

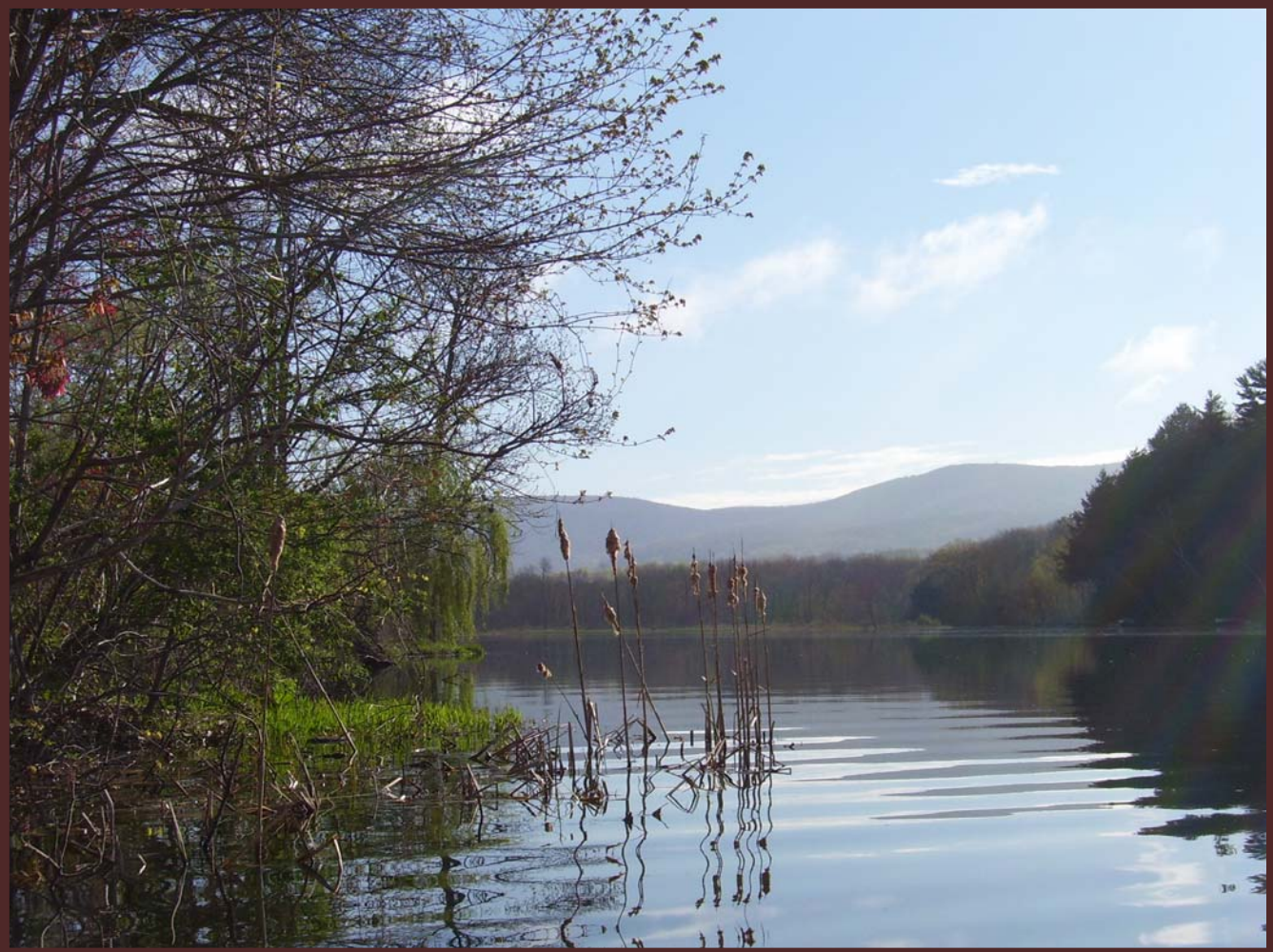
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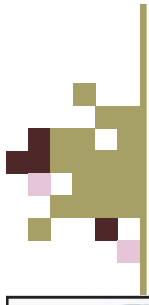


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Supervisors Report 2005



GOVERNOR
George Pataki

UNITED STATES SENATORS
Charles E. Schummer
Hillary R. Clinton

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
John E. Sweeney
22nd District

NEW YORK SENATOR
41st District
Stephen M. Saland

ASSEMBLYMEN
99TH District
Patrick Manning

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Columbia County
Angelo Valentino

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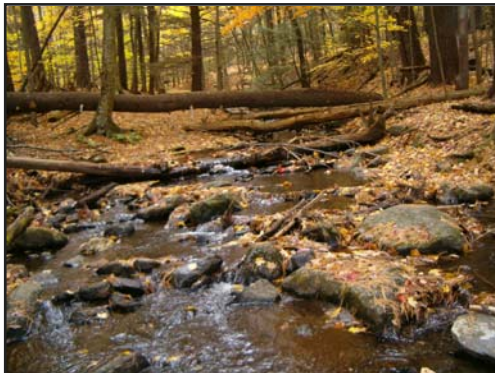
Angelo Valentino—Town Supervisor

Once again our Town experienced several major accomplishments in 2005 benefiting our taxpayers.

