

## COPAKE TOWN BAORD MEETING

### PUBLIC HEARING

July 12, 2007

At a public hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Copake the following were present: Supervisor Valentino, Councilperson Gabaccia, Councilperson, Ritchie, Councilperson Miller, Councilperson Sacks and Highway Superintendent Proper.

Supervisor Valentino opened the hearing at 6:30 p.m. with 24 people present.

The purpose of the hearing is to review Local Law # 3 for the year 2007. A local Law Amending the Penalty Provision Contained In Chapters 1,80,85,101,129,135,156,160,172,194,196,197,217,221,230, and 232 of the Town Code of the Town of Copake.

Supervisor Valentino went over Local Law # 3.

Zoning Enforcement officer Ferratto said it changes the title for the Zoning Enforcement officer for serving tickets.

Julie McKenna said on Local Law # 3 she would like to clarify what was included in the resolution.

Dose it include any part of the Code which involves penalties for violations? For example, dose it includes penalties for alcoholic beverages or animals? Or dose it simply address chapters which address Zoning issues?

Supervisor Valentino stated the numbers of some of the sixteen chapters covered by the resolution and reiterated that the resolution covered zoning issues, to put more teeth in zoning enforcement.

Julie McKenna, Chairman of the Zoning Board read the following comment;

I have to question why we are considering amending the penalty provisions of the Town Code of the Town of Copake at this time.

We have penalties in the Code now, and I would be interested to know the extent to which violations are being enforced. How many appearance tickets have been issued based on the existing Code? How many violations of Town Code and General Municipal Law are ongoing? Does increasing the penalties prior to ensuring we have the procedures in place to enforce existing code make any more sense than the past two and a half years with an official if part-time zoning enforcement officer have made?

The position was filled from the Board which helped to create it, bypassing any pretense at EEO hiring practices. The position was created but little direction was given regarding the parameters of the job, the procedures which could or ought to be followed, the amount of time demanded. The community indicated in the SCOZ survey that greater enforcement was called for: we gave

them a ZEO. \$25000 of taxpayer money later, I would be interested to see what, if anything has been accomplished we have accomplished in that regard.

Prior to increasing penalties for existing code, it would benefit the Town Council to complete its ongoing review of policies and procedures. In the meantime, it would also be prudent to determine the status of existing violations of existing policies and procedures.

What remedies are being sought, for example for the use of an oversized building without certificate of occupancy? How is the Town's own change of use of a building to a parking garage and storage facility in a residential neighborhood being addressed, given the absence of any use variance or permit?

We have a no smoking policy at the Copake Recreation Field. I was adamant on Copake Community Day that my significant other leave his cigarettes in the car, only to observe one of the organizers of the event smoking right next to the Parks and Rec building. (The argument was later made that the no-smoking policy isn't really legal. Whether or not that's so, it was not being enforced nor was an example being set.)

Do we get to pick and choose which laws we are going to follow or which laws we are going to enforce or who is going to be held to those laws and who not?  
We're all aware that "spot zoning" is not allowed, but do we replace that with "spot enforcement?"

Once again I ask, as we review our processes and tighten our policies what processes and policies are currently being adhered to?

I've discussed several other points with Town Council Members, including that of jurisdiction in granting special use permits. I've also made much of the requirements of Open Meeting Law. The Freedom of Information Act states that "the more open a government is with its citizenry, the greater the understanding and participation of the public in government. As state and local government services increase and public problems become more complex and therefore harder to solve, and with the resultant increase in revenues and expenditures, it is incumbent upon the state and its localities to extend public accountability wherever and whenever feasible. Without adequate records, Minutes and Agendas of the various committees and Boards of the Town the Public has no way of determining prior to a Public Hearing what led the Council the determination a the proposed resolution is necessary. What resources can we devote to ensuring that state law is being followed in this regard?

The community has a right to know the process of governmental decision-making and to review the documents and statistics leading to determinations and in this instance it would be interesting to know by what process it was determined that an increase in penalties was necessary.

The greater question to me, however is one of accountability. If violations of Town or General Municipal Code or town policies takes place with the knowledge of members of the Town

Council, then to whom should our concerns be addressed? At what point does knowledge of wrong doing, intentional or not, become wrong doing in and of itself?

