

Town Board Meeting  
via Google Meet  
January 13, 2022  
7:00PM

*Supervisor Mettler states that pursuant to Governor Hochul's Executive Order [(S.50001/A.40001 we are meeting virtually. The invitation to the meeting has been posted, the public is present. There will be minutes for this meeting and this meeting will be recorded.*

Members Present: Supervisor Mettler, Councilperson Wolf, Councilperson Gansowski, Councilperson Judd, and Councilperson Sullivan.

Present: Attorney Jonathon Tingley present via Google Meet (Supervisor Mettler's laptop)

**Call to Order**

Supervisor Mettler opens the Town Board meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to approve and accept the Minutes as written for the Town Board meeting of December 9, 2021.

All in favor. Motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to approve and accept the Minutes as written for the End of Year meeting of December 28, 2021.

All in favor. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to approve and accept the Minutes as written for the Organizational Meeting of January 4, 2022.

All in favor. Motion approved.

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Wolf:

Resolved;

**Resolution #5.1**

**1. HIGHWAY WAGES:**

Effective as of January 1, 2022 the wage rate for MEO shall be \$22.89 per hour. The Shop Foreman shall receive \$23.39 per hour. The Deputy Highway Superintendent shall receive \$23.89 per hour.

2. The holidays, vacation and sick days for the Highway Employees are per their current contract.

All in favor. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to amend the Organizational Minutes of January 4, 2022 to include the above mentioned Resolution that was just passed with the correct highway wages.

All in favor. Motion approved.

### **Announcements**

Supervisor Mettler states that we have been advised by County Chairman, Matt Murell that the County has ordered more KN95 masks, which will be distributed to the Towns next week. The County will also be getting another delivery of tests from NYS which will be distributed to the Towns. Hopefully, by next week, Copake will have more masks and more tests to distribute. We are told that the delivery of tests will be weekly, starting next week. Please check the website and FaceBook for further details.

### **Correspondence**

From-The Knit Club, Thank you letter for the use of the Town Hall

From-NYS AG & Markets, letter regarding Dog Control Officer Inspection Report

From-Affordable Housing Partnership, letter regarding information about available resources

From-NYS Department of State, letter regarding the CFA application of 2021

From-Office of Cannabis Management, letter regarding receipt of local opt-out law

From-Columbia county Emergency Management Office, regarding delivery of K95 masks

From-Howard Blue, 2021 Annual Report of the Copake Town Historian

From-State of New York Unified Court System, letter regarding the Internal Court Audit

From-Association of Towns, letter regarding 2022 Training

From-Michael S. DeRuzzio, copy of letter to Hecate Energy

From-Grant Langdon, several emails

### **Supervisor's Report**

Resolutions for 2022

With the arrival of the New Year, it's appropriate to take a look back, and a look forward. In the past two years since I took office, both the proposed solar project in Craryville and the pandemic have posed outsized challenges to Copake. Sometimes those challenges were so much in the forefront that other challenges and achievements were overlooked.

In past reports I have listed achievements of this Board, but the one which I want to highlight tonight is that, we are about to have new generators installed in both the Park Building and the Town Hall. This improvement to infrastructure is largely due to the persistence of Councilperson Stosh Gansowski. The generators being replaced were over 20 years old. They had to be started manually whenever the electricity went off. This was particularly worrisome since both of these buildings are emergency facilities. As of now, the new propane tanks have been installed and we expect installation of the actual generators in February. Our thanks to Stosh. Stosh spent hours and hours, in fact many months on this.

Now on to 2022. In no particular order, the following are projects and goals which I want to achieve this year.

Get a traffic light installed on Route 23 at the intersection with Center Hill Road.

This was attempted a few years ago, and the Department of Transportation denied Copake's request. Now that the Gulf station has opened it is all the more critical that we have a traffic control device installed. This is on our Agenda for tonight.

Discuss ARPA funds and how to spend them. We will receive \$348,000 which must be spent no later than December 31, 2024.

