

## Regular Town Board Meeting

9/12/19

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

Supervisor Nayer asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence in memory of those we lost in the 9/11 attacks.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to waive the reading of the minutes of August 10, 2019 Board Meeting and accept the minutes as written. Motion was carried. Councilperson Gansowski abstained.

Announcements: Check the Town Website and the Copake Connection.

Correspondence: From the family of Janet Glover – an invitation to a Celebration of Life in loving memory of Janet Glover.

From Grant Langdon – a bill and multiple letters and emails.

From Kevin Egan, Director Government Affairs Charter Communications – a notice of reduction in price for the Spectrum Receivers and Cable Card.

From Jessica Nabozny, Executive Director, Columbia County Youth Bureau – a letter advising that the Town Summer Recreation Program is in compliance with all Columbia County funding and personnel guidelines and there are no formal citing or recommendation at this time.

From Nicole Miller – a letter of resignation as Court Clerk effective August 30, 2019.

From Catskill Makers Syndicate – a letter requesting the obsolete Town computer systems when the Town is ready to dispose of them.

From Dad's Copake Diner – a notice of their intent to apply for a Wine, Beer and Cider License.

From Judge Spencer and Judge Schermerhorn requesting the Town Board appoint Lisa DeConti as Court Clerk for the remainder of 2019. And authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,500.00 for training with an experienced Court Clerk.

From Lesley Doyel, President, Roe Jan Historical Society – a letter requesting permission to apply for and install a National Registry Marker at 8 Miles Road, should their application for a Pomeroy Marker be approved.

Department/Committee Reports: None

A presentation was given by Tamara Gaskell, Director of the Roe Jan Community Library on Community Conversations Initiative Meetings they held in six different locations throughout the Roe Jan Area and

reviewed the major concerns and issues the attendees were most interested in. Following the presentation was a brief question and answer period.

Councilperson Gansowski commented in response to the concern that there was a need for more information to the public on events and meetings in the Roe Jan Area, he thought the Copake Connection does reach out to a lot of people and the Town's website is also a place listing this information.

Supervisor Nayer felt that the information is out there for the public, they just need to look. It would be nice to have a single place to look for the information but it is not as easy as it sounds. Supervisor Nayer will talk to the Ancram and Hillsdale Supervisor to get their input.

Lindsay LeBrecht agreed there is a need for a means of pulling all the Town events together for the public on one site.

Public Forum:

Lindsay LeBrecht asked if anyone else has had problems receiving Code Red Messages from the County? There has been some major storms come through this year with no prior warning. Supervisor Nayer will look into if the County is still following the same protocol as in the past.

New Business:

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to authorize Highway Superintendent Gregory to order a 2020 Volvo EWR150E Wheeled Excavator under the Sourcwell Award Contract for a bid price of \$182,484.00 from Vantage Equipment, LLC, 5985 Court Street Road, Syracuse, New York 13206. Motion was carried

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski authorize Supervisor Nayer sign the agreement with the Highway Union for the medical insurance for the men for another two years. Motion was carried.

Roe Jan Library is having a volunteer sign up day on 10/19 and wanted to know if anyone from the Town would like to have a table. Supervisor Nayer is not available; if anyone from the Board is interested they can man a table.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Mettler to declare the Town's old obsolete computers as surplus and authorize Supervisor Nayer to donate them, after the hard drives are removed, to Catskill Makers Syndicate which is a not-for-profit group that trains people on how to use computers. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer advised the Board that Nellie Langdon was in the Town Hall and advised Supervisor Nayer that her father turned over the old Insurance Building to her and she needs to have the Parking Lot Agreement re-written to reflect the change of ownership. After a brief discussion the Board tabled

this until next month under old business and Councilperson Mettler suggested having the Road Advisory Committee take look at this matter.

The Board briefly discussed the request from the President of the Roe Jan Historical Society to apply for a National Registry Marker to be placed in front of the Church Museum. Supervisor Nayer wants see what is going to be written on the sign and the colors of the sign. The Board tabled any decision on this matter until next month.

Old Business: None

Budget:

Supervisor Nayer advised the Board that he made the following Budget Amendment:

DA3501 State Aid Chips 131,184.97 to 185,999.39

DA5112.2 Chips 131,184.97 to 185,999.39

The Board set a special Tentative Budget Meeting for Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski, per the recommendation of the two Judges', to appoint Lisa DeConti as Court Clerk for the remainder of 2019 and authorize training up to \$1,500.00. Motion was carried.

Councilperson Report:

Councilperson Wolf reported that the Planning Board voted on closing the GRJH public hearing and it was a tie vote so the public hearing is still open. Town Attorney stated at the meeting that this has been a very open process and this is the 17<sup>th</sup> time the Pubic was able to comment on this matter.

Councilperson Mettler reported that RAC will be meeting this month. Roe Jan Ramble is on the 21<sup>st</sup> and they anticipating more than the 418 riders last year. This year the group of people that do the Christmas Baskets are going to be serving lunch to raise funds for Christmas Basket Program.

Councilperson Miller-Simmons; Nothing

Councilperson Gansowski report that the ZBA meeting was very short last month. Superintendent Gregory, Councilperson Gansowski and Tracy Brown from Trout Unlimited had a meeting on the culvert replacements.

Public Forum: None

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to return to the Regular Meeting. Motion was carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,