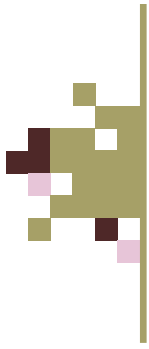
In addition to continuing to keep our taxes fair and provide services our Strategic Planning Committee continues to make improvements in our Zoning and Planning that will benefit our future generations. In 2005 we passed our Scenic Resource Protection Plan which will insure that Copake will remain the Land of Rural Charm.

Our recreation programs continue to grow providing leisure activities for all ages.

As usual all our Town officials are ready and available to serve our Copake taxpayer. In behalf of the Copake Town Board we hereby submit this 2005 annual report to you the taxpayers of Copake.



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Town Office Hours and Regular Meetings

230 Mt. View Road, Copake, NY 125165

Town Hall Phone 518-329-1234

Town Web Site — www.copake.org

HOURS:

Assessors (329-1234 ext-206)

8:00a.m. – 11:00 A.M. Monday and Thursday

12:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. Monday And Friday

Building/Zoning Enforcement (329-1234 ext-215)

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Wednesday and Saturday April 1st to Oct 31st

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Saturday **only** Nov 1st to March 31st

Town Clerk/Tax Collector (329-1234 ext-201)

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Friday and Saturday

Justice Court Clerk (329-1234 ext-211)

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday

Court held Monday nights

at 7:00 p.m.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Town Board

2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Town Justice Court

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Department Head Meeting (Open to the Public)

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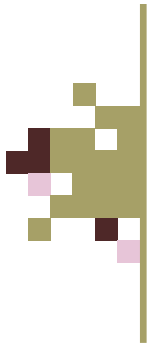
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Elected Town Officials 2005

Supervisor

Angelo F. Valentino (4 year Term)

Councilpersons

Wayne Miller, Deputy Supervisor (4 year Term)

Carl Ritchie (4 year Term)

Wayne Miller (4 year Term)

Jeff Near (1 year Appointment)

Town Clerk/Collector

Vana S. Hotaling (4 year Term)

Highway Superintendent

Lawrence O. Proper (4 year Term)

Assessors

Thaddeus Jurek (4 year Term)

Lynn Hotaling (Appointed Consultant)

Town Justices

Reginald Crowley (4 year Term)

James E. Blass (4 year Term)

Town Attorney

– Nelson R. Alford, Jr. (Appointed)



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329-4044

Building/ Zoning Enforcement

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Justice Court Clerk

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All Meetings Open to the Public

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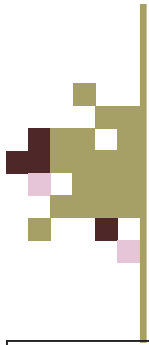
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Town Clerks Report

The Town Clerk's office is often considered the center of Town Government. This office is responsible for recording activities of the town government and filing of documents and papers vital to lives of the townspeople. The town clerk keeps custody of all records books, maps and papers of the town of Copake as well as all local laws filed in the town. It is also the Town Clerk's responsibility to attend all meetings of the town board and keep accurate minutes of the proceedings.

Tax Collector Report 2005

Total Tax Warrant for 2005 - \$4,150,183.54
 Total number of bills – 2,865
 Total number of bills paid to Town – 2,893
 Service Charges collected - \$62.00
 Penalties collected - \$9,763.18
 Total taxes paid - \$3,953,529.88
 (of this amount \$1,068,017.54 was paid to the Town remaining to Columbia County)