Consider recommendations of the Zoning Advisory Committee. In December we opted out of allowing "on-site consumption of cannabis". At that time we set up a three person committee to recommend what if any changes should be made to the Code, if Copake decides to allow cannabis on-site consumption. They will be meeting for the first time, next week.

Continue to pursue projects as recommended by the Waterfront Revitalization Plan and assess grant opportunities to address both the flooding of the Bash Bish and also the building of the Copake Spur. We were disappointed that we did not win the CFA grant in 2021 but we need to improve our grant application and reapply.

Advocate for the acceleration of the Copake Hamlet road reconstruction, so that it is completed prior to the Bicentennial of Copake.

Launch the Bicentennial Committee.

Hire an Administrative Assistant. Our 2022 budget includes a line for this position. I will be proposing a job description and ask for Board support in creating this position.

Acquire Gmail Accounts for all Town Offices. More on this later tonight.

Review and enhance the Town's cyber security policies.

Continue to pursue Climate Smart status, and improve systems in the town be energy efficient and responsible.

Continue our efforts to enforce zoning fairly across the Town. More on this when we hear from Stosh later tonight.

Create and install a new website. Under the leadership of Town Clerk Lynn Connolly we are interviewing companies qualified to create a new site. The current website is almost 10 years old, and cannot be updated. We are looking forward to a state of the art municipal site.

As you might notice, I have not mentioned the Hecate project as a priority- even though it will continue to consume our time. We will continue to advocate the Town's position that the project is too large and poorly sited. We will continue to rely on Deputy Supervisor Wolf for his excellent leadership on this front. We will continue to keep the Town apprised as we go forward in this process.

On a final note- it is worth talking about taxes. What's important is that none of the initiatives listed above will require an increase in taxes. As the Board has discussed, Copake has a very healthy fund balance, including substantial designated reserves. This Board has been very prudent and fiscally responsible and always will be. But there are certain smart investments which would make our Town government more modern, more efficient and more productive. And, there are more improvements to Town infrastructure which, through grant funds and proper budgeting, could benefit the lives of residents without increasing taxes.

We have high hopes for a busy, productive year.

#### **January 2022 Solar update from Councilperson Wolf**

At our December Town Board meeting, I reported on the "94-c" meeting that Supervisor Mettler and I attended with Hecate officials. We raised two significant objections to the "visual simulations" Hecate showed us — pictures of Hecate's expectations of what the Shepherd's Run utility-scale solar facility would look like, from various vantage points, after five years. First, the viewpoints Hecate selected did not simulate views of the project from several critical locations: there were no simulation pictures from Birch Hill Road, west of County Route 7, looking north/northwest, nor were there simulation pictures taken directly from the homes on County Route 7, looking east. Second, the "screening" was, as I said last month, "woefully inadequate". Widely-separated tree saplings did very little to hide views of the solar panels.

It has consistently been this Board's position that the Shepherd's Run proposal is too large for our small rural town, and is poorly sited, so Hecate's screening presentation was especially disappointing. We responded by urging Hecate to screen with mature trees, and to plant them in staggered rows to create denser tree screens. And we took our own photographs from other viewpoints, sent them to Hecate and asked that they prepare new simulations.

To date, there has been no response.

Hecate's revised Notice of Its Intention to File an Application has set February 18th as its target filing date. Once again, we have to ask: what is the rush? If Hecate really wants to be Copake's community

partner, as it claims, it should act like one. Make Copake's requested revisions to the proposal before filing an application, and if you're doing so, show us the changes!

And here's another reason why Hecate should hold off on filing a siting application: Hecate knows that soon it will receive a report and recommendations from a working group panel, put together by Sensible Solar and Friends of Columbia Solar, to which Hecate made a formal presentation, apparently identical to the proposal it made to us at the 94-c meeting. This working group includes landscape architects, Cornell University land and environmental experts, Scenic Hudson, and the Columbia Land Conservancy. The working group's expertise should be welcomed by Hecate. It should take the time to thoughtfully consider the recommendations of these experts.

