

TOWN BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

DECEMBER 13, 2018

Supervisor Nayer opened the Public Hearing at 6:50pm with 8 people present, the purpose of the hearing is for Local Law # 5 Lot Mergers.

Supervisor Nayer read a letter from Planning Board member Marcia Becker stating the proposed new definition of lot mergers and new procedure requiring Planning Board review seems to be an extra and unnecessary regulation imposed on the Copake property owner who simply wants to merge property they already own. (See attached)

Planning Board Chairmen Robert Haight said their Board is split on this, I and Vice Chairman Grant are for approving this. I've been trying to think up scenarios where this might be bad. I don't want to see any burden on any applicants, but lot line adjustments, subdivisions they all have to come before the Planning Board, they all have to pay and register it with the County, I don't think this is a burden at all.

Supervisor Nayer closed the public hearing at 7:00pm and the regular board meeting followed.

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to waive the reading of the November 8 2018 minutes and accept them as written. Supervisor Nayer abstained. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Supervisor Nayer said the Library has a lot going on and to check their web site.

Councilperson Gansowski, fund raiser Saturday at the Greens for Dollars for Scholars with speaker Chris Gibson and Joseph Gillian from Cornell University.

Supervisor Nayer - Opening on BAR and Ethics Board. Thanked Leonard Barham for year's served on the Ethics Board.

Correspondence:

From Wonell Miller and Karen Krill – Thank you for allowing use of the Town Hall for Geer Village.

From Linda Senk - Opinion concerning the gas station in Craryville. Listed ten reasons she is opposed to it.

From Random Harvest: Application for liquor license.

From Gabrielle Tessler: - E-mail concern about the trash around town. Will put on late items for discussion.

From Robert Haight – letter to reappoint Julie Cohen to Planning Board.

From Robert Haight Planning Board Chairmen – The Planning Board has not made a decision on the Lot Line Adjustments as of yet. Will revisit it next meeting with Attorney Dow.

From Park Commission – Reappointment for three members of the Commission.

Department Head/Committee reports: None

Public Forum:

Presentation Copake Fire Department:

Chief Randy Shadic spoke about mandated Cancer Insurance for Fireman.

Asking the Town for support for unfunded mandate.

Councilperson Gansowski asked what the total cost for year with option is?

Supervisor Nayer no one knows yet. Chief Shadic roughly \$200.00 per firefighter.

Supervisor Nayer could we move this to new business for discussion.

Supervisor Nayer, they are volunteers and we can't do enough for them.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf seconded by Councilperson Mettler to cover the cost for additional insurance for the fire companies. Motion carried.

Supervisor Nayer would like to thank the board for supporting the Fire Companies and letting other towns know were behind our fire companies.

Fire Commissioner Davis thanked the Board for their support.

Supervisor Nayer, we have two contracts from dog shelters basically the same. Last year we contracted with Columbia Greene and found we got a better deal with Pine Plains.

A motion was made by Councilman Gansowski seconded by Councilman Mettler to contract with Pine Plains Shelter. Motion carried.

Supervisor Nayer announced the Year End Meeting will be December 27, 2018 at 9 a.m.

Organizational Meeting is January 2, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Supervisor Nayer said in references to Gabrielle Tessler about garbage found along side of the road. I would like to put it off till next month's meeting and see if anyone can come up with something.

Old Business:

Supervisor Nayer, Councilperson Miller-Simmons and I met with TD Bank we had a very productive meeting. They have multiple rates, they are offering 2% on a million dollars we would get \$11,000 more than we get now.

RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to Authorize TD Bank as a Town Depository;

WHEREAS, subdivision two of section 10 of the New York State General Municipal Law provides that “the governing board of every local government shall designate one or more banks or trust companies for the deposit of public funds”, that “such resolution shall specify the maximum amount which may be kept on deposit at any time in each such bank or trust company” and that “such designations and amounts may be changed at any time by further resolution”; and

WHEREAS, section 31-5 of the Code of the Town of Copake provides that “it is the policy of the Town of Copake to diversify its deposits and investments by financial institution”; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Copake finds that it is in the best interests of the Town to authorize TD Bank as a Town depository;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that TD Bank is hereby designated as an authorized depository of Town funds, in accordance with section 10 of the New York State General Municipal Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the maximum amount which may be kept on deposit in such TD Bank is three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000).

Resolution # 10	Supervisor Nayer	yes
Dated December 13, 2018	Councilperson Miller-Simmons	yes
Copake, New York	Councilperson Mettler	yes
	Councilperson Gansowski	yes
	Councilperson Wolf	yes

BUDGET:

Supervisor Nayer reported the second mortgage tax check \$49,264.35 Total revenue of \$120,286.35 which is \$13,070.03 more than last year.

APPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Councilpersons Gansowski seconded by Councilperson Mettler to appoint Joanne Delamater, Karen Calsi and Stephanie Poucher to another three year term on the Parks & Recreation Commission. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to appoint Julie Cohen to another seven year term on the Planning Board. Motion carried.

COUNCILPERSON REPORT:

Councilperson Wolf reported at The Planning Board meeting the numbers were down and some adjustments were made to site plan of service station and clarification as number of nozzles and fuel pumps, also discussion on interior design. Neither the State Department of Transportation nor DEC having given their final report.

Supervisor Nayer attended the meeting with Councilperson Wolf would like to say obviously there's push back, some people want it some don't.

Councilperson Mettler reported the Connection will come out this week, this year's light parade was fabulous. I'd like to thank everyone.

Councilperson Miller-Simmons the light parade was by far the longest parade. The park building was full of kids. It was a good time.

Councilperson Gansowski, the Conservation Advisory Committee is having a meeting on Dec. 29th at 9am at the Town Hall.

The ZBA was canceled due to snow storm, the meeting this month is a week earlier. Trout unlimited is wrapping up their analyses of culverts in town and the report will go to Cornell University.

Supervisor Nayer welcomed Deputy Sheriff Kilmer to the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to go into executive session for personnel matters. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf seconded by Councilperson Miller- Simmons to come out of executive session with no action taken and return to regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons seconded by Councilperson Gansowski that the bills from Highway abstract #12 and General abstract # 12 be paid. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

