

Regular Town Meeting

May 11, 2017

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to waive the reading of the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Town Board Meeting April 13th and approve the minutes with the correction of the spelling of "Futrell" in the sixth paragraph. Motion was carried.

Announcements: 5/20/17 Copake Clean Up Day, 6/17/17 Col. Co. Hazardous Waste Day, 5/23/17 Grievance Day 4-8 pm, 6/17/17 Music-in the-Park starts with the Ghent Band, Check the Town Website for upcoming events.

Correspondence:

From Nelson Alfred Jr., Hillsdale Town Attorney – notice of a Public Hearing April 27th at 11:00am on proposed Local Law # 2 – 2017.

From Grant Langdon – three letters regarding the arson charges against his son and the destruction of his barns.

From Lindsey LeBrecht, Secretary Parks & Recreation Commission – a letter for the Board Members donation of Easter Baskets to the Easter Egg Hunt event.

Department Head Report: None

Public Forum: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to schedule a Special Meeting for Thursday, June 1st at 10:00am for the purpose of Trout Unlimited making a presentation to the Board on grants that are available for Towns for culvert restoration and any other matter that come before the Board. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer thanked the Copake Highway Department Employees for the great job they did with two foot snow storm we had and with the erecting of the new playground equipment.

Old Business:

Supervisor Nayer introduced proposed Local Law # 3 of 2017 Entitled "A Local Law to Increase Veterans' Tax Exemptions and to establish a Gold Star Parent Exemption" and went on to explain that with the new exemption in place it would be about \$3,500.00 to make up the difference.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and was seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to set a Public Hearing for June 8, 2017 at 6:50pm for Proposed Local Law # 3 entitled "A Local Law to Increase Veterans' Tax Exemptions and to Establish a Gold Star Parent Exemption". Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer reviewed the changes that he had been working on in the Union Contract.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize Supervisor Nayer to execute the amendment to the Union Contract on behalf of the Town of Copake. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer stated he will work on changing the Policy Manual to reflect the changes made in the Union Contract.

The Board set a Town Board Workshop for proposed Zoning Revisions for Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Conference Room.

Budget:

Supervisor Nayer advised the Board that he invested \$1,050,000.00 in three CD so one will come due every month.

First Quarter Sales Tax check was \$154,857.21, Mortgage Tax check will be \$70,577.53.

Councilperson Report:

Councilperson Mettler reported that the Task Force met with Chris Quinby from the Parks & Recreation Commission regarding trying to get the community involved with their 35th Anniversary Celebration on August 5th. The Taskforce is going to work with the local businesses to see if they will offer specials for that day and they will be trying to get local artists to set up a display at the Copake Grange Building. The R.J. Ramble is moving along, both Hillsdale and Ancram have joined Copake in sponsoring this event. The new Chair of the Ramble is Tom Goldsworthy with a lot of new people volunteering this year and they are creating a website.

Councilperson Sullivan advised that she will not be able to make the next Broadband Committee meeting and the Ethic Board has nothing before them this month.

Councilperson Miller-Simmons reported that the Park Commission raised \$206.00 in their Easter Basket Raffle. Thanked the Copake Highway Department for the great job they did in erecting the new playground equipment. The next meeting of the 35th Anniversary Committee is May 22nd at 7:00pm at the Park Building and anyone interest in helping are urged to attend. The Park Commission voted this year to donate up to \$900.00 for a field trip for the Summer Program. The Music-in-the-Park Program is coming along and would like to thank Chris Quinby and the rest of the Committee for the great job they have done.

Councilperson Gansowski commented on that this is the first year he attended the Easter Egg Hunt and he has never seen so many eggs disappear so fast, the Parks & Recreation Commission did a great job. Tomorrow Councilperson Gansowski will be meeting with Trout Unlimited on a trial run of getting the funds for Fred Barringers Bridge.

Supervisor Nayer advised that Camphill Village has asked if they could use the Park Building twice a week for lunches while they are renovating there Dinning Hall. There are a couple of dates that the building would not be available, but they have agreed to work around those dates. We had sent in a request to the Rhinestrom Foundation for a grant to offset the cost of field trips for the Summer Program and they have agreed to donate \$3,500.00.

Public Forum: None

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski that the bills from Highway Abstract # 5 and the bills from General Abstract # 5 be paid. Motion was carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,