Hecate's goals should extend beyond corporate profits. It should be trying to make Shepherd's Run a facility that doesn't destroy Copake's beloved, picturesque environment and, instead, blends harmoniously into "the land of rural charm".

We urge Hecate to slow it down. Work with us. Get it right.

#### **Department Heads/Committee Reports**

None

#### **Public Forum**

Roberta Roll asks about the Casino property and states that there has been a lot of activity going on there.

Councilperson Gansowski states that he was going to say this later in the meeting but it turns out that he was down there today in Sal Casino's office and on several different locations of the property with Erin Reis. They took pictures of the bridge removal. Councilperson Gansowski states that he has put some additional pressure on Antonio Delgado's office and got them to move with the Army Corps. Of Engineers on getting that done and it is now in process. Not only do they have to remove that bridge, they are taking away from the sides of the bridge so they can remove the walls and the top but they are going to also have to turn it back into the original trout hole. They have to replant trees all the way up the stream because they were all taken out. Councilperson Gansowski states that he started this process in 2008 and did a revival in 2016 and again in 2021 and now things are finally getting done.

Roberta Roll states that the order to replant the trees was given in the spring of last year she thinks.

Councilperson Gansowski states that it was even earlier. Protected trout streams need to have shade and when they took out the trees it ruined it and now they have to bring it back as it was.

Roberta Roll wonders about all the hammering by the rock ledge by the house.

Councilperson Gansowski states that they are getting the rocks out of there and they are building more stone walls up on the property.

Lindsey LeBrecht states that she has never seen so much traffic buildup between County Route 7 and Route 23 and that it is an accident waiting to happen and is happy that the Town is going to pursue that.

## **New Business**

### **a. Electric Charging Station-Edgar Masters and Councilperson Judd**

Edgar Masters states that the Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) was formed, after it was recommended in Copake's 2011 Comprehensive Plan in order to protect the Town's scenic resources, fields, woods, lakes, streams, and view sheds. The CAC acts as an advisory resource to the Town Board and the Planning and Zoning Appeals Boards. About a year ago, the Town authorized the CAC to apply for a state grant to facilitate the Town achieving the Bronze, or first level of compliance in the NYS's Climate Smart program and the \$8000 grant has been awarded. The purpose of the Climate Smart program is to encourage municipalities to establish effective policies and procedures to slow climate change such as energy saving lighting, solar panels on town buildings, and procedures to slow climate change such as energy saving lighting and charging stations. For the latter, the CAC is requesting the Town Board to authorize a request for a proposal for charging station companies for pricing, availability, and technical specifications for such equipment.

Councilperson Judd states that the CAC has been doing a lot work on this project located at the place by Kneller Insurance Agency and the Bank of Greene County. Mr. Masters has received one proposal on this, with no commitment and this is an exploratory time for the CAC and they are just putting it out there to see what kind of proposals they get. What the CAC researched most is a Level 2 charging station. You will find this in Hillsdale and at the library and in Ancram. A Level 2 charging station will take about 8 hours to charge a car from empty to full. There is new technology and that is a Level 3. The CAC will be looking for proposals for both levels and level three. The current plan is for a two portal charger where you can charge two cars at once. Councilperson Judd states that it would be wonderful if we could get to that Level 3 where people can be pulling in every hour.

Councilperson Judd shares with the Town Board the gross retail price of the one proposal the CAC was quoted which is \$22,515. NYSEG would pay an incentive of \$10,800 and the Town would pay just short of \$12,000 which includes hookup and a service contract for a number of years.

Councilperson Judd state that NYSERTA's funds have dried up temporarily but more funds should be available in the near future. The CAC is half hoping that NYSERTA is focusing on Level 3 chargers and helping municipalities.

Councilperson Judd also contacted Tesla but has had no response.

