

Regular Town Board Meeting

August 11, 2018

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to waive the reading of the minutes of the July 12th regular Town Board meeting and accept them as written. Motion was carried.

Correspondence:

From Nicole Miller, Copake Court – a letter requesting approval to apply for JCAP Grant this year.

From Paul Tirums, Regional Structurer Engineer – a letter advising the Town that NYSDOT has started the design phase on a bridge painting project which includes the Bridge on Route 22 crossing the Roeliff Jansen Kill, Bin 1016810.

From Steve & Barbara Smith – a letter thanking the Town and especially Lisa DeConti for handling their FOIL Request efficiently, courteously and in a very timely manner.

From Brad Sherwood, Project Manager, Upstate New York Section, Department of Army – A copy of a letter to Fred Bunger, 15 Longley Drive advising that proposed work of discharging stone fill below the ordinary high water mark of Copake Lake to facilitate the stabilization and prevention of further erosion of the previously installed coir logs along 300 feet of shoreline may proceed without further authorization from the Department of Army.

From Brad Sherwood, Project Manager, Upstate New York Section, Department of Army – A copy of a letter to Douglas & Jennifer Tanner, 118 Weed Mine Road advising that their proposed swimming pool and adjacent features are not a regulated activity under the jurisdiction of the Department of Army.

From Brian Moon, Real Property Analyst 2, NYS Department of Taxation & Finance – a letter advising that the State Office of Real Property Tax Services established a final State equalization rate of 102% for the Town of Copake.

From Charter Communications – a letter notifying of upcoming programming changes.

Announcements: Copake Falls Day is on Saturday, August 18th starting at 8:00am, Music in Park tonight and we have three more events. Check the sliders on the Website for more events.

Department Head Reports:

Bob Haight, Chairman, Copake Planning Board questioned if it was possible to charge for man hours related to FOIL requests? We are experiencing requests for more information than the normal and it is amounting to a lot of extra work and hours for the Planning Board Clerk. Supervisor Nayer will check with the Association of Town's Attorney regarding this matter.

Public Forum: None

New Business:

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

We the Members of the Town Board of the Town of Copake do hereby authorize the Copake Town Court Clerk to submit the JCAP Grant to the New York State Unified Court System for a total of \$2,692.82 for 3 – 4 draw file cabinets, 2 – office desk chairs, 2 - chair mats and 1 – lateral file cabinet.

Resolution # 9	Supervisor Nayer	yes
Dated August 9, 2018	Councilperson Miller-Simmons	yes
Copake, New York	Councilperson Mettler	yes
	Councilperson Gansowski	absent
	Councilperson Wolf	yes

Supervisor Nayer advised that we have sent the laws and Zoning Code to the Codification Company for a quote.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Mettler to contract with Phelps Brother Roofing for repairs to the Town Hall Roof over the front entrance for under \$1,000.00. Motion was carried.

The Board moved the September Town Board Meeting to Tuesday, September 11th due to the State Primary scheduled for Thursday, September 13th.

Supervisor Nayer advised the Board that the Town’s Computer Consultant Sean Carbine advised him that the Town will be faced with replacing most of the computers next year as Microsoft will no longer support Windows 7 operating systems.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to approve the following settlement agreements for Article 7 tax certiorari proceedings, at the indicated revised assessment amounts, and to authorize the Town’s Attorney to execute settlement agreements accordingly.

Winsor, Index No. 10472-16, \$700,000

Lusman, Index No. 10463-16 \$1,125,000

Farmland Renewal, Index No. 11730-17

Parcel No. 187.-1-2.111: \$800,000

Parcel No. 176.3-4-48.111: \$450,000

Parcel No. 176.3-4-48.120: \$200,000

Motion was carried.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to authorize Supervisor Nayer to advertise for bids to the Town’s Tennis Court. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer advised that he still working on the Health Insurance issue.

The Board tabled the shared services agreement for the C.E.O. until the Town's Attorney has a chance to finish reviewing the agreement.

Budget:

We received a sale tax check for \$181,549.07 for this quarter.

Supervisor Nayer reported that he is working on the 2019 budget figures.

Councilperson Report:

Councilperson Wolf reported that the Broadband Committee will be on a hiatus until they hear on further developments. Also Councilperson Wolf attended a meeting with Consolidated Communications and unlike Spectrum Charter, Consolidated was very forth coming and transparent with an interactive map showing the build area for Broadband and they made the point that if your home is not in the Broadband build area, beginning January 2019 they will start entertaining requests to extend the service to your home if you are anywhere near the build area. Also Councilperson Wolf commented on how well the Planning Board handled some unwarranted criticism and personal attacks and the Smiths who are not in favor of this planned construction stood up and defended the Planning Board and applauded the way they were handling this situation.

Councilperson Mettler reported that the County Route 7A Rehab Committee had their first meeting, all were in attendance. Their regular meeting night will be the third Thursday of the month at 6:00pm.

Public Forum:

Bob Haight, Chairman Copake Planning Board questioned if when we got the new computers will the ZBA, Building Department and Planning Board be linked together. Supervisor Nayer stated that was a software program and we can revisit that software in the future.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler that the bills from Highway Abstract # 8 and the bills from General Abstract # 8 be paid. Motion was carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