I would like to remind the members of the Board that their accountability is to the Public, and that protecting the Town of Copake does not mean protecting your own interests, but protecting the interests of the community as a whole.

Supervisor Valentino said in answer to enforcement preceding the two things in place is the Building Oversight Committee and the Policy Committee which is looking into that now.

Harvey Webber asked number of penalties people will pay?

Councilperson Ritchie said up to \$250 a day reoccurrence till remedy at Judges Discretion.

Morris Ordovery asked if there is statistic on how many tickets.

Councilperson Sacks said Building Oversight Committee is starting to collect data.

Bill Kane asked about old unlicensed cars, will it be 100% or will you pick and choose?

A motion was made by Supervisor Valentino seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia the hearing be closed at 6:50 pm. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Valentino opened the hearing at 6:50 p.m. with 39 people present.

The purpose of the hearing is to review Local Law # 4 for the year 2007, A local Law creating a new article VI to chapter 204 of the Copake Town Code providing that there shall be but one assessor to be appointed pursuant tot the provisions of section 310 of the real property tax law of the State of New York.

Supervisor Valentino read Local Law.

Gerald Meenagh asked why Soul Assessor?

Supervisor Valentino replied, having difficulty finding qualified persons to run. Elected Assesors need not come to job trained and have two years to become certified, 14 out of 17 Towns in the County now have Sole Assessors.

Gerard Meenagh asked what are the chances of having elected Sole Assessor?

Councilperson Ritchie said they had information about elected Sole Assessor but if you can't find three Assessors how do you find one being they have to live in the town.

Gerard Meenagh said he has strong felling about taking the vote away from the people and passed out papers on elected Soul Assessors.

William Kane said the Town needs someone qualified now and I understand the problem with finding qualified people to run.

Harvey Webber said with a petition turned in with 200 plus names showed the sentiment of the people. What form will board chooses for the referendum?

Attorney Whitbeck said a mandatory referendum must be held and Local Law not filed with secretary of State until the election and adopted.

Gerard Meeagh commented that once you go to Sole Assessors there is no return.

Morris Ordovery suggested leaving the office the way it is as a revalue is due next year.

Edgar Masters asked if there were a shelf full of professionals in a town such as ours and who will make the decision, and is the Town Board qualified to evaluate their professionalism.

Supervisor Valentino said there a better chance of trained Sole Assessor then elected. The Town Board would interview and hire the Assessor.

Edgar Master said we as citizens are given up our rights to have someone who doesn't have roots in the town to evaluate our properties.

Mac Simms said given the statistic that 83% of Towns now have Sole Assessors has any one asked how they feel about the choice they made?

Superviaor Valentino replied the Supervisor's he spoke to are happy with Sole Assessor.

Councilperson Sacks stated there asking citizen to make a decision without education and suggest they educate the public on both sides of story.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Miller the hearing be closed at 7:40 pm. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Valentino opened the regular meeting at 7:41 pm with 43 people present.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia seconded by Councilperson Ritchie to dispense with the reading of the minutes of June 14<sup>th</sup> and accept them as written. Motion was carried.

The following correspondences were read:

1. From Hillsdale Community Day Committee: Letter informing town Hillsdale Day will be August 18<sup>th</sup> at former Roeliff Jansen School.
2. From Historical Society: Letter informing of bids for roof repair and asking for fund in the amount of \$15, 300. Councilperson Gabaccia asked Ed Ferratto if the work could go till spring so money could be budgeted in the 2008 budget. Councilperson Gabaccia suggested they wait till next meeting.
3. From Highway Superintendent: Letter requesting resolution to change the retirement insurance.
4. New York State Department of Transportation: Letter notifying town of restricted highways.
5. Copake Methodist Church: Letter thanking everyone involved in Copake Day. A special thanks to Shirley Valentino and Larry Proper and crew.

Councilperson Miller reported the July Planning Board held two public hearings, one for American Cellular Corp. to add additional equipment to an existing cell tower located on Catamount Ski Area, and the second for Steiner Properties for a three lot subdivision plus road, off Tow Town Road.

The Cell One site plan was approved.

Other major subdivisions reviewed were: CJ Properties on Empire Road and Karen B. Cohen's Flexible Lot Subdivision on Farm Road. Other site plans reviewed and / or approved were John

Langdon's barn and COARC's replacement building near upper Rhoda Lake. The Board approved a boundary line adjustment merging three adjacent lots in Taconic Shores for Patricia Coggins.