Supervisor Mettler asks Mr. Masters and Councilperson Judd why they are suggesting this would be a good idea for Copake?

Councilperson Judd states that in the long run this would demonstrate Copake's desire for a cleaner environment. It recognizes the slow but inevitable shift from fossil fuels to alternative cleaner energy. It allows Copake to comply with the Bronze level of Climate Smart Programs. It provides convenient service to town residents, visitors, and tourists which leave a potential increase in business to the town establishments. It allows Copake to keep up with adjacent towns.

Councilperson Sullivan asks if we have any data from the adjacent towns on the usage of their current systems and she assumes that they all have Level 2.

Councilperson Judd states that they are all Level 2.

Councilperson Sullivan asks of data and the cost of charging.

Councilperson Judd states that he is not sure if they pay by the kilowatt hour but it is less than filling your car with gas.

Councilperson Judd states that the first part of Councilperson Sullivan's question regarding the adjacent data is a good question but no, they do not have that information but is something to look into.

There was a brief discussion of Level 2 versus Level 3.

Supervisor Mettler asks Attorney Tingley if the Town is any way obligated if it puts out an RFP (request for proposal?)

Attorney Tingley states that no, the Town would not be obligated to accept any proposals.

There was a brief discussion regarding the RFP and Level 2 versus Level 3.

At this time, the Town Board agreed that the CAC gather more information and they will revisit this next month.

Supervisor Mettler thanks Mr. Masters and Councilperson Judd for their presentation as it was a lot of hard work gathering all of this information.

Attorney Tingley suggest to the Town Board that maybe the CAC comes back to the Town Board with a proposed RFP for the Town Board to consider and it could be modified and authorized then.

The Town Board and Mr. Masters agree.

**b. Speed Reductions Report-Supervisor Mettler**

Supervisor Mettler took a look at all of the speed requests that the Town has submitted since August 2020 through September of 2021. The Town made several requests, first to the County and then onto NYS for reduction of speed on various county and town roads. Of the seven requests, one was granted, Valley View Road and on Birch Hill Road that was a partial reduction. All of the other applications were denied in their entirety. Supervisor Mettler has reached out to the people who have voiced their concerns of speed reduction requests and has invited them back to express their concern and the need for more signage and the Town would do that on their behalf.

Supervisor Mettler states that she has spoken to Highway Superintendent Gregory regarding the radar signs that were ordered about a month ago and they will be delivered next week.

**c. Speed Reduction Request-Route 7 through Copake Lake Watershed**

Supervisor Mettler states that the Town Board has a request for a speed reduction on Copake Lake, specifically Route 7 within the Copake Lake water shed.

Supervisor Mettler spoke with Scott Altman and Linda Senk and said to them that she was a little confused and in fact, Lakeview Road coming from West Copake, that stretch of Route 7 is already a 30mph speed limit.

Scott Altman states that he was looking for continuity. If you are looking around the lake, there are signs that say you are entering and exiting the water shed. Within the water shed, for the most part, the areas are 30mph. If you are coming north on Route 7 from West Copake, when you pass North Pumpkin Hollow Road which is a good  $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south of the lake, that is where the 30mph starts. If you go past the lake which is where Lakeview comes in, immediately after that it jumps to 55mph. The water shed area probably doesn't end for approximately another  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile or so past Sky Farm Road. Otherwise, everywhere in the water shed with the exception of Sky Farm Road which is 35ph. Birch Hill Road was reduced to 30mph and if you o on Birch Hill Road when you are leaving the watershed it then jumps to 45mph which is fine.

Mr. Altman states that Julianna Drive is a private road and there are a lot of people who walk it with their animals that do not necessarily live on Julianna Drive but they walk up to Route 7 and Juliana and they have to go somewhere it is 55mph.

Mr. Altman thinks and also for continuity that from the lake, it jumps to 55mph.

Mr. Altman is looking for continuity within the water shed area.

Mr. Altman states that the stretch of road that he is asking about is from Lakeview Road north until you hit sign saying you are leaving the water shed.