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Telephone 518-329-2591

Friday & Saturday
Fax 518-329-4049

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Marriage Report

For: All Districts

Date Range: 01/01/2005 to 12/31/2005



		Marriage		Registrar	
Groom's Name	Bride's Name	Issue Date	Date	Place of Marriage	Year Number
Alnwick, Peter J	Hornbuckle, Kathleen A	07/14/2005	07/30/2005	Amenia	2005 9
Blachere, Marc R T	Jiquet-covex, Nadja T	04/19/2005	04/24/2005	Copake	2005 4
Brown, Kevin M	Cohen, Erica	09/29/2005	10/22/2005	Copake	2005 16
Conklin, Clifton H	Hicks, Heather L	02/03/2005	02/26/2005	Hillsdale	2005 2
Hartka, Christopher M	Miller, Stacey Ann	05/31/2005	06/04/2005	Copake	2005 7
Hotaling, Earl F	Burns, Pamela J	12/26/2005	12/31/2005	Claverack	2005 18
Jensen, Walter K	Snowden, Courtney A	08/26/2005	08/27/2005	Hillsdale	2005 13
Jordan, Jacob W.a.	Nielsen, Tanya B	07/23/2005			2005 10
Kellstrom, Craig Mitchell	Guntert, Sandra Lee	04/09/2005	04/30/2005	Copake	2005 3
Kline, Philip L	Gartner, Aleba S	08/08/2005			2005 11
Kruger, Conrad A	Jakobowicz, Patrica J	11/07/2005	11/30/2005	Lake Placid	2005 17
Mckay, Paul A	Cole, Renee L	08/20/2005	08/27/2005	Ancram	2005 12
Pulver, Joshua D	Russell, Kayla M	05/09/2005	05/14/2005	Copake	2005 6
Read, Richard S	Dillon, Julie A	01/08/2005	01/15/2005	Amenia	2005 1
Reed, Daniel T	Parsons, Sybil L	05/07/2005	05/14/2005	Ghent	2005 5
Shea, Jeffery D	Crowley, Regina M	09/16/2005	09/24/2005	Copake Falls	2005 14
Shepherd, Thomas F	Hulett, Sharon G	09/17/2005	09/24/2005	Chatham	2005 15
Werner Sr., Jason A	Miles, Raquel S	07/05/2005	07/09/2005	Copake	2005 8

Total of Marriaaes for Report: 18



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<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
22	911 Signs Double	396.00
27	911 Signs Single	210.00
0	Cemetery	0.00
2	Road Name Sign	84.54
45	Category Sub-Total	\$ 690.54

1743	\$2.00 Dump Bags	3,486.00
1743	Category Sub-Total	\$3486.00

151	Conservation	33,758.00
151	Category Sub-Total	\$33,758.00

2748	\$.50 Dump Bags	1374.00
445	Category Sub-Total	\$1,374.00

Dog Licenses

10	Female Spayed	50.00
4	Female Unspayed	52.00
14	Male Neutered	70.00
6	Male Uneutered	78.00
34	Category Sub-Total	\$250.00

1	Purebred License	30.00
1	Category Sub-Total	\$30.00

Renewal

9	Exempt Dogs	00.00
68	Female Spayed	340.00
3	Female Unspayed	104.00
56	Male Neutered	280.00
6	Male Uneutered	78.00
36	Category Sub-Total	\$292.00

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3	Replacement Tags	5.50
	Category Sub-Total	\$5.50

Marriage Lic.

18	Marriage License Fee	540.00
	Category Sub-Total	\$540.00

Misc. Fees

40	Certified Death Cert	400.00
19	Code Books	209.19
2	Dog Impoundment	20.00
162	Photocopies	45.55
1	Police Reports	5.00
153	Category Sub-Totals	\$660.33

4	Reimbursement	58.65
4	Category Sub-Totals	58.65

24	Variance	3,200.00
24	Category Sub-Totals	\$3,200.00

Permit Fees

1	Junkyard	25.00
4	Motor vehicle Storage	100.00
8	Category Sub-Total	\$125.00

Grand Total..... \$45,349.10



REPORT OF TOWN CLERK DEATH RECORDED IN 2005

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>
1/11/2005	Claire Agnes Scaringi	65
1/14/2005	Charles J. Fesselmeyer	89
2/24/2005	Anthony R. Berardo	64
6/12/2005	Lora Elizabeth Chamberland	41
8/1/2005	Bernadette Tyler	93
8/5/2005	Gary W. Guntert	59
8/27/2005	James Patrick Robertson	39
8/31/2005	Elaine A. Hanselman	60
9/21/2005	Arthur J. Lilley	59
12/21/2005	Sophie C. Chamberlain	97

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Board of Assessors Report

It is the responsibility of the Assessor's office to value all properties in the Town of Copake (land, structures, and improvements) in order to produce an equitable roll. The assessment roll is then used for fair distribution of the tax burden.

2005 was an extremely busy year for Ted Jurek and Lynn Hotaling, both Certified Assessors.

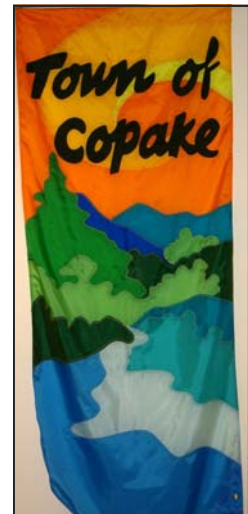
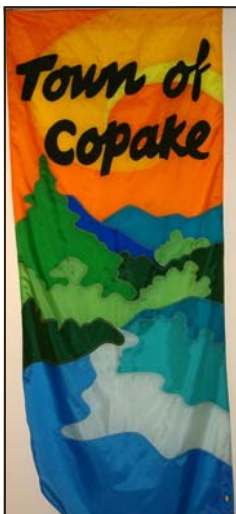
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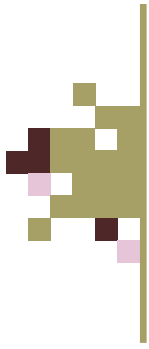
- Locate parcels & collect inventory
- Maintain property record cards
- Maintain sales & property ownership information
- Mail assessment notifications, exemption renewals, etc. to property owners
- Prepare & submit annual reports to ORPS "
- Process exemptions (Agricultural, Sr. Citizen, Basic STAR, Enhanced STAR, Veterans, Volunteer Fireman)
- Review all building permits & visit sites
- Attend all grievance and small claims hearings
- Process & update all subdivisions within the town
- Organize Board of Review for Grievance Day

