

# ***Town of Copake Highway Department***

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## ***Highway Department October 2022 Monthly Report:***

***We painted all of our snow plow frames. We also painted the truck frames on our 1999 and 2019 4x4 plow trucks***

***Continued road side mowing***

***Replaced/added culvert pipes on Cambridge, Freuh, and Sky Top Roads***

***Graded and added gravel to Lackawanna Road***

***Set up our trucks for snow removal in anticipation of the approaching winter season***

***Continued hauling road sand into our stockpile***

***Mixed sand and salt to fill our storage building***

***We replaced the inner liner on our leaf vacuum and set up the truck in order to clean ditches and culverts***

***Started blowing leaves out of ditches and culverts with our 3 point hitch tractor mounted blower***

***Inter-departmental assistance the Highway Department provided:***

### ***Town***

***We blew out the outside water lines at the Town Hall to prevent them from freezing***

***We sandblasted and painted the snow plow for the Toolcat. This is the machine that we use to plow the sidewalks***

### ***Park***

***We winterized the outdoor restrooms***

***Setup for the tractor pull, then graded the track and cleaned up afterwards***

***Setup for the Burger/Lavarack soccer tournament.***

***We dug a trench from the Lawrence Proper building to the outdoor restrooms to bury a new electric line***

**TOWN OF COPEN**  
**ASSESSOR REPORT**  
**LYNN C. HOTALING**  
**OCTOBER 2022**

- Processed (9) sales for the month of OCTOBER
- Processed (24) Building Permits and (7) COs from Building Inspector
- Processed (0) maintenance notifications from Columbia County Mapping (these include any of the following each month: acreage changes per deeds or surveys filed, splits, mergers, boundary line adjustments)
- Continue to update mailing address changes from owners, school tax collector, town tax collector
- Attended (2) Small Claims Hearings for 2022. Results are “No Change” in assessment for either property. (1) more hearing has yet to be scheduled by court.
- Attended (2) more assessor trainings for C.E. credits
- Finalized work on the assessor file to be used for town/county taxes

Lynn C. Hotaling  
Assessor

November 1, 2022  
Date

<b>Building Department Monthly Report</b>
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**October 2022**

<b>Building Permits issued/renewed</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Final Inspections</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Construction Inspections</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Certificates of Compliance/Occupancy issued</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Title Searches</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Voided Title Searches</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Complaints (New)</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Complaint Inspections</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Payments</b>	<b>\$4,389.00</b>

## PROCLAMATION

**Whereas**, Eugene F. Meenagh, the son of Eugene F. Meenagh and Catherine Meenagh, was born in New York City on October 4, 1922, grew up in the Bronx and graduated from Mount Saint Michaels High School, and

**Whereas**, upon graduation from high school in 1940, he was accepted into Fordham University but postponed his college career due to World War II, and

**Whereas**, in 1942, at Mitchel Field Hempstead, L.I. Eugene Meenagh enlisted in the Army Air Corps, and was deployed to the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations where he served as an aircraft mechanic working on C-47s cargo planes, and

**Whereas**, Corporal Meenagh and his family paid the ultimate price of war when he lost his brother, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant William F. Meenagh, a B-17E Navigator who was classified as Missing-In-Action after a bombing mission in the Pacific Theater on September 17, 1942 and is memorialized at the Manila American Cemetery in the Philippines and

**Whereas**, after World War II, Corporal Meenagh returned to New York City where he attended Fordham University on the GI Bill and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry, and

**Whereas**, in 1948 Eugene Meenagh was accepted into the New York Police Department and served his beloved city as one of their Finest for 38 years, rising to the rank of Detective Lieutenant, and

**Whereas**, upon retirement from the NYPD in 1985, Eugene Meenagh became a permanent resident of Copake, and was elected Copake Town Justice and served two terms in the 1990s, and

**Whereas**, Eugene Meenagh was married to the former Mary Catherine King until her death in 1999 and together they have seven children, nine grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren,