There was a brief discussion among the Town Board and it was decided that a Resolution will be prepared for February's agenda.

**d. Traffic Signal-Route 23 and Center Hill Road-Craryville**

Supervisor Metter states that a few years ago when the Town was dealing with the application to construct the gas station in Craryville, the Town made the application to the Department of Transportation to install a traffic light on Route 23 at the corner of Center Hill Road.

Supervisor Mettler has spoken to Barbara Otty in the Columbia County DPW and she will get us details on this. Supervisor Mettler asks Deputy Supervisor Wolf to look into this and report back to the Town Board next month on what steps should be taken.

**e. Request from CLCS-Zebra Mussels**

Supervisor Mettler states that the Town Board has received a request from the Copake Lake Conservation Society.

Supervisor Mettler states that any documents which will be relied upon regarding the Agenda will be posted on the website at least 24 hours in advance for the public to see.

Supervisor Mettler states that she received a letter from Debbie Ruggieri requesting that the Town consider the difficulties that they are having with Zebra Mussels in the lake and turns this over to Debbie or Lindsey LeBrecht.

Lindsey LeBrecht of Copake Lake states that she is speaking on behalf of the Copake Lake Conservation Society. Ms. LeBrecht is a member of the Lake Management Committee, the Invasive Species Sub-Committee among other committees for the lake.

Ms. LeBrecht states that the Copake Lake Conservation Society is a voluntary non-profit and its mission is to look after the safety of Copake Lake and promote safe and activities. They do not receive any government financial assistance and rely totally on donations and fund raising activities and during these times of Covid is beyond challenging.

As Ms. LeBrecht always says, the only thing consistent about Copake Lake is nothing is consistent. Many people think that Copake Lake is a private lake. Although most of the shore line is privately owned, the corner of Lakeview and Route 7 is owned by the County. This is where the problems begins. The Copake Lake Conservation Society has the ability to reach most of the homeowners around the lake by newsletters and social media. There are signs at major entry points about Zebra mussels and weeds. Ms. LeBrecht understands that the marinas do a cursory look of the boats being launched but the one place that is our "hole in the dam" is the County corner. In the beginning of 2021 when the Copake Lake Conservation Society's consultants did their first on water survey, they noticed a small amount of Zebra mussels at the County corner. By the end of the season when docks were being pulled out they saw that the population of this species exploded to pretty much every corner of the lake. When left unattended the Zebra mussels can choke waterways and impact on the balance of nature. Ms. LeBrecht sent photos to the Town Clerk of the docks that was coated with Zebra mussels.

Ms. LeBrecht states that if you try to figure out if Copake Lake is private or public, here's the conundrum, if you pull up the page for Copake Lake on the DEC website it says that the County corner is a car top launch. If you google Copake Lake you find that it is also a car top launch. If you go to paddling.com you see that it says also that it is a car top launch there and the list goes on.

Ms. LeBrecht states that the CLCS and their consultants have thoroughly investigated what is the best course of action. There is a treatment that is needed that targets specifically this invasive pest. The problem is that it comes with a \$75,000 price tag. The CLCS needs financial help and they need it quickly. Members of the Board of Trustees are looking into every possible way to get grant money and have reached out to every politician that represents us.

Ms. LeBrecht states that this presentation is made in the hopes that either the Town or somebody out there can financially help the CLCS and send them in the right direction for grants and then try to come up with a permanent way to stop flow of invasive species into Copake Lake. If somebody can help the CLCS the website is [www.copakelakeclcs.org](http://www.copakelakeclcs.org).

Supervisor Mettler states that there are a couple of issues. The first being, what does the Town Board think about the situation and whether or not they want to help out in this situation. The other is more of a legal question that if the Town Board wanted to do something, what are the parameters of what a town can do in a situation like this.

Supervisor Mettler spoke with Attorney Tingley about this and he will address this.