In addition, the assessors must manage the office, meet with property owners, verify sales, attend meetings and conferences, and meet with government officials.

The Town of Copake currently encompasses just over 3,000 parcels and saw 268 sales in 2005.

The assessors began a town-wide revaluation at the end of 2005 which will continue well into 2006. It is a time-consuming process which the assessors are working through on a daily basis. The goal of the office is to have all land values in particular fairly and evenly assessed on the 2006 roll.





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TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S OFFICE



Functions:

Prepare cash receipts and disbursement journals, general journals, general ledgers for all funds, bi-weekly payrolls, monthly, quarterly and year-end payroll reports, and annual financial report to State Comptroller.

Assists the Supervisor in fiscal matters concerning the Town of Copake (eg), investing in certificates of deposit, budget preparation and general questions which may arise during the course of the year.

	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	LIGHTING DIST.
Beginning Fund Balance	\$258,998	\$161,639	7,552
Revenues	863,761	798,716	121,136
Expenses	826,352	871,829	14,178
Ending fund balance	296,007	88,526	5,510

Assessors

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Building/ Zoning Enforcement

329-4046

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Justice Court Clerk

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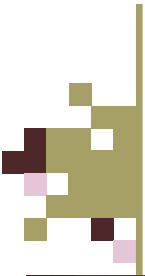
COPAKE ECONOMIC ADVISORY BOARD

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Reinstrom Board Room. Members for 2005 included:

Nancy Baresel	Paul Baresel
Harry Higgins	Lindsay LeBrecht-Funk
John Mastropolo	Marcia Peteroy
Robert Sacks	Leslie Woods
Carl Ritchie, Liaison to the Town Board	

Accomplishments:

- Advertised and prepared press releases promoting Copake.
- Organized Copake Community Day.
- Continued to monitor neighboring towns and counties on future projects and current issues.
- Disseminated information to appropriate board(s) as necessary.
- Managed Copake.org website
- Coordinated Copake Clean-Up Day.
- Continued advertising map for Copake with Hudson on the reverse side. The map has now grown to cover all of Columbia County.
- Unveiled Copake banner, thereby continuing to brand Copake.
- Recommended that a Tenant Protection Ordinance be developed.
- Obtained better signage for CR 7A – all five of them.
- Design of new Town Hall sign finalized.
- Hosted forum with Healthcare Consortium of Columbia County.
- Hosted forum with Harlem Valley Rail Trails and created ongoing dialogue.



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Highway Department



Highway Superintendent
Lawrence O. Proper

Phone 518-325-4222
Fax 518-325-4151
Pager 800-283-2255 Pin #50065

2005 Budget: **\$887,429.00**

The Copake Highway Department is responsible for maintaining 54 miles of Town Roads, contracts with the Copake Fire District for the winter maintenance of the one fire stations and four water sources, perform all of the mechanical repairs on all of the District fire equipment and the Town's three police cars as well as the Highway Department's fleet. We also are responsible for taking care of any repairs of the Town Hall, Police Station, Church Museum and the outside maintenance of the grounds and assists with the development and maintenance of the 17-acre Town Memorial Park. The Copake Highway Department works very closely with all of the Departments within the Town to assure a smooth and efficient day to day operation.



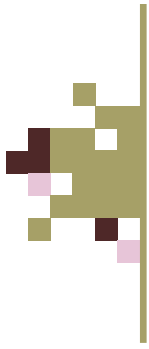
Personnel Name	Title
Lawrence O. Proper	Superintendent
Jeffrey Darling	Deputy Superintendent
Timothy Albright	Road Foreman
Robert Delamater	Shop Foreman
Michael Miller	Machine Equipment Operator
Michael Bradway	Machine Equipment Operator
Mark Edelman	Machine Equipment Operator
William Gregory	Machine Equipment Operator
John Broggi	Machine Equipment Operator
Jeffrey Darling II	Part-timer
Adam Stone	Part-timer
Andrew Proper	Part-timer
Robert Bradway	Sidewalks



