

Regular Town Board Meeting

& Public Hearing

11-9-17

Supervisor Nayer opened the Public Hearing at 6:45pm with 2 people in attendance. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to present the Proposed 2018 Preliminary Budget. There were no question or comments from the audience. Supervisor Nayer closed the Public Hearing at 6:48pm.

The regular meeting of the Town Board followed at 7:00pm.

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 Sullivan to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 12, 2017 Town Board Meeting and accept the minutes as written. Motion was carried.

Announcements:

Saturday 11/11/17 Furnace Fest at the State Park in Copake Falls, December 2nd & 3rd will be The Knit Club of the Hudson Valley Craft Fair & Bake Sale at the Copake Park Building, Light Parade will be December 9th. The Haunted House was a great success with 160 adults and 140 children attending this event. The Park Commission brought in over \$1,100.00.

Correspondence:

From Devan Singh – an email reminding the Board of his nomination to the Columbia County Environmental Committee.

From Anthony Grippa – a letter filing a complaint about the operation of a gun shooting range at 2015 County Route 7, Copake, New York.

From Peter Paden, CLC Executive Director and Ed Simonsen Chair of the C.C.E.M.C. – a letter requesting the Towns help in creating the Columbia County Natural Resources Inventory.

From Grant Langdon – numerous letters regarding his barn fires.

From the Roe Jan Young at Hearters – a thank you for the Town's donation of \$500.00.

From Hollie Van Tassel – a letter of interest for the position of Assistant Summer Playground Director.

Department Head/Committee Reports: None

Public Forum:

Grant Langdon requested the Board pass a resolution to censure Da Czajka for the action which he took against his son. Mr. Langdon asked if any the Board Members would make that resolution. Mr. Langdon asked if the Board would back a Commission that would investigate misconduct of D.A.

Barbara Smith from Hillsdale voiced her concerned of a traffic safety issue which will come in to play if the proposed convenient store/gas station is allowed to be built at the intersection of N.Y.S. Route 23

and Craryville Road. She gave a petition to the Board with 61 names on regarding this issue and have a traffic study and possibly a light at this location.

Marcia Becker representing the Copake Grange requested the Board consider permitting parking on the east side of Empire Road. Supervisor Nayer said that it is not a good idea as the road is narrow. Supervisor Nayer will speak to the Highway Superintendent and put it on Old Business.

New Business:

Supervisor Nayer advised that the County is passing a resolution extending the Cold War Veterans so they will be able to continue getting their exemptions and would like to see the Town also consider doing the same. Our Assessor stated that it would be \$164,000.00 in exemptions.

The Conservation Advisory Committee only has two members, we need either get more members or do away with the Committee. Councilperson Mettler thought maybe Devan Singh would be a good candidate for our Conservation Advisory Committee, Supervisor Nayer said he does not meet the criteria to be on this Committee, he does not have the Conservation background.

Supervisor Nayer reported the Community Rescue Squad is asking for \$235,732.00 for 2018 which is up \$1,975.00 or .84%.

A Motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to approve budgeting \$235,732.00 for the Community Rescue Squad for their 2018 budget and further more authorize Supervisor Nayer to sign an agreement with Columbia County to charge back for the Community Rescue Squad funding. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize Supervisor Nayer to meet with The Bank of Greene County as the Town's Financial Officer to have them do an evaluation for the Town. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer advised the Board that we received an invitation to attend a meeting to discuss forming a Columbia County Nature Resources Inventory, Supervisor Nayer will not be able to attend, and if any Board Member is available they are more than welcome to represent the Town.

Supervisor Nayer ask Attorney Dow to review the Columbia Greene Humane Society contract for 2018 and the Board will discuss this under old business in December.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and seconded by Councilperson to re advertise and take out an ad in the Columbia Paper for the vacancies on the Planning Board, Park Commission, Ethics Board and the Conservation Advisory Committee. Letters of interests should be returned to the Town Clerk's Office on 12/5/17 at 2:00pm. Motion was carried.

The Board set a Zoning Revision Workshop for Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30pm.

Councilperson Mettler reported that she reviewed the information from the Census Bureau 2020 local update and spoke to a representative also and if the Town was to participate in this program what the Town would be doing is review the records and advise the Census Bureau of any new residencies.

Councilperson Mettler will be contacting the County to see if they are going to be participating in this program and if so will they be including all of the Towns in their response.

Supervisor Nayer advised that they will be installing electrical tape in the gutters at the front of the Town Hall in hopes of preventing the ice buildup on the north facing roof.

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to appoint Devin Singh as the Town of Copake Representative to the Columbia County Environment Management Council to fill the unexpired two year term. Motion was carried.

Budget:

Supervisor Nayer reported that this the 6th year that there has not been an increase in taxes.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Mettler to adopt the 2018 Preliminary Budget as the Adopted Budget for 2018. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer reported the third quarter sales check was \$185,651.15 up 7.4% from last year's third quarter.

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

From:

A8020.478 (LURC)	6,550.00
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To:

A1355.44 (Professional Services)	5,000.00
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A3510.47 (Control of Dogs)	1,000.00
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A4020.48 (Register of Vital Statistics)	150.00
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A8810.4 (Cemetery)	400.00
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Motion was carried.

Councilperson Report:

Councilperson Mettler reported that the Business signs should be completed next week and installed the following week.

Councilperson Miller-Simmons reported that the Park Commission has asked for cookies for the Light Parade again this year.

Councilperson Gansowski reported that the State is starting their assessment of the culverts in the Town of Copake. Z.B.A. only had one application before them. Also he applauded Liana and the rest of the Park Commission on the work they did on the Haunted House.

Public Forum:

Grant Langdon asked if he was allowed to address the Board Members during this Public Forum? Supervisor Nayer said you are addressing the entire Board but he would determine if an individual member will reply.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and was seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters regarding Summer Playground Assistant Director and B.A.R. Member. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to return to the Regular Meeting. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and was seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to appoint Hollie Van Tassel as the Assistant Summer Playground Director for 2018. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to re appoint William Newcomb to B.A.R. for a five year term expiring on 9/30/2222. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski that the bills from the General Abstract # 11 and the bills from Highway Abstract # 11 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,