**NOW THEREFORE**, we the Members of the Copake Town Board do hereby express gratitude to **EUGENE F. MEENAGH**, a member of the Greatest Generation, for a life of patriotism and community involvement, and on behalf of the Town of Copake, congratulate him on the celebration of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and **do hereby proclaim Veterans Day, Friday November 11, 2022 as EUGENE F. MEENAGH DAY in the Town of Copake.**

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Stanley Gansowski  
Councilmember

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Richard Wolf  
Deputy Supervisor

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Terry Sullivan  
Councilmember

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Jeffrey Judd  
Councilmember

Dated: November 10, 2022  
Copake, New York

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Jeanne E. Mettler  
Supervisor



PAUL J. KEELER JR.  
County Treasurer

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MICHELE M. FUCHS  
Deputy County Treasurer

CHARGEBACK AGREEMENT

This agreement made as of the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022 by the Town  
of Copake and the Treasurer of the County of Columbia.

WITNESSETH

Whereas, by Resolution Number 287-2002 of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors dated the  
9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2002, the Columbia County Treasurer is authorized to establish chargeback  
accounts for any municipality wishing to have said municipality's expenditure for emergency medical  
service imposed upon County real property tax bills for the amount attributable for such expenditure;  
and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Copake has determined that the  
County Treasurer shall charge back the amount specified herein to the real property taxpayers of said  
Town responsible for such expenditure; and

Now, therefore, the undersigned parties agree as follows:

1. That the Town hereby requests that the Treasurer of the County of Columbia charge the  
appropriate real property taxpayers within the Town the sum of \$ 291,319.00  
On the proportionate basis of real property tax assessments within said Town; and
2. The Town hereby requests that the Treasurer of the County of Columbia, upon collection of  
said amounts, pay as directed below: (If your Town is serviced by multiple EMS agencies,  
please list agencies separately and indicate amount to be distributed to each.)

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Community Rescue Squad</u>	<u>\$ 291,319.00</u>
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_____	_____

In witness whereof, the parties have set their hands and seal hereto on the dates written below:

11/10/2022  
Date

Supervisor, Town of Copake

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Paul J. Keeler, Jr., Treasurer

**TOWN OF COPEN**

**RESOLUTION**

**Number 32 of November 10, 2022**

**To Amend Resolution Number 21 of June 9, 2022 Relating to  
Authorization of Use of ARPA Funds for Purchase of Two (2) Generators**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Copake Town Board adopted Resolution Number 21 of June 9, 2022 authorizing the use of funds received under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program in the total amount of \$47,862.00 for the purchase of two (2) generators from Cummins Sales and Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount of \$47,862.00 set forth in Resolution Number 21 of June 9, 2022 was incorrect, in that the total amount of such purchase was \$48,862.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Copake Town Board desires to correct Resolution Number 21 of June 9, 2022 to reflect that the Town Board intended to authorize the use of funds received under the SLFRF program in the total amount of \$48,862.00 for such purchase; now, therefore,

It is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby amends the "Resolved" clause of Resolution Number 21 of June 9, 2022 to read in its entirety as follows:

"It is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the expenditure of funds received under the SLFRF program in the total amount of \$48,862.00 for the purchase of two (2) generators from Cummins Sales and Service for installation and use at the Town of Copake Town Hall and the Town of Copake Park Building."

And it is hereby **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption, and the amendment effected thereby shall thereupon be effective retroactively to the date of adoption of Resolution Number 21 of June 9, 2022.

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Resolution #32  
Dated November 10, 2022  
Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.

Supervisor Mettler  
Councilperson Wolf  
Councilperson Gansowski  
Councilperson Judd  
Councilperson Sullivan

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Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

November 10, 2022

**TOWN OF COPAKE  
RESOLUTION**

**Number 33 of November 10, 2022**

**To Adopt the State of New York Deferred Compensation Plan for All Eligible Employees**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Copake wishes to adopt the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participating Public Jurisdictions (the "Plan") for voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Copake is a local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to Section 5 of the N.Y. State Finance Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Copake has reviewed the Plan established in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 5 of the N.Y. State Finance Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Plan is to encourage employees to make and continue careers with the Town of Copake by providing eligible employees with a convenient and tax-favored method of saving on a regular and long-term basis and thereby provide for their retirement; now, therefore,