Equipment:
Year

Year	Type	Make
2004	Pick up	Ford
2001	Pick up	Dodge
1996	Pick up	GMC
1995	Pick up	GMC
2001	Six wheel dump truck	International
2003	Tandem dump truck	International
1999	Tandem dump truck	International
1994	Tandem dump truck	International
2002	Tri-axle dump truck	International
1993	One ton dump truck	GMC
1999	938G loader	Caterpillar
1989	950E loader	Caterpillar
1986	12G grader	Caterpillar
1996	416B backhoe	Caterpillar
2000	M312 wheeled excavator	Caterpillar
1990	685 mowing tractor	Case/IH
1993	4X4 plow truck	International
1998	4X4 plow truck	International
1999	CX90 mowing tractor	Case/IH
1985	4-6 ton roller	Hyster
1980	5020 tractor	Allis Chalmers
1996	265H lawn mower	Toro
1994	Leaf vacuum	Salsco
1998	1230A chipper	Vermeer
2001	1435 lawn mower	John Deere
1987	9 ton trailer	International
1999	550 gal. spray unit	Banjo
1995	Power broom	York
2000	Portable generator	Honda





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JUSTICE COURT Report



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Justice Reginald Crowley
Lauren Smith - Deputy Court Clerk
Heather Dellea - Deputy Court Clerk
Richard Ostrander - Court Officer



Justice James Blass
Ann Marie Wilkinson - Court Clerk
George Hoffman - Court Officer

As a first level trial courts in New York's Unified Court System, the Copake Town Court is a vital link in New York's justice system. Many of us will have our first and only court experience in a town or village court, such as the Copake Town Court. The justices who preside in Copake Town Court are instrumental in resolving community disputes involving vehicle and traffic matters, small claims, evictions, civil matters and criminal offenses. Also, the justices conduct wedding ceremonies, administer Town Laws, issues order of protection, and act as sitting Family Court Justices, when the Family Court is not is session.

The court also has the authority to issue arrest warrants, bench warrants, search warrants, warrants of eviction, and monetary judgments. The court has the power to incarcerated a convicted defendant up to one year in jail (depending upon the statutory mandate of the criminal charge). The court also arraigns and conducts preliminary hearings on felony charges.

Copake has two town justices, chosen by the electors of Copake for a term of four years; the terms of the two justices running two years apart. The court staff is appointed by the Town Board, only upon the consent and approval of the town justices.

Court is regularly held Monday nights at 7 PM. However, the third Monday of the month is District Attorney night. On that night Judge Herman's court starts on the bench at 4:30 PM, and Judge Crowley takes the bench at 7 PM.

Each justice must successfully complete mandatory training courses each year which are offered by the New York State Unified Court System.

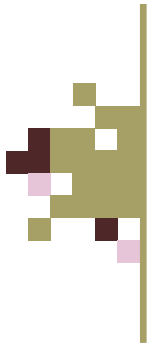
ANNUAL REPORTS OF COPAKE TOWN JUSTICES FOR 2005

STATUTE NEW CASES	
Vehicle & Traffic Law	2,065
Penal Law	113
Local Town Laws	26
Civil Cases	17
Environmental Conservation Law	4
Parks & Recreation Law	2
Tax Law	10
Navigation Law	6
Alcohol Control	3
Criminal Proceedure	<u>9</u>
TOTAL:	2,291

The Court processed a total of \$190,275.00 of Fines and Surcharges for 2005.

The Town of Copake retains a portion of each find collected. Included in the above figures for fines are surcharges, an amount mandated to be collected by the court, and remitted to the State. Each offense has statutory minimum and maximum fines. It is up to the town justice to set the fine, within these limits.

When bail is set as a condition of release pending prosecution, the bail money is deposited with the presiding justice. Unless the underlying charge is dismissed or unless the defendant is acquitted of the charges after trial, there is a 3% surcharge retained by the court when the bail is released. Of course, if a defendant fails to appear as required by the court, the court can order that the the entire amount is forfeited.



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Police Department



Personnel:

Thomas L. Kane	Police Chief
Robert Lopez	Deputy Police Chief
Daniel Tompkins	Sergeant
Jan Near	Police Officer
Christopher Duntz	Police Officer
Edward Tice	Police Officer
Peter Grzeskow	Police Officer
Harry McMann	Police Officer
Steve Kardos	Police Officer



Activity:

Miles Patrolled	39,073
Criminal Complaints	217
Non-Criminal Complaints	266
Arrests	112
Traffic Tickets Issued	1,472
Parking Tickets	20
Motor Vehicle Accidents Investigated	31
Special Traffic/Security Details	15
Assist to other Agencies	59
Area/Business/Residence Checks	6,637
Miscellaneous	10

Programs:

- Schools: 1) Radar
2) Breathalyzer School
3) Accident Investigation School
4) In Service Training
5) Range Firearm Training

Equipment:

- 2 Marked Patrol Cars
1 Unmarked Patrol Car
1 Mobile Traffic Control Trailer



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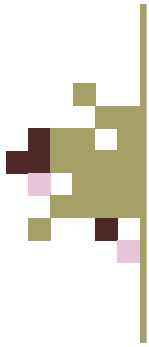
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BUILDING and ZONING

Deputy Zoning Enforcement Officer for Special Items
Thomas Kane

This department is responsible for enforcing all the state and local building and zoning laws and regulations and investigating all zoning complaints.

