

SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 27, 2009

Special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Copake the following were present: Supervisor Crowley, Councilwoman Gabaccia, Councilman Tompkins, Councilman Sacks and Councilman Kiernan.

Supervisor Crowley opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. with 34 people present; the purpose of the meeting is to review and award insurance bids and any other business that may come before the board.

Supervisor read a letter from Peck' Peck Insurance (see attached).

Ken Gray from Marshall and Sterling Insurance spoke on behalf of his company.

After a discussion Councilman Sacks said we were under a time constraint, I recommend we stay with current carrier as quotes are similar and invited Sterling and Marshall to come back next year when we will have more time to negotiate.

Kirk Kneller from Brad Peck Insurance suggested the town hire an independent consultant to come in and set bid specs so they are exact.

Jeff Nayer said is a lot to be said about a local insurance company that hires people from the area.

Supervisor Crowley said we will start looking at insurance next year during the budget process.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Tompkins to retain the services of Brad Peck Insurance. Motion carried.

Don Delamater said the tractor pull will be held May 17th with proceeds going to the summer youth program, Park Commission will be running concession.

Supervisor Crowley said he was asked if a non profit organization uses the park who is responsible for the insurance.

Kirk Kneller said a town function would be covered if we notify carrier of event. If it's not a town event you ask for certificate of insurance.

Councilman Sacks asked Kurt to put he's suggestions in writing.

Supervisor Crowley mentioned letter from Ag and Markets concerning Copake Valley Farms.

Supervisor Crowley read letter he drafted to Governor Paterson echoing the sentiments of Senator Saland and Assemblyman Molinaro (see attached).

The board was in favor of the letter.

Councilwoman Gabaccia read resolution for board to consider.

The following resolution was offered by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Sacks:

RESOLVED: that the Town Board of the Town of Copake supports the efforts of State Senator Stephen Saland and State Assemblyman Marcus Molinaro in asking Governor Paterson to seek to reverse the recent letter from the State Department of Agriculture and Markets in the matter of the application of Salvatore Cascino and Lackawanna Properties LLC supporting the activities at Copake Valley Farms LLC as a farming operation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

1. That the letters of Senator Saland and Assemblyman Molinaro to Governor Paterson be attached to this resolution as stating the Council's agreement with their content regarding the decision.
2. That the Town Council shall continue its efforts both in Court and at government levels to stop illegal dumping activities and violations of Town Ordinances at Copake Valley Farms by Salvatore Cascino, Copake Valley Farms LLC and Lackawanna Properties LLC.
3. That a copy of this resolution and the attached letters shall be sent to Governor Paterson along with a letter from the Town Supervisor and Town Board asking that the decision be revised:
4. That a copy of this resolution and attached letters be sent to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors asking that the Board of Supervisors communicate to the Governor its displeasure over the decision by the Department of Agriculture and Markets, as such decision constitutes a threat to the health and welfare of the citizens of the County.

Dated March 27, 2009
Resolution #5

Supervisor Crowley	Yes
Councilwoman Gabaccia	Yes
Councilman Sacks	Yes
Councilman Tompkins	Yes
Councilman Kiernan	recuse himself

Deputy LaPorta said he looked at the vacuum in the town hall, the problem is the doors do not close tight; you will need seven or eight covers at a cost of \$7.00 each.

A motion was made by Supervisor Crowley seconded by Councilman Tompkins authorizing Deputy Supervisor LaPorta to purchase doors for the vacuum system at town hall. Motion carried.

A Copake citizen complained about garbage on 7 and 7A at Copake Lake. Supervisor Crowley said to call Columbia County Supervisor as it is on County Highway, he will call the chairman Monday.

Deputy Supervisor said the bottom of town clock needs to be plasma cut and welded. In 1996 the clock was done over.

A Copake Citizen asked if on Copake Day could we have meet your politicians, they could talk about issues and how they stand. A discussion followed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Crowley seconded by Councilman Kiernan to go into executive session to discuss personal matter on particular employee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Kiernan seconded by Councilman Tompkins to return to special meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Tompkins the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,