Attorney Tingley states that the primary issue is that the Town is only able to spend money for a purpose that is set forth in statute so there would have to be a basis for the statutory law to authorize an expenditure. It doesn't necessarily mean it is not available, there just needs to be a basis found if the Town Board wants to proceed in that way.

There was discussion among the Town Board which raised more questions and the Town Board decided that they will ask Attorney Tingley to look into what the Town can do legally and the Town Board will discuss this and put this on the Agenda for next month.

**f. Email accounts for Town Employees**

Supervisor Mettler states that she has been working on getting new emails for the town. Last year we purchased new accounts for the Town Clerk's office and the Supervisor. It is called Google Workplace and includes Google Meets, Google Calendar, and more.

Supervisor Mettler states that what makes this different than just a gmail account is the storage feature. We can store all of our emails in what is called the Google Vault. There is also what is called ediscovery – the emails can be searched via this system in the event of a FOIL request.

Supervisor Mettler states that this system is recommended by MIS and has already been adopted in numerous towns and hope that all of their towns will eventually use this system.

In addition to the storage, these systems are also far more secure than Fairpoint emails, and more resistant to hacking and cyber-attacks.

Supervisor Mettler states that the fee for this would be \$18 per month for approximately 11 accounts totaling \$2376 per year.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Judd to authorize the Supervisor to purchase the above mentioned email accounts.

All in favor. Motion approved.

**g. Obsolete Computer and Electronic Equipment**

Supervisor Mettler states that over the years the town has accumulated a lot of computer equipment and other electronics which are out of date, or broken. They have been stored in closets and on shelves and the town would like to dispose of it properly, or if it is worth anything we could maybe put it out for auction. MIS will come next week to look at our old equipment and if it is obsolete we can dispose of it. We will also need to check if there are hard drives and they will be removed. MIS will help us with this. Supervisor Mettler will get back to the Town Board on this next month.

**h. Exemption Renewals for Seniors & Low Income Disabled**

Supervisor Mettler states that the Town Board has received a memo from Assessor, Lynn Hotaling that is self-explanatory. The Governor has signed an executive order which is meant to assist seniors and disabled individuals but according to the Assessor it is not necessary. The Board agreed that they wanted to defer to the Assessor's advice on this.

Supervisor Mettler states that the Minutes should reflect that the Town Board discussed this and reviewed the Assessor's memo and that the Town Board took NO action.

**i. Grant Applications**

Supervisor Mettler states that every year the Bank of Greene County offers towns the opportunity to apply for grants. This year, Supervisor Mettler spoke with Chris Quinby and discussed it with him. Last year for the Music in the Park Program the Town applied for the grant and received \$750. Supervisor Mettler is suggesting that the Town make an application for a grant this year. Last year the Town also made an application for a grant for the Town Hall redecoration. The grant this year will only be for the music program and Supervisor Mettler has written a letter asking for \$1,000.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to make an application to the Bank of Greene County on behalf of the Park Commission to receive \$1,000 to be used for the summer entertainment program.

All in favor. Motion approved.

**j. Expenditure for Purchase of Panels**

Supervisor Mettler is asking for a motion to approve an expenditure by the Town Hall redecoration committee in the amount of \$890.27 for panels to be installed in the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Judd to approve the expenditure of \$890.27 for the panels to be installed in Town Hall.

All in favor. Motion approved.

## **Old Business**

### **a. Bid on Vacuum Truck-Update**

Attorney Tingley states that the permissive referendum period ended on January 8<sup>th</sup> so that purchase can now be made officially and that money has been allocated by the Town Boards resolution back in December so that can move forward.

### **b. A Local Law to Opt Out of Allowing On-Site Consumption Sites as Authorized Under Cannabis Law Article 4-Update**

Attorney Tingley states that the permissive referendum period ends on January 24<sup>th</sup> and at that point he will work with the Town Clerk to get the Local Law in final format for filing with the Department of State.