Councilperson Gabaccia said the question has been raised as to why I have begun to read my committee reports. There are two major reasons. One is I'm far less likely to forget to report on the details of the committees to which I serve as liaison and therefore am better able to convey information to the public about the work these committees are doing. And two, it is in an effort to make things a little easier for Vana who has the daunting task of recording these minutes for the town. I give her a copy of what I read and it simplifies the job of putting the committee reports in the minutes so that people who don't attend these meetings can still find out what is going on.

On June 21 I attended a presentation in Town Hall put on by two DEC wildlife biologist regarding black bears. This informational meeting was well-attended by State Park employees and police personnel. We learned that the black bear is timid by nature, but very

much driven by its search for food. It was suggested that people take down the bird feeders in their yard, secure their garbage cans, and keep their outdoor grills well-cleaned as these three items act as an attractant to the bears in their quest for food. Loud noises will often frighten these animals although it is not recommended that a person be confrontational with the bears. Nor is it recommended that you run should you see one, because like a dog the bear is likely to chase you. And as an update the bears continue to be spotted moving in an area including the southern end of Breezy Hill Road, North Mountain Road, Taconic State Park in Copake Falls, and Mt. Washington. I spoke to a gentleman two days ago whose house on Mt. Washington had just been invaded. The bear went through a window and raided the refrigerator. Copake police department will be carrying the rubber buckshot recommended by DEC in every vehicle to use in chasing any bears away. We hope to schedule another presentation by the DEC geared to the homeowner.

**The Ethics Board** met and discussed the new Ethics Code for the Town. Final revisions are being made and the Code will be forwarded to Gif Whitbeck for review. Upon completion we will be holding a public hearing and look to incorporate the revised Ethics Code into the Town Code. We also continue to hear citizen complaints. In regard to letters of complaint I would like to clarify that every letter will receive a reply. However, it may take more than one meeting of the Ethics Board to produce a decision. The process of hearing and debating these complaints is a deliberative process and the Ethics Board is in no way willing to make a rush to judgment on any case. A great deal of thought and research is undertaken by this Board. They will respond to any and all of your complaints, but it does take time. Please be patient.

**Policy Committee** continues to work on the new policy manual for the town. We discussed many of the policies drafted by our members including inter-municipal cooperation, committee appointments, encouraging youth participation in government, term limits, general employee policies, and the possible creation of an ombudsmen's position. Also discussed were the drafting of a policy regarding participation in Copake Day and the policy regarding the use of town buildings and property. Unfortunately the Policy Committee did not launch soon enough this year to put a Copake Day policy in place, but we will have one in place before the end of the year in time for the beginning of meetings by the Copake Day Committee in January.

As an aside, Copake Day chairman Chris Quinby has requested that the Town Board appoint a liaison to that committee when they resume meeting in January. I would recommend that we" do this, because it should help in the communication process.

The Policy Committee has also been looking at an organizational chart for the town and job descriptions. I have been collecting job descriptions from the various department heads and there does appear to be some confusion regarding reporting relationships and actual job requirements. I know from my attendance at this month's ZBA meeting that there were questions raised regarding the attendance of our ZEO at those meetings. The Policy committee feels that it is up to the Town Board to define job requirements and hammer out the reporting relationships and levels of responsibility. To that end I will provide copies of the information I have received thus far and place it in your boxes and I would hope for input and discussion and assistance from my fellow board members with the goal in sight of creating these job descriptions in time for inclusion to the policy committee's submission in August.

Also from my attendance at the ZBA, the issue was raised about the lack of minutes for the Building Oversight Committee. The taking of minutes for all committees is an ongoing problem. It is difficult as a committee member to effectively participate and take minutes and yet these minutes are the sole record of what transpires at these meetings. Again, I think we the Town Board need to look at how we may best record our minutes as they are meant to be public record and with the budget process looming I think we need to begin that investigation now.

And with regard to the Budget process I would like to add I am willing to sit down with any committee to which I serve as liaison in the coming month to go over your budget requests so that we can both meet the needs of our citizenry and keep expenditures in check.