It is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Town of Copake hereby adopts the Plan for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and

It is hereby further **RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor and such other appropriate officials of the Town of Copake are hereby authorized to take such actions and enter such agreements as are required or necessary for the adoption, implementation, and maintenance of the Plan; and

It is hereby further **RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to certify, and the Town Board does hereby certify, that the Town of Copake is a public employer within the meaning of Section 5 of the N.Y. State Finance Law and that the adoption of the Plan has received all required approvals of any local governing body or officer and otherwise complies with local law; and

It is hereby further **RESOLVED**, that the Administrative Services Agency is hereby authorized to file copies of these resolutions and other required documents with the President of the State of New York Civil Service Commission.

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Resolution #33  
Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2022  
Copake, New York



Roll Call Vote.

Supervisor Mettler  
Councilperson Wolf  
Councilperson Gansowski  
Councilperson Judd  
Councilperson Sullivan

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Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

\_\_\_\_\_, 2022

**TOWN OF COPAKE  
RESOLUTION**

**Number 34 of November 10, 2022**

**To Authorize the Supervisor to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement with Teamsters Local 294 to Authorize Participation of Union Members in the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participating Public Jurisdictions**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Copake has adopted or wishes to adopt the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participating Public Jurisdictions (the "Plan") for voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Copake is a party to a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Local 294; and

**WHEREAS**, N.Y. State Finance Law § 5 provides that employees in a negotiating unit represented by an employee organization which negotiates pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law shall not be permitted to participate in the Plan until such time as such participation is authorized pursuant to a collectively negotiated agreement between the public employer and the employee organization, provided that the public employer need only negotiate whether or not such employees shall be included in such plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Copake hereby desires to permit participation in the Plan by eligible employees who are members of Teamsters Local 294; and

**WHEREAS**, Teamsters Local 294 has indicated that it desires to permit participation in the Plan by eligible employees who are members of Teamsters Local 294; and now, therefore,

It is hereby **RESOLVED**, that upon election by the Town of Copake to adopt the Plan for voluntary participation of eligible employees of the Town and subject to the consent, if required, of the Deferred Compensation Plan of the State of New York to the Town of Copake's participation in the Plan, the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute and deliver a Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Town of Copake and Teamsters Local 294 in substantially the form annexed hereto, pursuant to which eligible employees who are members of Teamsters Local 294 are permitted to participate in the Plan; and

It is hereby further **RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor and other appropriate officials of the Town of Copake are hereby authorized to take such actions and enter such agreements as may be required or necessary to effectuate the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Resolution #34

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2022  
Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.

Supervisor Mettler  
Councilperson Wolf  
Councilperson Gansowski  
Councilperson Judd  
Councilperson Sullivan

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

\_\_\_\_\_, 2022

**TOWN OF COPAKE  
RESOLUTION  
Number 35 of November 10, 2022  
To Require That Recycling Bins be Placed in all Town-owned Properties**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Climate Smart Task force have observed the current single stream waste disposal process and concluded that it leads to effective recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, recycling makes use of limited resources and reduces energy use; and

**WHEREAS**, placing recycling bins next to all trash receptacles makes recycling easier, provides a visual reminder to recycle items when possible, and reminds employees that they work for a government that is committed to the goals of the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program; now therefore,

It is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Town hereby establishes a policy requiring recycling bins for all Town-owned properties, to wit: Town Hall, the Town Park Building, Town Garage, and West Copake Storage building, and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that Copake Policy Manual, Section V Subdivision (E) "Use of Town Facilities" shall be amended in that the following sentence shall be added to that Section:

"Recycling bins shall be placed in the Town Hall, Town Park Building, the Town Garage and the West Copake Storage Building and use of these bins is required".

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Resolution #35  
Dated November 1, 2022  
Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.