In 2005 the following permits were issued:

Permits:

New Home(28)	\$13,002.90	Pool(7)	\$397.70
Shed(19)	\$230.00	Other(54)	\$2,725.85
Deck(23)	\$322.54	Renewal(5)	\$50.00
Addition(22)	\$2,491.81	Garage(14)	\$690.24
Demolition(11)	\$110.00	Porch(12)	\$160.00
Fence(12)	\$120.00	Sign(4)	\$40.00
Alterations(12)	\$1,059.30	Comm/Ind(1)	\$3,420.00
		Total	\$29,516.38



Building/Zoning Enforcement Officers
Ralph Shadic
Donald Shadic



Photo by Doug Goodhue

The Building/Zoning Enforcement Department hours are: April 1st to October 31st: Wednesday and Saturday 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

November 1st to March 31st: Saturday 10:00 am to 12:00 noon



DOG CONTROL OFFICER

Joanne Graziano - DOG CONTROL OFFICER
Robert Graziano - DOG CONTROL OFFICER

Our Dog Control Officer enforces the laws and regulations that deal with dogs and their owners, in order to promote the humane treatment of dogs and ensure they do not suffer unnecessarily.

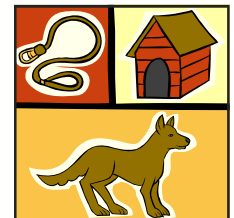


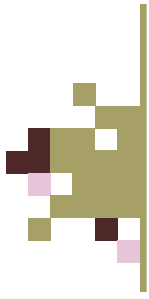
The Dog Control Officer:

- Receives complaints about dogs from the public
- Gives warnings to dog owners about their dogs and may issue appearance tickets.
- Educates the public about dog welfare, and control laws and regulations
- Looks for and catches stray dogs
- Gives advice to dog owners about problems they may have with dogs that roam or bark too much
- May prepare for prosecutions and give evidence in court .

The dog control officers are sub-contracted by the Town of Copake and are on call as necessary.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER
PO Box 203
Ancram, New York
12502
Phone: 851-3664





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Copake Park and Recreation Commission

Commission Members:

- Kenneth Phesay – Chairman
- Micheal DeRocha—Co-Chairman
- Carol Phesay – Treasure
- Kim Smith - Secretary
- Cindy Chwelek - Secretary
- John Wilkinson – Town Board Liaison
- Krista Goodacre
- Kellie Hamm
- Vance Hotaling
- Parlene Tompkins
- Sue Streeter
- Lisa Derocha

Youth Representatives: Kristin Brendline
Chase Tompkins



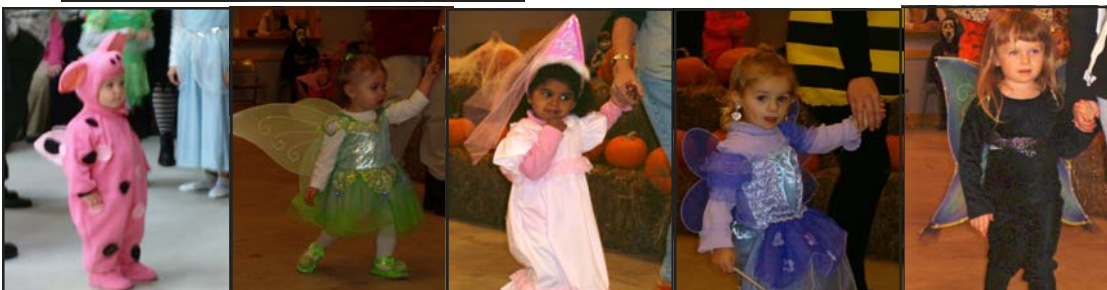
Programs sponsored by Park in 2005 :

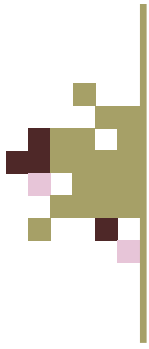
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Antique Car Show
- Summer program for children
- Carnival with Fireworks
- Sunday Music in Park
- Christmas Caroling & Bonfire

The Park has a complete playground with swings, slides, 3 ball fields, 1 soccer field, 1 tennis court, ice skating / skateboard rink, pavilion and concession stand with food and drinks.

