

COPAKE TOWN BOARD METING
October 12, 2006

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Copake the following were present: Supervisor Valentino, Councilperson Gabaccia, Councilperson Miller, Councilperson Ritchie, Councilperson Sacks, Highway Superintendent Proper and Attorney Whitbeck.

Supervisor Valentino opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with 30 people in attendance.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Miller to dispense with the reading of September 14, 2006 and September 21, 2006 minutes and accept them as written. Motion was carried.

The following correspondence was read:

From Miranda Magagnini - A letter requesting to reduce speed limit from top of center hill road to the Columbia County Waste Station.

From Columbia County Planning Department – A letter notifying the Town a Public Hearing will be held on November 14, 2006 regarding Columbia County Agricultural District No. 1 located within portions of our town. The board has recommended that the boundary be revised and the district continues for an additional eight year term.

From Deb Cohen – A letter notify the Town a bridge on Cassino property is probably in violation of D.E.C. the real issue is what their purpose is. The letter was also cc to Attorney Whitbeck.

Councilperson Miller reported from the Planning Board

1. CJ Subdivision from Empire Road, the Board has hired an Environmentalist to check the impact on wet lands.
2. Public Scoping Session will be held on October 19th.
3. Berkshire Property 12 lot subdivision first flexible lot subdivision.
4. Several minor subdivision and boundary lot adjustments.

Councilperson Gabaccia Reported from Parks 'n Rec's

1. Haunted House and Hayride schedules for October 28th.
2. Looking into having a rodeo.

From Inquiry Board: will be issuing final report at the November Town Board meeting. Developing manual for town.

From Code of Ethics working on policy for Copake Day and revising town code.

From Friday Night Blast November 10th will be dance with Fat Boy music.

Councilperson Ritchie reported the senior dance for October has been postponed till November. Police Commission recommends appointment of Steve Keyers and Steven Steller as Copake Police Officers, also appointment of Harry Mc Mann as patrol Sergeant on 6 months provisional basis.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia to appoint Steven Steller and Steve Keyers as part time Police officers. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia to promote Officer Harry Mc Mann as Sergeant on a 6 months provisional basis. Motion was carried.

Councilperson Sacks reported from Environmental Committee: RJ Reynolds from US Geological Service and Ms. Sieger from Columbia County Soil and Water attended the meeting they helped give committee dialogue and scientific approach to pursue the water in the town.

Councilperson Sacks reported from Economic Advisory Board:

1. Trying to get grants for town
2. Start non profit organization called CHAPS for Historical grants
3. Industry and Commerce Committee looking to see how the economy of the town is today and in the future.
4. Recreation Committee establishing a fall foliage tour.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia seconded by Councilperson Sacks to appoint Christine Lima Foley to the Environmental Committee.

Supervisor Valentino read a letter Highway Superintendent Proper wrote to Senator Hillary Clinton, Senator Charles Schumer, Congressmen John Sweeney, Senator Stephen Saland and Assemblyman Patrick Manning asking for letter of support for application for the New York State Department of State 2006-2007 Shared Municipal Services Incentive Program.

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

RESOLVED: That we the members of the Town Board of the Town of Copake do hereby support the grant application of the Towns of Copake, Ancram and Hillsdale for the New York State Department of State 2006-2007 Shared Municipal Service Incentives Grant Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: If the three Towns receive this grant the funds would be used to purchase a new paver, trailer and belt loader to be shared equally by the Towns. This joint ownership of this equipment will enable the three towns to have the use of this specialized equipment that they could not afford to purchase on their own and would eliminate duplication of equipment among the three neighboring Towns. Also, the Towns of Copake, Ancram and Hillsdale agree to pay equally the 10% local share requirement of this grant.

Dated at Copake, New York
October 12, 2006
Resolution # 23

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

Supervisor Valentino said Councilperson Gabaccia will be representing the town on selection committee for new Superintendent of Taconic Hills School.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia to appoint Louis Kibler as alternate member to the Zoning Board. Motion was carried.

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

RESOLVED: That we the Town Board of the Town of Copake do hereby petition N.Y.S.D.O.T. to reduce the speed limit on Columbia County Route 7A from the top of Center Hill Road to Columbia County Route 7A Browns Dam.

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Resolution # 24

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

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

RESOLVED: That we the Town Board of the Town of Copake do hereby authorize the Supervisor to make the following budget amendments to the 2006 budget.

GENERAL FUND		INCREASE	DECREASE
Town Board	1010.4	3,000.00	
Engineer	1440.4	1,500.00	
Buildings	1620.2	10,183.00	
Central Data	1680.2	688.00	
Central Data	1680.4	500.00	
Police	3120.1	15,000.00	
Economic Advisory Board	6410.4	75.00	
Parks	7001.4	40.00	
Playgrounds	7140.2	4,587.00	
Cemetery	8810.1	400.00	
Contingent	1990.4		5,000.00
Police Chief	3120.1		4,153.00
Police Chief Deputy	3120.1		3,231.00
Playgrounds	7140.4		2,500.00
Youth Programs	7310.1		1,000.00
Celebrations	7550.4		2,360.00
Planning	8020.4		2,000.00
Hospitalization	9060.8		5,000.00
INCREASED REVENUES			
Interest on taxes	1090		2,858.00
Zoning Fees	2110		1,725.00
Interest	2401		6,146.00
Total Amendment		<u>\$35,973.00</u>	<u>\$35,973.00</u>
HIGWAY FUND			
General Repairs	5110.4	30,000.00	
Machinery	5130.4	29,000.00	
Machinery	5130.2		59,000.00

Snow Removal	5142.4	20,000.00	
Snow Removal	5142.1		20,000.00
TOTAL		\$79,000.00	\$79,000.00

Judge Herman reported on the court and New York State Magistrate's Association Conference. (see attached)

Attorney Whitbeck said date is being scheduled for Preliminary Injunction on Casino later in the month.

Stanley Gabsowski asked who invited Housing Resources to Copake?
Councilperson Sacks replied Nancy Baressel from Economic Advisory Board was investigating Senior Housing for area and contacted Housing resources.

Diane Wilson stated there was no problem with senior housing as it is needed, but how did it mushroom into 139 units.

Jeff Nayer asked if the Town Board made any Zoning changes for Housing resources.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sacks seconded by Councilperson Miller the bills from general abstract # 10 and highway abstract # 10 be paid. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller seconded by Councilperson Sacks the meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,