### **c. Security Cameras-Town Park**

Supervisor Mettler states that this will be tabled until further information is received.

### **d. Motor Vehicle Storage Permits-Councilperson Gansowski**

Councilperson Gansowski states that there were two permits that did not fall into compliance, Jim's Auto Body which has several issues and the other is Performance Auto which also has several issues. The Code Enforcement Office will send a 30-day notice to the above mentioned to comply with Town regulations.

### **e. Generator for Town Hall and Park Building-Councilperson Gansowski**

Councilperson Gansowski states that he is working to find electricians now that Mr. Giulian is no longer doing it.

### **f. Website-Lynn Connolly**

Ms. Connolly states that the Website Committee met on December 18, 2021. Joining us at that meeting was Rich Lee from CEDAC who brought great insight. Ms. Connolly is in the process of scheduling short presentations of the three different website companies.

### **g. Vacancies-BAR, Park Superintendent**

Supervisor Mettler states that we have advertised for the BAR and the Park Superintendent returnable in February.

### **Resolutions**

None

### **Appointments**

None

### **Budget**

#### **a. Budget to Actual Report-Approval to post this on Town Website**

Supervisor Mettler states that we have posted the preliminary budget to actual report yesterday.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Judd to approve the preliminary budget to actual report as the final budget to actual report for December and agree that it will be posted to the town website.

All in favor. Motion approved.

### **Councilpersons' Reports**

Councilperson Sullivan reports that at the last Park Commission meeting Officers were appointed. The Park Commission has the entire Summer Concert Series booked.

Councilperson Gansowski reports that he and Erin Reis went to the Casino property to check out an illegal apartment. They have turned a horse stable into an apartment and Erin has taken pictures and on one side it is a horse stable and the other side has been turned into an apartment. Erin will now seek Attorney Tingley's advice as to how to handle this from here.

Councilperson Wolf reports that CEDAC met about a week ago and discussions were continued as to which members are working on certain issues and continuing discussions about what to do with the Roe Jan school.

Councilperson Judd reports that the Planning Board did not meet in January, they had no applications. The CAC is concentrating on the Climate Smart Program and the electric vehicle charging station.

### **Public Forum**

Roberta Roll states that Level 3 charging stations are in use and they do exist. Level 1 and Level 2 are

much more prevalent. Level 3's cost a lot more to charge your car although there are deals that some auto makers and auto dealers make and that is something to take into consideration.

Ms. Roll wants to know why Kneller's parking lot has been chosen over a municipal lot.

Supervisor Mettler states that it has to do with accessibility to the pole but Mr. Masters can better explain that to Ms. Roll.

Ms. Roll also wonders about which companies Mr. Masters and Councilperson Judd spoke to.

Supervisor Mettler states that the company is called Plug In.

Ms. Roll states that if the Town can do something about the Zebra mussel issue, the public access is something to keep in mind. Ms. Roll totally understands the residents wish to keep the lake as enclosed as possible but it is a body of water and the fact that people do go in to that triangle anyway then if there is a way to make some public access, beautification, and have educational information there it would be really beneficial.

Lindsey LeBrecht states that it is not so much that they want to enclose the lake it is just that they want to keep it in its pristine condition the best that they can and that is a point of entry that they have no real control of and now it's been proven as a point of nuisance.

Ms. LeBrecht states that years ago they tried to get the speed limit on Lakeview Road reduced not once but twice and they came out after Labor Day and they said there is no problem here. So if the Town or the County do any studies, do it when there is real traffic versus before.

### **Approval of Bills**

Supervisor Mettler states that under the new system the bills have already been approved. The Town Board will have bills next week that will be prepared Monday. Monday the Town Hall is closed. Supervisor Mettler will let the Town Board know when they are for approval.

### **Next Meeting Date**

Thursday, February 10, 2022

### **Executive Session**

No

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and seconded by Councilperson Wolf that the Town Board meeting be adjourned.

All in favor. Motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Connolly  
Town Clerk