

## Regular Town Board Meeting

September 11, 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 Gansowski to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 11th regular Town Board meeting and accept them as written. Motion was carried.

Announcements: The K.I.S.S. program will be running from 9/10 until 9/21, the American Red Cross is very much in need of types of blood and check the Town's Website.

Correspondence:

From Greener Pathways – information on help that is available for people struggling with Opioid Addiction.

From Kevin Egan, Director, Government Affairs Charter Communications – two letters explaining changes to their channel programming.

From Steve and Barbara Smith – a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Ed Goff, Regional Traffic Engineer, NYSDOT expressing their opinion that the Traffic Study that was performed by Creighton Manning Engineers is seriously flawed and request NYSDOT to authorize a new study conducted by a party not associated with the applicant.

Department Heads/Committee Reports: None

Public Forum: Chris Quinby asked if we could observe a moment of silence at the end of the meeting to honor those who lost their lives in the 9/11 tragedy. Supervisor Nayer stated that they will be holding a moment of silence at the end of the meeting.

New Business:

Supervisor Nayer advised the Board that we received one bid for the repairs to the Park Tennis Court from Copeland Coating Company, Inc. for \$13,695.00.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to award the Park Tennis Court repairs to Copeland Coating Company, Inc. for a bid price of \$13,695.00. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer stated that the Town's Car is getting very little use as our C.E.O./B.I. is using the one he has assigned to him by the other Towns and suggested surplus this vehicle and entering into an inter-municipal agreement with the three other Towns he works for.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to advertise for the following openings: one Z.B.A. member, one Planning Board Member, one Board of Assessment Review Board Member, two Board of Ethics Members, three Parks & Creation Commission Members and multiple Conservation Advisory Committee Members. All resumes and/or letters of interest must be back to the Town Clerk's Office by 2:00pm on October 9, 2018. Motion was carried.

Councilperson Gansowski asked to improve the chances of filling the vacancies on the Conservation Advisory Commission by changing the Mission Statement to read "3-9 residents or individuals that their primary occupation was in the Town of Copake". The Board tabled any decision on this matter at this time and see what kind of response we get from the advertisement.

Supervisor Nayer reported that they are still in negotiations with the Union and the Highway Department on the changes to the Health Insurance Policy.

Supervisor Nayer reviewed the Shared Service Agreement for the C.E.O./Building Inspector between the Town of Copake, Town of Hillsdale, Town of Canaan and the Village of Philmont. Supervisor Nayer reviewed how much the Town could possibly get by surplus the car and the savings on the Town's Insurance. Attorney Dow's only concern was who will be making the appointment, Supervisor Nayer will work this out with other Towns and asked the Board to allow him to proceed with this agreement that will take effect January 1, 2019 pending that the other parties agree to the change. Councilperson Wolf asked how the apportioning of time would be handled. Supervisor Nayer advised that the C.E.O./Building Inspector contracts with each party for so many hours a week and that would not change. Councilperson Gansowski questioned what would happen if one of the other three parties want him for more hours. Supervisor Nayer stated that would not have any effect on his hours for the Town of Copake. Councilperson Mettler agreed that this idea of shared services is great, but she feels that the Town of Copake needs to be able to select their C.E.O./B.I. and not have to use someone that the other three parties choose necessarily. Supervisor Nayer emphasized that all parties involved would have to agree on the individual selected. The Board tabled this matter to the next meeting.

#### Budget:

Supervisor Nayer reviewed the Tentative Budget and explained that the amount to be raised by taxes for the Town's portion will not be increased. Supervisor Nayer noted that for the last seven years there has not been a tax increase.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to adopt the Tentative Budget for 2019 as the Preliminary Budget for 2019 and schedule a Public Hearing for the 2019 Preliminary Budget for October 11, 2018 at 6:45pm. Motion was carried.

#### Appointments:

Town Clerk Proper appointed Lynn Connolly as Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector.

#### Councilperson Report:

Councilperson Wolf reviewed the highlights of this month's Planning Board Meeting. Chairman Robert Haight kept the Public Hearing open on the proposed gas station/convenience store at the intersection of NYS Route 23 and Columbia County Route 7 in Craryville for two main issues, safety issues with traffic report on the intersection and the design issues of the size of the project. Councilperson Wolf pointed out that Attorney Dow did advise that the new zoning code can apply to this project.

Councilperson Mettler advised that the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Roe Jan Ramble will be September 22, 2018 starting at the Copake Memorial Park with a stagger starting time for the riders starting at 8:00am for the first group riding the longest route. The idea with the stagger starting time is to hope that all the riders arrive

back at the Park close to the same time and there will be music at the Park in the afternoon. We are anticipating approximately 300 riders for this event.

Councilperson Ganzowski questioned if N.Y.S.D.O.T. has given a date when Lackawanna Road would be reopened to the Public. Supervisor Nayer said that the last update from N.Y.S.D.O.T. was that they went down to inspect the work being done and they had a few more issues that needed to be addressed and should be reopened soon.

Public Forum: None

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski that the bills from Highway Abstract # 9 and the bills from the General Abstract # 9 be paid. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer asked everyone to please stand for a moment of silence for the families of those who lost love ones in the 9/11 tragedy 17 years ago today.

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

Respectfully submitted,