Supervisor Mettler  
Councilperson Wolf  
Councilperson Gansowski  
Councilperson Judd  
Councilperson Sullivan

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

\_\_\_\_\_, 2022

**TOWN OF COPAKE  
RESOLUTION  
Number 36 of November 10, 2022  
To Adopt Procurement Policies and Procedures by Resolution and  
to Amend the Town of Copake Policy Manual**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Copake is currently considering enactment of Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2022, which if enacted, would amend Chapter 51 of the Town Code of the Town of Copake to provide for adoption and amendment of procurement policies and procedures by resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Copake pursuant to N.Y. General Municipal Law 104-b; and

**WHEREAS**, in anticipation of such Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2022 being enacted and taking effect, the Town Board of the Town of Copake finds it desirable and necessary to have Procurement Policies and Procedures in place, to take effect upon the effective date of said Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2022, if enacted; and

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with the adoption of such Procurement Policies and Procedures, the Town Board of the Town of Copake seeks to make corresponding amendments and additions to the Town of Copake Policy Manual, likewise to take effect upon the effective date of said Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2022, if enacted; now, therefore,

It is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Copake hereby adopts the “Town of Copake Procurement Policies and Procedures” annexed hereto, which shall take effect upon the effective date of Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2022 (or such other or similar local law providing for adoption of procurement policies and procedures by Town Board resolution), if enacted; and

It is hereby further **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby amends the Town of Copake Policy Manual as follows:

1. Upon the effective date of Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2022 (or such other or similar local law providing for adoption of procurement policies and procedures by Town Board resolution), if enacted, Section VII, Paragraph A is thereupon amended to read in its entirety as follows:

**“A. Procurement**

Procurement of goods and services will be done in conformity with applicable New York State Law and the Town of Copake Procurement Policies and Procedures, as amended from time to time, a copy of which is included in the Appendices.

2. Upon the effective date of Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2022 (or such other or similar local law providing for adoption of procurement policies and procedures by Town Board resolution), if enacted, a new Appendix M is thereupon added to consist of a complete copy of the Town of Copake Procurement Policies and Procedures, as adopted herein and as may be amended from time to time.

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Resolution #36  
Dated November 10, 2022  
Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.

Supervisor Mettler  
Councilperson Wolf  
Councilperson Gansowski  
Councilperson Judd  
Councilperson Sullivan

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Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

November 10, 2022

**TOWN OF COPAKE  
RESOLUTION  
Number 37 of November 10, 2022**

**To Amend the Town of Copake Policy Manual regarding Subcommittees/Task Forces and Stipends**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Copake finds it desirable to revise and amend the Policy Manual as it relates to subcommittees/task forces, stipends, and correction of section lettering; now, therefore,

It is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Copake amends the Town of Copake Policy Manual as follows:

1. Section V, Subdivision A, Paragraph 13 of the Policy Manual is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

“It is the responsibility of each board, committee, or commission Chairperson to establish sub-committees and task forces as deemed necessary for the parent group to discharge its responsibilities and to solicit, review and appoint the membership for same.”

2. A new Paragraph 15 is hereby added to Section V, Subdivision A of the Policy Manual to read in its entirety as follows:

“Annual stipends in such amounts as are set at the Organizational Meeting of the Town Board for any given year shall be paid on or before December 31 of such year to the following: Chair and each member of the Planning Board, Chair and each member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Person in Charge of Williams Cemetery, and Town Historian.”

3. Section V is amended to re-letter Subdivisions C, D, E, and F as follows:

Current Subdivision C, “Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) Officer” shall become new Subdivision B; and

Current Subdivision D, “Use of Employee Vehicle” shall become new Subdivision C; and

Current Subdivision E, “Use of Town Facilities” shall become new Subdivision D; and

Current Subdivision F, “Community Outreach” shall become new Subdivision E.

And it is hereby **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Resolution #37

Dated November 10, 2022

Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.

