

Town of Copake  
Special Town Board Meeting  
Wednesday, October 26, 2022  
5:00PM

*This meeting is being held "in-person" in Town Hall. The access information for the meeting has been posted and there are members of the public present virtually.*

Members Present (in person): Supervisor Mettler, Councilperson Wolf, Councilperson Gansowski. Councilperson Judd and Councilperson Sullivan are absent.

Attending (in person): Town Clerk, Lynn Connolly

Supervisor Mettler calls the Special Meeting of the Copake Town Board to order. This meeting is being conducted in person and is also accessible through Google Meet. We are using the Owl such that the public, if they appear to participate remotely they can see the Town Board. These proceedings will be recorded and the recording will be posted on the town website within five business days after the meeting.

Supervisor Mettler opens the Special Town Board meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Mettler states that the purpose of this Special Meeting is to discuss the appointment of a new Clerk/Typist to the Code Enforcement Office and address any matters which have come before the Town Board.

Councilperson Gansowski recommends to the Town Board to appoint Danielle Harding as secretary for the Code Enforcement/Building Department. Councilperson Gansowski and the Code Enforcement Officer, Erin Reis interviewed Ms. Harding and give her two thumbs up and seems very adequate.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to appoint Danielle Harding as the new Clerk/Typist for the Code Enforcement/Building Department.

Three in favor. Councilperson's Judd and Sullivan absent. Motion approved.

Ms. Connolly will let Ms. Reis know of this appointment.

Supervisor Mettler asks the Town Board to consider a Resolution supporting Operation Green Light for Active Military Service Members in Transition to Civilian Life.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that Operation Green Light is a nationwide initiative to support veterans and raise awareness about the challenges faced by many veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level to assist veterans and their families. The collaborative was developed by New York State Association of Counties and the New York State County Veterans Services Association in 2021. It was adopted this year by the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veterans Services Offices.

Supervisor Mettler states that we have prepared a Resolution to which is basically the same as we passed last year.

Supervisor Mettler offers Resolution Number 31 of October 26, 2022, Supporting Operation Green Light for Active Military Service Members in Transition to Civilian Life (Veteran Status).

**TOWN OF COPEN**  
**RESOLUTION**  
**Number 31 of October 26, 2022**  
**Supporting Operation Green Light for Active Military Service Members in Transition to Civilian Life**  
**(Veteran Status)**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the Town of Copake have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Copake seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State Veteran Population has decreased by 44% over the last 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Veterans continue to serve their community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, church groups, civil service; and

**WHEREAS**, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 20% increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, studies indicate that 44% to 72% of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

**WHEREAS**, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Copake appreciates the sacrifices our United State Military Personnel made while defending freedom and believes specific recognition should be accorded them in appreciation of their service and to demonstrate the honor and support they have earned; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, with designation as a Green Light for Military Service, the Town of Copake hereby declares today through Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; therefore, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that in observance of Operation Green Light, the Town of Copake will display a green light in the Town Hall from today through Friday, November 12, 2022 and encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those whose immeasurable sacrifices helped to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Resolution # 31  
Dated October 26, 2022  
Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.

Councilperson Wolf	yes
Councilperson Gansowski	yes
Supervisor Mettler	yes
Councilperson Judd	absent
Councilperson Sullivan	absent

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Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

The Resolution has been adopted and we will turn on the green light tonight.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to adjourn the meeting.

Three in favor. Councilperson's Judd and Sullivan absent. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Connolly