**Parks and Recreation** did not meet this month, however I would like to report that on July 5th the circus came to Copake courtesy of Parks and Rec. and was a big success. Summer program is underway and extremely well-attended. I believe we had approximately 118 children on opening day and continue to get requests by people to sign up. Bridget Roberts and her staff are doing an excellent job. I would also like to bring to the Board's attention that we did promise this Committee use of a credit card and in the interest of simplifying the conducting of the Parks Commission's work, I would like to recommend to the Board that we issue a card for this committee and designate an individual from that department who will be responsible for the card and seeing that it is used according to the rules of the Town's credit card policy. I would also like to again commend Mike DeRocha for the extremely competent job he is doing in leading this committee through what has been a transitional period. I'm sorry to report that we did not get the grant which we applied for from Hamburger Helper, but we are going to continue to pursue this avenue. Hopefully our presentation from the Grantwriters will produce results.

And last but not least, Friday Night Blast is on hiatus.

Councilperson Ritchie reported:

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – The June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting was another marathon although I could only attend part of it. An area variance and special use permit were approved for the new library on Route 22. An ongoing area variance for second storey addition at Copake Lake was put on hold until the Attorney for the town has a chance to make a written opinion. Four new applications for area variances were submitted with two moving forward to a public hearing, one being dismissed as not being needed and another – an amendment to a previous granted variance – being granted.

**Police Commission** –The speed sign will be going up next around town and we're open to requests for locations. So if anyone in the town feels there is a problem as regards to speeding please let us know. The police cars are being painted so we can have some uniformity. The workshop we mentioned previously that will discuss how women can be made familiar and comfortable with procedures of our local police force will take place Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am in the town hall. There have been some complaints from women in town that they don't understand why they have been pulled over – for example and we want to make sure both sides get a chance to be heard and that process will be made. The Copake Police Department is here to serve and protect our citizens and we hope that being open and clear about feelings and about procedures will make everyone safer and more comfortable.

**Hamlet Revitalization Town Hall Meeting** - We organized a meeting the first of many that was very well attended and people came up with many ideas to help spruce up and regenerate the hamlet. One of the ideas has already been taken in hand by Leslie Wood and is showing results. The idea was to persuade the owner of the Copake General Store that we didn't need another convenience store and something resembling a real general store might be more welcome. Shift the focus away from cigarettes, candy and beer. We also discussed trying to tinker with the idea so that we might attract people to Copake. With that in mind, Leslie and others have approached the owner, who has been very open to the idea about having basic groceries and then space for local specialty products from our local farmers and others such as Camphill Village, I personally would love getting their cookies in the hamlet., so it could become almost like a miniature upscale co-op. The group wants to help figuring out what local products people would want to buy and will meet at the General Store Mondays at 5pm so all those interested please attend. Please let them know your ideas, we want this to be for all of Copake. I think this could be a great start for turning the hamlet around.

**Conservation Resources Advisory Committee** – Didn't meet this week a sign of respect for the funeral of Ann Marie Wilkinson longtime town court clerk and wife of former Councilman John Wilkinson. Ann Marie was a person you'd have to cal larger than life and she will be sorely missed. By the way it was a lovely service the minister made it very personal and with comments from all six of Ann Marie's grandchildren it was uplifting and very moving.

Councilperson Sacks reported:

### **CEAB REPORT**

Tom Crowell of the Columbia Land Conservancy was guest speaker at the last CEAB meeting. He is their grant writer. He came to discuss grant writing possibilities for Copake. I would like to

thank CEAB member Bevin Harrington for making the arrangements for getting Tom to speak to us.

Some of his highlighted recommendations included:

First and foremost - Identify the needs first, only then go looking for funding!

He told us that Columbia Land Conservancy will write grants on behalf of communities for open space and agriculturally related projects. This was of great interest to the CEAB. And will most likely be of great interest to the Copake Strategic Planning Board and the Copake Resource Advisory Committee. I will forward the CEAB minutes to both Committees.

**There are roughly 17 million dollars available every year for this type of grant.**

To keep open spaces and agriculture in the town, The State looks for farms that will remain productive. It looks for well run farms and well managed farms. They also are looking for highly desirable farm land, in other words lands that are likely to be farmed far into the future.