Supervisor Mettler  
Councilperson Wolf  
Councilperson Gansowski  
Councilperson Judd  
Councilperson Sullivan

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

November 10, 2022



**TOWN OF COPAKE  
RESOLUTION  
Number 38 of November 10, 2022**

**To Amend the Town of Copake Policy Manual regarding Health Insurance**

**WHEREAS**, to conform with the Contract between the Town of Copake and the Teamsters Local 294, in effect through December 31, 2024, the Town Board of the Town of Copake finds it desirable to revise and amend Section VI, (C) (1) of the Town of Copake Policy Manual; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Copake finds it desirable to extend Vision insurance offered by the New York State Teamsters Council Health and Hospital Fund to the Town Clerk and Town Superintendent of Highways and to amend the Town of Copake Policy Manual accordingly; now, therefore,

It is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Copake amends the Town of Copake Policy Manual as follows:

1. The first sentence of Section VI, Subdivision C, Paragraph 1, subparagraph (a) of the Policy Manual is amended to read as follows, with the remainder of subparagraph (a) to remain unchanged:

“Full time employees are eligible for health insurance after 90 days of full time employment, or as may be shortened by statute, law, or regulations.”

2. The first sentence of Section VI, Subdivision C, Paragraph 1, subparagraph (b) of the Policy Manual is amended to read as follows, with the remainder of subparagraph (b) to remain unchanged:

“The Town of Copake shall pay 100% for individual health insurance coverage for the employee and 80% for family coverage for any employee hired or made a full-time employee after January 1, 2011.”

3. Section VI, Subdivision C, Paragraph 1, subparagraph (c) shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

“The Town of Copake shall pay for individual or family coverage, as applicable, under the vision insurance offered by the New York State Teamsters Council Health and Hospital Fund for “non-bargaining” employees, for the Town Clerk and the Superintendent of Highways.”

And it is hereby **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Resolution #38

Dated November 10, 2022

Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.

Supervisor Mettler  
Councilperson Wolf  
Councilperson Gansowski  
Councilperson Judd  
Councilperson Sullivan

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Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

November 10, 2022

**TOWN OF COPAKE  
RESOLUTION  
Number 39 of November 10, 2022**

**To Authorize the Repurchase of Two (2) Burial Sites in the Williams Cemetery**

**WHEREAS**, by a deed dated October 1st, 1998, Francis and Sylvie Mousseron purchased from the Town of Copake four burial sites in the Williams Cemetery, to wit: Lot Nos. 37, 44, 51 and 58, at a total cost of seven hundred fifty-five dollars (\$755.00); and

**WHEREAS**, Francis and Sylvie Mousseron, desire to sell back to the Town of Copake two burial sites, to wit: Lot Nos. 37 and 44; and

**WHEREAS**, such deed provides that the burial sites conveyed shall not be sold except through the Town of Copake, which shall have the right to re-purchase such burial sites; now, therefore,

It is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Copake authorizes the repurchase by the Town of Copake of two burial sites, to wit: Lot Nos. 37 and 44, from Francis and Sylvie Mousseron for a total purchase price of three hundred seventy seven and 50/100 (\$377.50); and

It is hereby further **RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Attorney for the Town, the Officer-in-Charge of the Williams Cemetery, and their respective designee(s), are authorized to execute such further documents and to take such further actions as are reasonable and necessary in order to carry out the intent of this Resolution; and

It is hereby further **RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Resolution #39  
Dated November 10, 2022  
Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.

Supervisor Mettler  
Councilperson Wolf  
Councilperson Gansowski  
Councilperson Judd  
Councilperson Sullivan

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

November 10, 2022

**TOWN OF COPEN**  
**RESOLUTION**

**Number 40 of November 10, 2022**

**Supporting Senate Bill S9546 which would repeal the Office of Renewable Energy Siting from state law, returning the siting of renewable energy systems to the Article X process that existed for more than a decade**

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, Hecate Energy Columbia County 1 LLC filed pre-application papers seeking a permit from the New York State Siting Board, pursuant to Article 10 of the New York State Public Service Law, to construct the Shepherd's Run Solar Facility;

**WHEREAS**, the Shepherds Run Facility is to be sited within the Taghkanic Creek Watershed and on prime farmland on hundreds of acres located in the Town of Copake and Hamlet of Craryville, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the Copake Town Board unanimously adopted Resolution #21, dated October 28, 2020, opposing the proposed Shepherd's Run Solar Project on the basis the project does not comply with local laws, conservation plans, and community planning objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020 Section 94-c of the Executive Law established a new Office of Renewable Energy Siting ("ORES") and established a streamlined siting approval process that replaces the Article 10 siting process; and

