

Town Board Meeting

March 14, 2019

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to waive the reading of the minutes of February 14, 2019 Board Meeting & Public Hearing and accept the minutes as written. Motion was carried.

Announcements: Check the Town Website and the Copake Connection.

Correspondence:

From Marcia Becker, Planning Board Member – a letter requesting the Boards approval to pay the registration fee of \$220.00 for the N.Y. Planning Federation Conference April 28-30.

From Grant Langdon – a petition requesting his letter be read aloud and entered into the official minutes of the March 14, 2019 Copake Town Board Meeting.

From William Gregory, Park Superintendent – an email requesting the Board appoint Alexander Chamberlain for the seasonal park job and reappoint Dan Stang and Ryan Gregory as seasonal park employees.

From Lynn Hotaling, Assessor – an email requesting the appointment of Alexis Linacre to the position of temporary File Clerk.

From Robert Haight, Chair Copake Planning Board – a letter advising the Board was in agreement that it would be more burdensome and more costly for someone to have to come to the Planning Board if they wanted to merge two pieces of property. It was noted that a property owner will be referred to the County to accomplish this.

From Peggy Lewis, Copake Grange Committee Member – an email requesting to dump materials picked up along the roads in Copake in the Town's dumpsters.

From Brad Sherwood, Project Manager, Department of the Army – a copy of a letter to Susan Newland 53 Lake Shore Drive, Copake, New York requesting additional information and clarification for her permit application to discharge fill material below the ordinary high water mark of an unnamed tributary of Robinson Pond.

From Brad Sherwood, Project Manager, Department of the Army – a copy of a second letter to Susan Newland 53 Lake Shore Drive, Copake, New York advising that after reviewing the additional information submitted, it appears that the proposed work may be authorized under Department of the Army nationwide general permit number 3.

From Brad Sherwood, Project Manager, Department of the Army – a copy of a letter to Deborah Goldberg advising that the proposed excavation of cattails from 325 square foot area within Robinson Pond at 55 Lake Shore Drive is not a regulated activity under the jurisdiction of this office.

From Brad Sherwood, Project Manager, Department of the Army – a copy of a letter to Moritz Keller advising that the proposed work at 1114 Lakeview Road, Robinson Pond is not a regulated activity under the jurisdiction of this office.

From the U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau – a letter strongly encouraging the Town of Copake to participate in the Boundary and Annexation Survey. Councilperson Mettler will look into this matter and report back.

From Frank Peteroy – a letter of resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective 10:00am March 14, 2018.

Public Forum: None

Department Head/ Committee Report: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to authorize the Copake Grange volunteers to dispose of any roadside garbage that they pick up along the roads in the Town of Copake in the dumpsters at the Town Hall and Park Building. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Mettler to declare the Highway Garage LifePack Model 50 AED Unit as surplus equipment and donate it to the Community Rescue Squad to be properly disposed of. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer announced that the Copake Clean Up Day will be on May 18th from 9am-Noon.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to accept Frank Peteroy's letter of resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals with regret. Motion was carried.

The Board will be advertising for a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals with letters of interest back by March 26th at 2:00pm.

The Board discussed Marsha Becker's request for the Board's approval to pay the registration fee of \$220.00 for the N.Y. Planning Federation Conference April 28-30. Julie Cohen had a similar request last year and the Board decided to pay up to \$80.00 towards the training. Supervisor Nayer stated the Planning Board is extremely busy and looks like the Planning Board Secretary account is going to be a couple of thousand over what was budgeted. The Board agreed to keep the training limit to \$80.00 the same as last year. Supervisor Nayer will contact Marcia regarding the Board's decision. Councilperson Gansowski asked if the mandatory workforce violence and sexual harassment training went towards the ZBA and Planning Board yearly training hours. Supervisor Nayer replied no it does not.

Old Business:

Court Audit is tabled until Attorney Dow joins the meeting.

Supervisor Nayer stated that the surplus copier sold for \$10.00 on Auction Internationals Website.

Councilperson Wolf advised the Board that Attorney Dow is going to advise him to what extent the Broad Band Committee can look into Consolidated Communications past service history.

Supervisor Nayer reported that the Copake Planning Board feels that it would more cumbersome for residents looking to merge two pieces of property and then go to the County for final approval. The Board agreed to drop the proposed resolution and local law regarding this matter.

Budget:

Supervisor Nayer reviewed the 2018 Audit with the Board. We have over \$2,000,000.00 in unexpended balance and over \$1,000,000.00 in the Equipment Reserve.

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to appoint Alexander Chamberlain for the seasonal park job and reappoint Dan Stang and Ryan Gregory as returning seasonal park employees. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to appoint Alexis Linacre to the position of temporary File Clerk for 80-120 hours. Motion was carried.

Councilperson Report:

Councilperson Wolf was unable to attend the Planning Board Meeting this month and there was no Broad Band Meeting.

Supervisor Nayer reported that the Planning Board approved the Catamount, Fallon's and Jeffery Budd's applications. 13 Lackawanna is ongoing as well as GRH.

Councilperson Mettler reported that the Waterfront Planning Grant has been mailed and received by the State. Also the County Route 7A Rehab vitalization Committee is now known as Road Advisory Committee (RAP). The Committee will really get going when the County hires a consultant to work with the Committee. Supervisor Nayer reported that the County has advertised for RFP's for a Consultant and then they should make a decision. Also Councilperson Mettler advised that Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro announced construction work is now underway on the eagerly anticipated fourth and final phase of the Harlem Valley Rail.

Councilperson Miller-Simmons reported that the Park Commission is requesting authorization to spend up to \$250.00 for supplies for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize the Park Commission to spend up to \$250.00 for supplies for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt out of the Celebration Account. Motion was carried.

Councilperson Miller-Simmons added that the Park Commission is hoping that the Town Board Members will continue to donate Easter Baskets to be raffled off during the Easter Egg Hunt. Supervisor Nayer and Councilperson Miller-Simmons will be meeting with Summer Playground Program Director Bryan Van Tassel regarding the upcoming summer program. The Conservation Advisory Committee had their first meeting and it went really well. They went over the old Mission Statement when it was the old Conservation Resource Advisory Committee and they assigned sections to each member to review and bring back to their next meeting.

Supervisor Nayer reported that the Park Building is being painted and should be done next week.

Councilperson Gansowski reported Trout Unlimited should be done by the end of April with the study of brooks in the Town of Copake then the data goes to Cornell and then recommendations will be given to the Town. Also DEC is looking into the Casino Bridge because Mr. Casino has removed the barriers that were there.

Town Attorney Dow advised the Board that all the Town Board has to do is to file the Court Audit with the Office of Court Administration.

Public Forum:

Lindsay LeBrecht asked if the Copake Planning Board was going to still handle Lot Line Adjustment or if that would be going to the County Planning Board also. The Copake Planning Board will still handle Lot Line Adjustments.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to return to the regular meeting with no action taken. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons that the bills from Highway Abstract # 3 and the bills from General Abstract # 3 be paid. Motion was carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,