stated she got the email from Lisa DeLeeuw, Executive Director, HVRTA requesting a letter of support for the NYS DOT TAP Grant, then it was forwarded to the Board, knowing that it was time sensitive Councilperson Mettler filled in the information on the form letter and sent it to the Town Board thinking that she was helping out. In no way was Councilperson Mettler trying to do any ones job. Supervisor Nayer stated just let me do my job. Councilperson Wolf stated he feels that some of the people using the rail trail will use the spur to come into the hamlet and that will make people happy and as to the process of you doing your job as Supervisor, as for someone who has ran a Board himself, if you don't continue doing what you have been doing, the Board will stop functioning, nobody is telling you not to do your job.

Old Business:

There will be a Town Board Zoning Review Workshop June 27th at 6:00pm to review and address questions and comments that were brought up at the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Nayer reported that the Dugout roof repairs are almost completed and the Concession Stand roof is done and the Pavilion roof, Bathroom roof and the fence have to be repaired yet.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Mettler that the following transferred be made:

FROM

A1620.47 (Operation of Plants)	\$6000.00
A5132.4 (Garage)	\$6000.00
	\$12,000.00

TO

A7140.472 (Playgrounds)	\$12,000.00
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Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to appoint Allen Friedman to the Copake Hamlet Revitalization Taskforce. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to appoint Katelyn Jensen as a Summer Counselor for 2018. Motion was carried.

Council Report:

Councilperson Mettler reported that the Copake Fire Company #1 is having their Trash & Treasurer Day and the Grange is having music and festivities on August 4th. The Taskforce has reached out to the Hamlet Businesses to see if they would be interested doing some sort of a promotion on the same day. Supervisor Nayer asked if the Chair of the Taskforce and Councilperson Mettler could meet June 27th at 9:00am.

Councilperson Gansowski, Highway Superintendent Gregory are going to meet with Trout Unlimited to start looking at Town Culverts and water R.O.W. They will need a letter from the Town Supervisor to proceed.

Public Forum: None

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and was seconded by Councilperson Wolf that the bills from Highway Abstract # 6 and the bills from the General Abstract # 6 be paid. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,