

TOWN BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 8, 2018

Deputy Supervisor Miller-Simmons opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with 9 people in attendance.

Members present: Deputy Supervisor Miller- Simmons, Councilperson Mettler, Councilperson Gansowski. Councilperson Wolf, Attorney Dow. Supervisor Nayer was absent.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler seconded by Councilperson Wolf to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 11, 2018 and the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting 10/23/18 and accept them as written. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

From Ethics Board – A letter asking Terry Sullivan be reappointed to the board.

From N.Y.S. D.E.C. – A letter about upgrading water waste treatment at Camp Waubeeka.

From Charter Communications. – A letter informing town Viacom is discontinuing its Nick 2 service.

From Gray Davis – A letter of concern about the proposed gas station in Craryville.

From Mr. Langdon – A letter which will be attached to minutes.

Department Heads: None

Public Forum: None

New Business:

Deputy Supervisor thanked the Park Commission and Chairperson Roberts for their hard work on the Haunted House. The profit was just over \$ 800.00.

Supervisor Nayer has been looking into CD rates, TD Bank is offering 1.9 to 2% on CDs. If we make the move to TD Bank, the money were looking at is 1.25 million and interest of \$22,000 a year as opposed to \$11, 250 a year.

Councilperson Mettler, has asked the Board to waive the fees for a sign their looking to put on Route 22. In February the Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force had a meeting and invited businesses to attend, the one voice was a desire to have a sign on Route 22 for business. I went to State D.O.T. and Columbia County with help from Highway Superintendent Gregory. We have a business sign by the Vets Hospital. The business people were hoping to put another on Route 22. The Copake Community Service Inc. looked into this and we received contributions from the Hudson River Bank

and Trust Company, the Bank of Green County, Key Bank, another business and promised money from Columbia Memorial Health. The sign would say Hamlet of Copake, Foods, Shop, Gas, Rapid Care, right turn ¼ mile. Under new zoning there's a 4 foot sign height limit and the sign is higher than that. We went to the building inspector and the sign was denied. We filed paper work for a variance, the fees are \$181.70 I'm asking the Board to waive the fees.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski seconded by Councilperson Wolf to waive the fees for the CCSI sign. Motion carried.

Consolidated Communication has made a request for a possible franchise with the Town.

Old Business:

The Town car was sold for \$5,000.00.

The Lackawanna road request:

Councilperson Wolf, at the October board meeting we had a discussion about a letter from Mr. Casino. He wrote that the Highway Superintendent came to the farm and asked how he felt about relinquishing rite of passage on Lackawanna Road, it would make it a completely private road for the farm. He would be in favor. I did not read this as a request at the October meeting Highway Superintendent Gregory stated he did not float the idea to Mr. Casino, Clearly there was no request if there was I would have opposed it as I stated at last month's meeting.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf seconded by Councilperson Gansowski that the board declare they have no intention of converting Lackawanna Road to a private road. Motion carried.

Attorney Dow said you can't give away a private road, its illegal.

Workforce Violence/Sexual Harassment training – Teri Traver and Supervisor Nayer are working on this, will hear more about it later.

Deputy Supervisor Miller-Simmons ask for a motion to authorize the Planning Board to do lot mergers.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski seconded by Councilperson Mettler to introduce a Local Law to allow Planning Board to approve lot mergers. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski seconded by Councilperson Mettler to schedule a public hearing on December 13, 2018 at 6:50p.m. prior to the Town Board Meeting for the Local Law. Motion carried.

Deputy Supervisor Miller-Simmons reported the 3rd quarter sales tax check was \$199,673. up 7.5% from last year's 3rd quarter.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to appoint Terry Sullivan to the Ethics Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to appoint Marsha Becker to the Conservation Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Councilperson Reports:

Councilpersons Wolf: Attended the Planning Board meeting, it was quiet. Attended two meetings on the Board of Ethics.

Councilperson Mettler: Citizen Advisory Committee (committee dealing with rehabilitation of County Route 7A) met with Dean Knox very productive. Will be meeting the 3rd Thursday of every month.

Doing Holiday Trees in middle of Copake sign up at Town Hall, Copake Wine works and General Store.

Light Parade will be December 8, 2018.

Councilperson Gansowski: I was lucky enough to be a judge at the Halloween party, thanked Mr. Quinby, Joanne, Stephane and witches of Roe-Jan. I also would like to mention that as I come through other towns they have the flag out. I'd like to recommend we consider in next year's budget of keeping the flags up.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf seconded by Councilperson Gansowski that the bills from Highway Abstract # 11 and the bills from General Abstract #11 be paid . Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler seconded by Councilperson Wolf the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