**WHEREAS**, Unlike the Siting Board process under Article 10 of the Public Service Law, Section 94-c and ORES regulations do not require ORES to make express findings and determinations regarding the environmental impacts of proposed projects prior to issuing a final permit; and

**WHEREAS**, unlike the Siting Board process under Article 10 of the Public Service Law, ORES does not provide the Town of Copake the power to oppose waiver of its local laws through an adjudicated hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2021 Hecate Energy Columbia County elected to subject its Shepherd's Run proposal to the 94-c permitting process rather than that of Article 10, and did on March 8, 2022 file a siting permit application with the Office of Renewable Energy Siting pursuant to Section 94-c of the New York State Executive Law; and

**WHEREAS**, there is now pending in the New York Senate Bill S9546 which would amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to permits for major renewable energy facility sites; and repeal section 94-c of the executive law relating to the major renewable energy development program and would thus return the siting of large scale renewable energy systems to Article 10,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Copake urges the New York State Legislature to pass Senate Bill S 95465, repealing Section 94-c of the Executive Law and thus returning the approval of siting of renewable energy systems to the State Siting Board under Article 10 of the

Public Service law, thus renewing the Town of Copake's power to present evidence and argument against waiver of its local laws, zoning powers, and planning objectives.

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Resolution #40

Dated November 10, 2022

Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.

Supervisor Mettler  
Councilperson Wolf  
Councilperson Gansowski  
Councilperson Judd  
Councilperson Sullivan

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

November 10, 2022

**TOWN OF COPAKE  
RESOLUTION  
Number 41 of November 10, 2022  
Supporting Natural Resources Inventory Application for Technical Assistance**

**WHEREAS**, a natural resources inventory (NRI) compiles maps and descriptions of natural areas and provides a reference for planning in a community, and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of an NRI is to provide information for comprehensive land use and conservation planning, and to allow natural resource information to be included in local planning and zoning; and

**WHEREAS**, the NYSDEC Hudson River Estuary Program is offering a 1-year technical assistance opportunity for two watershed municipalities to create a basic NRI, at no cost to the Town, but requiring a significant volunteer contribution, and

**WHEREAS**, three Copake citizens have offered to meet the volunteer requirement and

**WHEREAS**, to be considered for the technical assistance available from the Hudson River Estuary Program, municipalities are required to submit an application listing 3-5 volunteers, any related land use planning initiatives, and a resolution of support from the municipal governing board by November 30, 2022;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** 1. That the Copake Town Board hereby establishes an NRI Steering Committee, and, with the help of the Conservation Advisory Committee and Climate Smart Task Force, will recruit volunteers to participate in the development of the NRI; and 2. That the Copake Town Board expresses their support for the development of the NRI and authorizes the submission of an application for technical assistance to the Hudson River Estuary Program.

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Resolution #41  
Dated November 10, 2022  
Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.

Supervisor Mettler  
Councilperson Wolf  
Councilperson Gansowski  
Councilperson Judd  
Councilperson Sullivan

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

November 10, 2022

**TOWN OF COPAKE  
RESOLUTION  
Number 42 of November 10, 2022**

**To Amend the 2022 Budget**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Copake, in furtherance of achieving the goals established in the Town of Copake Fund Balance Policy, seeks to utilize available unappropriated fund balance to pay for unbudgeted expenditures in the General (A) Fund; now, therefore,

It is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Copake hereby authorizes and directs the appropriation of unappropriated unreserved fund balance in the total amount of \$59,400.00 to increase the following appropriation lines in the 2022 budget by the following amounts:

Increase A16202 (Operation of Plant Equipment) by \$35,400.00  
Increase A71402 (Playground and Rec Equipment) by \$11,000.00  
Increase A16204 (Operation of Plant Contractual) by \$10,000.00  
Increase A16203 (Operation of Plants West Copake) by \$3,000.00

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Resolution #42  
Dated November 10, 2022  
Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.

Supervisor Mettler  
Councilperson Wolf  
Councilperson Gansowski  
Councilperson Judd  
Councilperson Sullivan

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Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

November 10, 2022