*A conservation easement is a transfer of usage rights — which creates a legally enforceable land preservation agreement between a landowner and a municipality or a qualified land protection organization.*

Another Idea that Tom had was **Community Development Block Grants for Small Cities** that would be applicable to Copake. These could be applied for by the Town and then the town would work with the local businesses to improve the local town facades.

There was much more in the talk and if you are interested please read the CEAB minutes available in the main office or on line.

### **Just A little more on Grants**

- Carol Gansowski a visitor to the CEAB came to report that she had just attended a meeting at the Office of Parks and Recreation. They recommended that the town have a grants writing function within the town government.

The CEAB thought this was a good idea. There are lots of groups and committees in Copake interested in getting grants. In discussion with the CEAB members seemed to find two ways to proceed.

Either there should be a grants writing function in the town government, or let each group proceed on its own with support from the town.

Either way I am suggesting that it is a line item we should seriously consider discussing at budget time.

It was also suggested that we try and develop an inter-town joint grant project across Ancram, Hillsdale and Copake to get support for grants. This could possibly be supported by a NYS grant that seeks to encourage inter-town cooperation.

### **Environmental Committee**

Did not meet yet this month due to scheduling difficulties. But we did communicate and agreed to change the monthly date to the Third Monday of each month.

Last meeting I reported that The groundwater protection plan for Copake was no longer a free program as the NY Rural Water association lost their funding.

In communication with the NY rural Water association I have found out that the total costs are now estimated to not exceed \$5,026.

This work would include:

- (1) compile GIS mapping of NYS - DEC and USGeological well data;
- (2) Locate and map by GIS all aquifers on a detailed map
- (3) map present and future land uses and potential contaminant sources;
- (4) inventorying and documenting of water systems/sources;
- (5) producing maps and a written plan report that would detail groundwater resources, evaluate the susceptibility of these resources to contamination and future growth, and develop strategies to preserve ground water resources and protect drinking water supplies;
- and lastly (6) a presentation of the groundwater protection plan at a Town Environmental Committee meeting or other appropriate meeting.

**Last June 26<sup>th</sup> Charles Dotson gave an Economic Report on the town of Copake.** I am here to tell you that as boring as that may sound it was riveting and I would almost classify it as exciting. Yep! Exciting. There were approximately 20 to 25 people in attendance and all enjoyed and learned from the experience. Due to the summer timing not all town board members and other official members of Copake's Government could attend. I think in the fall, if Charles is willing, we should have another meeting of the Copake Economic report. It is time well spent.

**Lastly an interesting local statistic.** In 2005 based on the town's annual report there were approximately 30 volunteers working in town committees and boards. In 2007 there are at least 78 hard working volunteers. That is 160% growth in involvement. That is much more than double the number of people willing to commit their time and energy into protecting our past and preserving our future. Congratulations to the citizens of Copake, your continued dedication should make us all feel proud.

Attorney Whitbeck reported on Copake Valley Farms:

State Attorney General office has filed a motion in Supreme Court, Columbia County, to ask the court to approve the settlement of its case against Mr. Cascino for illegally filling in wet lands, disturbing the Noster Kill and discharging storm water runoff associated with the disposal of C&D debris.

Under the settlement he would be required to delineate the wet lands and map them on GIS. As for the 30 feet wide steel bridge he's built over the Noster Kill the DEC has determined that to remove the bridge will do more harm to stream and wetlands. He has to install concrete barriers across bridge so it cannot be used, also he will have to pay an \$80,000 fine plus \$50,000 that will help pay for rehabilitation to restore bog turtle habitats.

Attorney Whitbeck said Mr. Cassino is building a 10' high stone and concrete wall near a farm structure and is in violation of the temporary restraining order issued at the town's request by State Supreme Court Judge Jonathan Nichols last November. He's asked the court to fine Mr.

Cassino in contempt for building the wall and if court finds him in contempt he could be fined or jailed. Attorney Whitbeck said he cannot think of what he's defense would be as he was not issued a permit for the wall.

Supervisor Valentino said the town's been dealing with Mr. Cassino for 10 years and were going to do what ever it takes.

Leslie Wood asked if the flood lights at Copake Valley Farm can be taken down. Attorney Whitbeck replied the lights for which he had no permit is also part of the litigation. The case will proceed to trail in 6 months or so.