Copake Parks and Recreation meets the first Tuesday at 7:00P.M. at the Town Hall

Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk Pavilion available for group gatherings





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Zoning Board Report

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Copake Town Hall

Clark M. (Mac) Simms	Chairman
Stosh Gansowski	Vice-Chairman
Julie McKenna	Secretary
Robert Sacks	Member
George Ashley	Member
Louise Miller	Recording Secretary

In 2005 the board held 12 public meetings with 20 public hearings. Seven applications were approved, six denied, four deferred, and two ruled no ZBA action required. Two members attended NY State Planning and Zoning courses

Planning Board

Edgar M. Masters,	Chairman
Marcia C. Becker	Secretary
Chris Grant	
Morris Ordovery	
Terry Robbins	
Diana Firth, clerk	

Approximately 50 applications came before the Board in 2005. They comprised major and minor subdivisions, boundary line adjustments, Zoning Board of Appeals referrals, and major and minor site plan reviews.

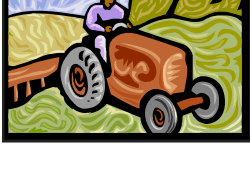
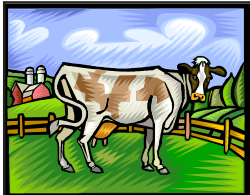
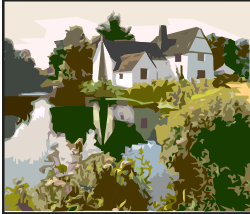
Strategic Planning Committee

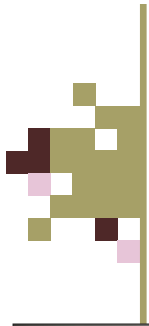
Edgar M. Masters	Chairman
Marcia C. Becker	Planning Board
Chris Grant,	Planning Board
Wayne F. Miller	Town Councilman
Leslie Wood Strom	Economic Advisory Board
Margaret Roach	Community representative
Deborah Cohen	Administrative assistant

Programs:

The Strategic Planning Committee was appointed in 2004. Its purpose is to recommend to the Town Board modifications and revisions to the Town's comprehensive plan. In 2005, the SPC's proposed Scenic Resource Protection Plan was adopted by the Town Board as an amendment to Copake's comprehensive plan. Also in 2005, the SPC's proposed Scenic Corridor Overlay Zone protecting the Taconic view shed was adopted by the Town Board as Local Law 2 of 2005.

The Committee expects to recommend additional legislation in the year ahead.





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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

COPAKE FIRE DISTRICT
390 CTY. RT. 7A COPAKE, N.Y. 12516



CHARLES A. MILLER	CHAIRMAN
LEE S. HARVEY	VICE CHAIRMAN
DIANA FIRTH	SECRETARY
KIM LAFORGE	TREASURER
KENNETH PHEPAY	
PETER JENSEN	

WHO WE ARE

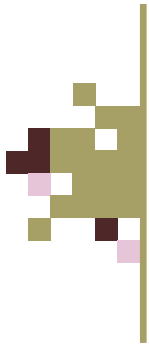
WE ARE INDIVIDUALS FROM THE COPAKE AREA WHO CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

WE WANT TO HELP PEOPLE IN THEIR TIME OF NEED. WE ARE A 100% VOLUNTEER AGENCY THAT SERVES THE COPAKE AREA AND BEYOND. WE STRIVE TO BE THE TOP IN OUR PROFESSION.

THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 HAVE TAUGHT US ALL THE VALUES OF EMERGENCY SERVICES. WON'T YOU HELP OUT YOUR COMMUNITY TODAY? THE PAY IS LITTLE BUT THE REWARDS ARE GREAT.

CALL THE FIRE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 329-4161 TUESDAYS FROM 12:30-4:30 PM TO RECEIVE AN APPLICATION.





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Copake Fire Department



David Proper
Paul Proper Jr
Randi Shadic

Dane Shadic
David Proper
James Cole

Bill Pitcher
Mike LaForge
Michael Edge
William Giulian

Scott Hedges
John DeRocha
Larry Proper
Donna Hedges

Chief
1st Asst Chief
2nd Asst Chief

Engine Captain
Truck Captain
Fire Police Captain

Engine Lieutenant
Engine Lieutenant
Truck Lieutenant
Truck Lieutenant

Co. President
Co. V. President
Co. Treasurer
Co. Secretary

EQUIPMENT

1971	Army Brush Truck
1973	Mack 75' Ladder Truck
1981	GMC Rescue Truck
1982	International Tanker
1990	International Pumper/ Tanker
1996	HME Pumper
1996	Dodge Pickup
2000	Rescue boat



We have currently 37 members in the Dept, which is located at 390 Cty Rte 7A Copake



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Personnel

Frederick R. Miller	Chief
Mark C. Edelman	1st Assistant Chief
Richard H. Briggs	2nd Assistant Chief
Robert W. Burns	Captain
Clifton Conklin	2nd Captian
Teddy M. Baird	1st Lieutenant
George W. Stottlar	2nd Lieutenant
Joe Ventorino	Safety Officer

