

SPECIAL MEETING  
January 30, 2009

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

Supervisor Crowley opened the meeting at 6:30 pm with 15 people present.

Supervisor Crowley said Councilman Tompkins received a letter from Krista Goodacre, Chairman of the Park Commission requesting a meeting with the Town Board ASAP.

Councilman Tompkins turned the meeting over to Krista Goodacre and Ralph Platt from Park Commission, anything on personal matters such as appointments, discipline we should go into executive session.

Krista Goodacre said the Park is getting a bad name; we've been here a long time for the town and kids, I don't want this to happen. I want to get this out in the open and if anyone has concerns about the Park, we'd like to hear them.

Ralph Platt said if people aren't happy with the way things are done, as the town hall sent people down to see what's going on, let us know.

Supervisor Crowley said I have never asked or sent anyone down to your meeting or any other board member. If there's a problem, we will come to you. You have to get the minutes to the Town Clerk.

Ralph said our secretary has had many absences.

Councilman Tompkins said the parade of lights was cancelled due to state of emergency. I conversed with Krista, Fire Chief, and Supervisor on the second; one we were allowed one float.

Councilwoman Gabaccia asked Scott Preusser if the accountant has gotten in touch with him to help with treasurer report, Scott answered no. Supervisor Crowley said he will get in touch with accountant tomorrow.

Councilman Tompkins said if Chris Quinby cancels Community Day, the Park Commission did not want to be blamed for the cancellation.

Councilman Sacks said I don't think anyone has authority to cancel Community Day, maybe Economic Advisory Board.

Councilman Tompkins, they didn't want Chris to drop out because of what transpired.

Chris Quinby said there was no mention of canceling Community Day, I said if this continues I will not be in charge. I hear criticism; the park doesn't want two days, who's in charge of their park, that's what comes back to me. What can I do with my committee, we were given the ok by the EAB, Town Board for two days, then question comes up, why does it have to be two days. People work very hard to put this together. It was public record the people didn't want a tractor pull on Sunday. Councilman Tompkins said the commission talked to Don Delamater about that and they were 100 % behind the tractor pull. The way it was explained, the main issue was parking and you have to work with Mike on this for a designated area. Chris said on two occasions Mike said he didn't want it. Councilman Tompkins said Mike is not Park Commission.

Supervisor Crowley said Mike has a job to do and if something is scheduled at the park his job is to be there and do it.

Ralph said Mike was worried about parking with Community Day and Tractor Pull together. Shannon Holdridge said with extra parking across the street it can be worked out.

George Filipovits said Community Day has nothing to do with the Park Commission.

Councilwoman Gabaccia asked about letter that was submitted and asked to be read at meeting.

Town Clerk Hotaling said she was told the person who wrote the letter must be at meeting to read it, its in the policy manual.

Supervisor Crowley said that was passed when Angelo was Supervisor.

Councilwoman Gabaccia said I thought that was letters of resignation only.

Councilwoman Gabaccia said by virtue of the fact she's written this letter and asked it be read in public she's waivering her rights and its only fair to Park Commission that they know what's being said.

If it leads to discussion of appointment process we can go into executive session.

Town Clerk Hotaling read letter from Karen Hallenbeck. (see attached)

George Filipovits said Ms. Hallenbeck was voted not to be on the board by 6-1 so why would you go into executive session.

A motion was made by Councilman Tompkins seconded by Councilwoman Gabaccia to go into executive sessions with the Park Commission to discuss Karen Hallenbeck's appointment or lack thereof.

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

Councilman Sacks asked Park Commission if they're comfortable now? Ralph answered yes.

Chris Quinby said I was not yelling at park meeting. I have a tendency to talk loud. It was an illegal meeting and I was just stating a fact.

Supervisor Crowley suggested if you have a question about running a meeting, call Bob Freeman from the state.

Krista said if the meeting was illegal it was not intentional.

Councilwoman Gabaccia said if the Accountant is not performing we can replace him. Suggested keeping track of his performance as he hasn't talked with the Park Commission.

Councilman Sacks said Don Delamater does a good job with tractor pull, its fun and entertaining.

Councilwoman Gabaccia look into noise issue.

Don Delamater said there will be a tractor pull on Community Day.

The Park Commission has two openings; circus will be coming July 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

Respectfully submitted,