The Grant Writers John Duchessi, Anthony Duchessi and William Roehr gave a presentation on what they see for Copake. Grant Opportunity Audit were handed out to the Town Board.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia seconded by Councilperson Sacks to appoint Fredrick Whitney to Copake Police as training officer. Motion was carried.

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Gabaccia seconded by Councilperson Ritchie

RESOLVED, that we the Town Board of the Town of Copake hereby resolves to change the retirement insurance to read: The cash equivalent shall be computed at the hourly rate for the position the employee held at this retirement per unused sick leave day.

Dated at Copake, New York  
July 12, 2007  
Resolution # 15

Supervisor Valentino	Yes
Councilperson Gabaccia	Yes
Councilperson Ritchie	Yes
Councilperson Miller	Yes
Councilperson Sacks	Yes

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia.

WHEREAS, a proposed form of Local Law No. 3 of 2007 entitled LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE PENALTY PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN CHAPTERS 1, 80, 85, 101, 129, 135, 156, 160, 172, 194, 196, 217, 221, 230, AND 232 OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF COPAKE was presented to the members of the Town Board of the Town of Copake on the 14 day of June, 2007;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly noticed and held on the 12 day of July, 2007;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 3 of 2007 is hereby adopted.

Dated at Copake, New York  
July 12, 2007  
Resolution # 16

Supervisor Valentino	Yes
Councilperson Gabaccia	Yes
Councilperson Ritchie	Yes
Councilperson Miller	Yes
Councilperson Sacks	Yes

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Valentino seconded by Councilperson Miller.

WHEREAS, a proposed form of Local Law No. 4 of 2007 entitled “A LOCAL LAW CREATING A NEW ARTICLE VI TO CHAPTER 204 OF THE COPAKE TOWN CODE PROVING THE THERE SHALL BE BUT ONE ASSESSOR TO BE APPOINTED PURAUANT TO THE PROVISION OF SECTION 310 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK” was presented to the members of the Town Board of the Town of Copake on the 14 day of June 2007;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly noticed and held on the 12 day of July, 2007;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 4 of 2007 is hereby adopted subject to its approval by qualified voters of the Town of Copake at a mandatory referendum scheduled to be held at a special election of the, held at the Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, on the day of September, 2007 between the hours of 11:00 am and 8:00 pm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby ordered and directed to prepare ballots which shall be in substantially the following form:

Shall the resolution entitled” RESOLUTION NO. 16 ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2007, A LOPCLA LAW CREATING A NEW ARTICLE VI TO CHAPTER 204 OF THE COPAKE TOWN CODE PROVIDING THAT THERE SHALL BE BUT ONE ASSESSOR TO BE APPOINTED PURSANT TO THE PROVOISION OF SECTION 310 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,” which will do away with the town’s retained office of elected assessors, be approved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Town Clerk of the Town of Copake shall cause notice of such Special Election in substantially the form attaché as Exhibit “A” be published in the Independent and Register Star, a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication, on or before September 2, 2007, which is not less than ten (10) days prior to the date fixed for the Special Election. In addition, the town clerk shall post or cause to be posted a copy of such notice on the sign board of the town maintained pursuant to Section 30 (6) of the Town Law, on or before September 2, 2007 which is not less than ten (10) days prior to the date fixed for Special Election

Dated at Copake, New York  
 July 12, 2007  
 Resolution # 17

Supervisor Valentino	Yes
Councilperson Gabaccia	No
Councilperson Ritchie	No
Councilperson Miller	Yes
Councilperson Sacks	Yes

A motion was made by Councilperson Sacks seconded by Councilperson Miller the bills from highway abstract# 7 and general abstract # 7 be paid. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Valentino said I would like to adjourn our meeting tonight in honor of Ann Marie Wilkinson our Court Clerk for many years who passed away Friday July 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Wilkinson family has lived in Copake all their lives and has served our Town very well over the years.

John was Councilman for 12 years, Terri and Heather have always served on many of our park committee and Krista is currently a member of our park commission.

For those of us who worked with Ann Marie we know she always told it like it was. She was a part of our lives here at Copake Town Hall. She will surely be missed by all of us.

To the Wilkinson Family on behalf of the Town Board we express our deepest sympathy.

Please stand for a moment of silence.

Supervisor Valentino made a motion to adjourn in memory of Ann Marie Wilkinson seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia.

Respectfully submitted,