Fire Police

Herbert Schmeichel	Captain
Robert Briggs	Lieutenant

Fire District Commissioners

Robert Arnholter	Chairman
Herbert Schmeichel	Secretary
Kenneth Lampila	Treasurer
George Atwood	
Fred Canetto	
Thomas Kane	

We have 45 active members

Personnel

William Baker	Chief
Chester Pulver	1st Assistant
John Piser	2nd Assistant
Del Scott	Captain
Joe Venturino Sr.	2nd Cap- tain
Michael Busch	1st ILieutenant
Richard Jennings	2nd Lieutenant
Joe Venturino Jr.	Safety Officer

CRARYVILLE FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Dell Scutt	Chairman
Mike Melnyk	
Mark Dellea	
Allen Wadman	
Richard Valentine	

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

John Piser	President
Chester Pulver	Vice President
Dell Scutt	Sec/treasurer



Hillsdale Fire Department

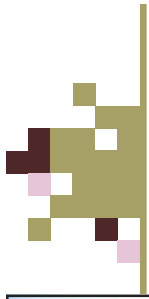


2005 Hillsdale Highlights

**Purchase of International KME, 4 wheel drive-pumper/
tanker with 1500 gallon tank.**
Purchase of a thermal imaging camera.
Purchase of extrication jaws

Craryville Fire Department





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William Cemetery ACTIVITY REPORT



No plots were sold in 2005 and there are 7 plots left. There were no interments made during the year 2005.

Plot prices remain unchanged:

Single Plot	\$330.00
Double Plot	\$550.00*
Four Grave Plot	\$775.00*

* Two and four grave plots must all be purchased together on the same deed in order to take advantage of those prices as stated. The charge for a grave opening is \$530.00.

Anyone interested in purchasing a plot may contact the Cemetery Commissioner through the Town Clerk Office at the Town Hall, 518-329-2591.

Town Historian - Gloria Lyons

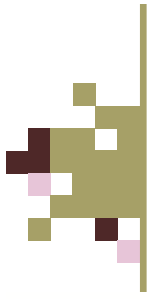


One of the most interesting things to happen for the town historian in 2005 was meeting with a gentleman from Connecticut who know of the old Copake airport where town hall is today. This man tested one of the first metal air-planes in history, right here in Copake. The area and a still living tree was shown in a photo released to the local newspapers.

The town historian continues to do research on people tracing their heritage in the area.

Any old records, pictures etc, pertaining to the history of the town, that you think might be of interest, please contact me at 518-325-5877





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Rescue Squad

Board of Directors:

- David Proper (Executive Director)
- Larry Proper (Director)
- Harold Jensen (Director)
- Dee Dee Shadic (Director)
- Thomas Kane (Director)
- Patti Proper (Treasurer)

Administration:

- Jeanie Scotti (Administrator)
- P. Henry Lambert
(Assistant Administrator, ALS Coordinator)



Personal: (20) - NYS Paramedics

Equipment: 2002 Ford Van Ambulance

(4) - NYS AEMT's

(16) - NYS EMT's

(1) - NYS First Responder's

(9) - Volunteer's

(0) - Ride-a-Long

2003 Ford Van Ambulance
(4X4)

***Classes:** CPR {Classes, First Responder and EMT classes and NYS Pilot Recertification Program. Many of our members are trained and NYS certified to teach all of the above levels of care.

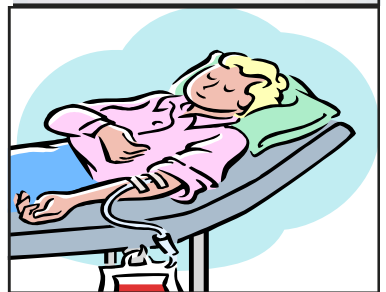
***Free Blood Pressure checks:** For community residents, loan of Medical equipment (ie. wheelchairs, crutches, walkers etc.) to community residents. Come in anytime!!!!!! Great way to keep healthy Have accurate records for yourself and your doctor.

***Pathway of Remembrance:** Purchasing a brick really helps out the Rescue Squad with donations. Our Pathway has grown beautifully. What a great way to remember a loved one or a special event in your life.

**PLEASE COME VISIT WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR PATHWAY.
STOP IN THE RESUE SQUAD TO GET INFORMATION.**

***Extended Mutual Aid Plan:** For many years now all seven of the Columbia County rescue Squad's have put together a special group called the Task Force. This past year this group has worked on an extra plan that will help all Columbia County residences when you ill 911 for an emergency. This will be accomplished by an extra ambulance to cover 911 ills when one rescue squad gets overloaded.

***Copake Fire District Echo Response:** The Copake Fire Department has been working on a plan to help provide additional help to the Rescue Squad when the squad needs manpower. Hopefully starting some time in March of this year the fire department will be dispatched to very serious calls to help along with the Rescue Squad at that time.





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