

Town of Copake
Special Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 31, 2021
3:30PM

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.

Attending (in person): Town Clerk, Lynn Connolly, Bob Haight, Tom Goldsworthy, Edgar Masters, Deb Cohen

Attending via Town Owl: Ken Dow, Tessa Edick

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

Supervisor Mettler stated that the purpose of this Special Meeting is to address any matters which have come before the Town Board and to conduct a workshop to discuss a draft of a Local Law to Amend the Copake Zoning Code in Relation to Cannabis Businesses.

Supervisor Mettler states that the town has received a check for \$7,500 from Rheinstrom Hill for the Summer Park Program. Supervisor Mettler reminds the Town Board that they authorized her to write a letter and application to Rheinstrom Hill for \$7,500 and the Town was awarded that money for the Summer Park Program.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to accept the grant from Rheinstrom Hill in the amount of \$7,500 to be used to benefit the Summer Park Program.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Mettler states that she has spoken to the Summer Camp Director, Bryan Van Tassel and there are several matters to discuss. Mr. Van Tassel has conducted interviews for camp counselors. (Mr. Van Tassel acknowledged that he forgot to invite the Board but the Board does not object to the fact that he conducted these interviews without inviting the Board to attend.) Mr. Van Tassel will present the names at the June 9, 2022 Town Board meeting. In the interim, and he will bring the names at the June 9, 2022 Town Board meeting. In the interim, he is suggesting hiring ten camp counselors and an additional counselor to tend to a child who has special needs.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to approve Summer Camp Program Director Bryan Van Tassel of hiring of up to eleven camp counselors for the 2022 season.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Supervisor Mettler states that Mr. Van Tassel has asked her whether or not they can go forward with

securing tents for the Summer Park Program.

Supervisor Mettler asked Mr. Van Tassel to get two quotes and he did. Supervisor Mettler reported both quotes and the lower quote was from Cantele Tent Rentals.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to approve the expenditure of \$2,380 for tents from Cantele Tent Rentals for the 2022 Summer Park Program.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that the town received a letter from the Copake Fire District asking for a check from our ARPA funds for their new electronic sign. This was put out to bid and they are asking us for \$31,000 which has already been approved by Resolution.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Judd to go into a workshop in order to discuss zoning in Copake as it relates to the sale of cannabis.

All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to leave the workshop and come back into the Special Town Board meeting.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Mettler states that there were no decisions made during the workshop and the Town Board will wait to hear back from the Zoning Advisory Committee.

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

All in favor. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Connolly