

Public Hearing and
Regular Town Board Meeting
3-14-13

Supervisor Nayer opened the Public Hearing for Local Law # 1 of 2013 entitled “A Local Law reducing from two to one the number of Town Board Members serving as Liaison to the Economic Advisory Board” with 7 people in attendance at 6:50 PM.

Supervisor Nayer closed the hearing at 6:51 PM and the regular Town Board meeting followed at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Supervisor Nayer, Councilperson Gabaccia, Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and Councilperson Mettler. Councilperson Miller-Simmons was absent.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia and seconded by Councilperson Mettler to waive the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting 2/14/13. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting 2/14/13. Motion was carried.

Correspondence:

From Harvey Weber – a letter requesting to be reappointed to the Columbia County Environmental Management Committee for another two years.

From New York State Unified Court System – a copy of a letter advising that the Town of Copake was awarded a grant under the 2012-2013 cycle of the Justice Court Assistance Program.

From Charter Communications Inc. – a letter requesting a meeting with the Town to discuss renewing their franchise with the Town.

From Veronique Fabio, Recording Secretary, Copake Z.B.A. – a letter requesting the appointment of Ralph Shadic to a vacant position with the Copake Z.B.A.

From Roberta Roll, Chairperson of the Copake Revitalization Task Force – requesting that Chris Quinby be appointed to the Copake Revitalization Task Force.

From Aquatic Control Technology – a letter advising that the Copake Lake Conservation Society, Inc. plans to continue aquatic weed and algae management in 2013.

From Bridget Roberts, Summer Program Director – an email requesting the Town Board approve the proposed dates and program for the 2013 Summer Program.

Supervisor Nayer introduced Shane Hotaling who is a Boy Scout in Troop 121 Claverack and is here tonight working on his Citizen in the Community Badge. Shane led the Board and the Public in the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Nayer advised that the Office for the Aging Program 60 plus nutrition program at the Park Building is up and running on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Public Forum: None

Department Head & Committee Reports:

Marcia Becker, Chairperson, Copake Planning Board announced that their monthly meeting was rescheduled to this Saturday at 9:00 AM due to weather.

Lindsey LeBrecht, Copake Parks & Rec. Comm. Member announced that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 30th at 11:00 AM.

Councilperson Mettler, Liaison to Copake Hamlet Revitalization Taskforce announced that the Taskforce was able to secure a \$9,000.00 grant from Greenway and there is still an outstanding grant with the Rhinestrom Foundation.

Supervisor Nayer announced that the Deep Woods Riders 4 H Club will be sponsoring a Zumba/Hip Hop Dance at the Copake Park Building on March 29th at 5:00 PM.

New Business:

Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney reported that after attending Z.B.A. meeting and listening to the Planning Board, the Town Attorney and Z.B.A. Members there appears to be some problems with the Town Code in terms of editing, some language issues and would like to see the Town Attorney poll the member of the Planning Board and Z.B.A. and identify the problems that keep coming up with the language. Also there is some inconsistencies between the Town Code and State Law. Following a discussion between the Town Board and Attorney Dow the Board tabled this matter until the April Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize Supervisor Nayer to enter into a contract with Clark Engineering as the Town's Engineer for a retainer fee of \$1,000.00 for the remainder of 2013. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer reviewed the memo from Bridget Roberts, Summer Program Director, outlining the 2013 program.

Councilperson Mettler explained that the Comprehensive Plan suggest that a good initiative would be to promote bicycling in the Town of Copake, the Copake Revitalization Task Force had been interviewing business people every meeting and with conversations with Mike Fallon last fall he was telling the Taskforce about the antique bicycle auctions he has and Mike suggested that it be would nice to incorporate something to kick off the biking season in Copake the same weekend that he holds the auction and the antique bicycle ride that they have planned. The Taskforce is working on a brochure showing biking routes as well as businesses that support biking in Copake as well as other activities. Councilperson Mettler asked for the Town Board's support this matter. The Town Board felt that this was a good idea.

Supervisor Nayer asked to extend the deadline for the applications for the Copake Conservation Advisory Committee until April 4th to allow more people interested time to apply. The Board agreed.

Councilperson Mettler advised that the meeting regarding the Implementation of Comprehensive Plan initially scheduled for March will be postponed until September to give the committees more time to complete their assigned work.

Old Business: None

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler that per recommendation of the Copake Z.B.A. to appoint Ralph Shadic to fill a vacancy on the Copake Z.B.A. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons that per the recommendation of the Copake Hamlet Revitalization Taskforce to appoint Chris Quinby to the Taskforce. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia to reappoint Harvey Weber to the Columbia County Environmental Management Committee for a two year term. Motion was carried.

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Gabaccia and was seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney:

That we the members of the Town Board of the Town of Copake do hereby adopt Local Law # 1 of 2013 entitled **“A Local Law Reducing from Two to One the Number of Town Board Members Serving as Liaison to the Economic Advisory Board”**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Copake as follows:

Section 1. Title. This law shall be entitled “A Local Law Reducing from Two to One the Number of Town Board Members Serving as Liaison to the Economic Advisory Board.”

Section 2. Section 13-3 of the Code of the Town of Copake is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 13-3. Town Board Liaison.

In addition to the members of the Economic Advisory Board appointed as above, one member of the Town Board shall be appointed by the Town Supervisor to serve as liaison with and between the Economic Advisory Board and the Town Board.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Local Law shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Resolution # 7	Supervisor Nayer	yes
Dated March 14, 2013	Councilwoman Gabaccia	yes
Copake, NY	Councilman Mettler	yes
	Councilwoman Winchell-Sweeney	yes
	Councilwoman Miller-Simmons	yes

Budget:

Supervisor Nayer advised that the Annual Financial Report for 2012 is available in the Town Clerk's Office and the Town's Website for review.

Councilperson Mettler advised that the RFP for the work on Town's new Website is almost ready to be distributed.

Councilperson Miller-Simmons applauded the work of volunteer fire departments during the recent structure fire in Taconic Shores this past week. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers in our area.

Public Forum:

Harvey Weber advised the owners of the house involved in the structure fire to talk to our Town Officials at the Town Hall for guidance on what to do.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia that the bills from the General Abstract #3 and the bills from The Highway Abstract #3 be paid. Motion was carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,