

TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
June 13, 2009

At the regular 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 9:00 a.m. with 27 people present.

A motion was made by Councilman Sacks seconded by Councilwoman Gabaccia the minutes of May 14, 2009 be accepted as written, Motion carried.

The following correspondence was read:

Don Delamater - Profit from tractor pull, \$3,351.00 proceeds to go to the summer park program.

Senator Saland - Acknowledgement of support for S.2568 bill which extends the statute of limitations in criminal and civil actions for certain sex offenses committed against a child less than eighteen years of age.

Ancram Youth Commission – Summer party June 19, 2009.

NYS Department of Transportation address to Dean Knox – Request for speed limit on Cty. Rt. 7A was denied.

Supervisor Crowley will talk to Assemblyman Molinaro.

Department of Ag & Markets – Premature to move forward with the Department's AML 305- a review at this time.

Columbia County Highway Traffic Safety Board – In support of towns request for speed reduction on Cty. Rt. 7A

Assemblyman Molinaro – Informing town he's in support of Assembly Bill 8501.

Assemblyman Molinaro – How the 2008-09 Middle Class Star rebate check program works.

Planning Board – Their meeting will remain July 2, 2009.

NYS Department of Environmental – Permit for Taconic Shores to apply pesticides in Robinson Pond.

Association of Towns – Against bill 8501

Margaret Roach – Appreciation of improvements to Valley View Road, increase in high speed driving.

Supervisor Crowley will pass information on to the Police Department.

Councilman Sacks suggested putting up mobile sign or park underutilized vehicle.

Planning Board – Traveled Way and Common Driveway name, Primrose Drive southeast side of Anthony Street.

Councilman Sacks read letter from Westchester County Board of Legislators in favor of lever voting machines.

Public Forum:

John Keeler said at the January meeting I gave the board a list of questions, you were to split them up among you. Requested to advertise old vehicles at highway garage.

Supervisor Crowley said the Attorney is processing paper work through Albany. Councilman Sacks said he will go back through minutes to see what they have committed to and what has been done.

John Keeler asked about West Nile virus. Tires at highway garage. Propane tanks are next to batteries, could cause explosion.

Councilman Kiernan will talk to Highway Superintendent.

Harvey Weber: at the Planning Board meeting Mr. O Neal was not on agenda but was allowed to speak. Sign that I brought with me was moved when I left the room.

Councilwoman Gabaccia said it was inappropriate that the sign was removed; spoke to Chairman Becker about it.

At one meeting Mr. Hillard showed up so out of courtesy he was allowed to speak.

I think as Town Board we can ask that escrow account be established before work shop begins.

Councilman Sacks said at same meeting Mr. Cascino was approved to build a house, he still owes us \$10,000, I would like the Attorney to check into that.

Councilwoman Gabaccia said we need to get something in place as far as escrows go.

Supervisor Crowley suggested the Planning Attorney look into this.

Councilman Sacks said there's no law that you can refuse to view plans from applicant who has not reimbursed the town for fees.

Supervisor Crowley asked Councilwoman Gabaccia to contact Attorney.

Mike Frasier said his daughter is not able to attend the summer park program because their booked, can you hire more staff?

Supervisor Crowley said it's not the help, on rainy days there's a fire code that only allows a certain number in the building.

Councilman Tompkins said there was a sign up just for residents.

Supervisor Crowley suggested he talk to Bridget Roberts.

Mr. Frasier said he didn't know about the sign up.

Councilman Sacks said if there are other children also what we can do to service them and is there a way we can help Mr. Frasier out.

Councilman Tompkins said if anyone pulls out hopefully residents will be first on the list.

David Goordineer said he's in the process of completing his Assessor courses.

Ian Jarvis asked about the Coke sign at the park and is it legal.

Councilman Tompkins will check with park commission about the sign and contract.

Carlos Newcomb from Hudson Valley Solar spoke on the possibility of solar for town buildings.

Paper work needs to be generated before you apply for grants, with a fee in the amount of \$1,000.00. The federal government looks more favorable on products made in the USA, proposal is for panels made in the US. They will take care of the grant paper work.

Councilman Sacks asked how much the town will pay.

Mr. Newcomb said NYSERD gives 78% federal 22% which leaves the town with zero financial exposure. The money is put into a fund that you pay for on your utility bill.

Councilman Sacks asked in case of fire is there a safety issue?

Mr. Newcomb Columbia County enacted legislation that a dc disconnect be outside of building to shut the system down.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Sacks authorizing \$1,000.00 for initiating Town Hall solar project. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Councilman Sacks requested second six months extension with Charter Communications. Charter is restructuring and reorganizing.

Supervisor Crowley said last month there was a meeting in Ancram pertaining to cell towers, Deputy Supervisor LaPorta attended.

AT&T and Jim Jefferies with North East Computer Services were present, did survey have 7 locations, would like to stay with municipality. They said the

Town Hall or Park would be a good location also Highway Garage and Taconic Hills School. Just ATT customers would be able to use their towers.

Jim Jefferies from North East Computer Services said they do the same work and would let anyone rent the towers, the town would recoup rental fee every month from the towers.

Supervisor Crowley said they prefer to use County owned property first municipal seconded and last resort to privately owned.

Bob Roth got a call from AT&T they will have a definitive answer on where they would like towers by end of month.

Motor Vehicle Storage:

Councilman Sacks said he reviewed, the committee did a fine job, would like to get approval from Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning.

Supervisor Crowley will ask the Attorney to review and let the board know what zoning changes and propose a local law. Ask Planning Board for input and schedule a public hearing for August.

Councilwoman Gabaccia should notify potential owners the impact of this.

Supervisor Crowley responded will send a letter.

Councilman Sacks took the Emergency Management Plan to its next level.

Handed out papers to board as to what question need to be answered to complete the plan.

Councilman Sacks, the Roe Jan Library will be holding tours today at 10:30 and 11:15 on the building site.

Councilman Tompkins asked if the town of Hillsdale buys the old library would the money go to library.

Answer yes.

Supervisor Crowley, submitted three proposals to Ken Flood for library.

Art Baer and Ken Flood leaving Wednesday for Washington DC to speak with Congressman and Senator will be hand delivery proposal, Congressman Murphy's office is aiding the Rescue Squad for a new rig that also will be hand delivered.

Comprehensive Planning – Jeanne Mettler Survey in the mail and on line, will have public hearing August 1st . Making progress.

Harvey Weber said he met with Mr. Keeler about batteries and propane at highway garage.

Board of Assessment Review - William Newcomb: everything went smooth, worked with professional people.

Supervisor Crowley: County participating in prescription plan, PRO-Act everyone will receive card in mail, you will get discounts on your prescriptions from 10 to 50 % deepening on the pharmacy, 90 % of pharmacies will be participating. If your prescription plan covers your drug you cannot use it. This plan is no cost to taxpayer, drug companies are doing this. When you get it in the mail do not throw away.

Councilman Sacks: new business, Dutch Treat in Copake, wish them the best of luck.

Councilman Kiernan asked Councilwoman Gabaccia when she talks to Mr. Howard if you could ask him about the notice of intent with Ag and Markets they need to follow.

A motion was made by Councilman Sacks seconded by Councilman Tompkins the bills from general abstract # 6 and highway abstract # 6 be paid. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,