

Town Board Meeting
Thursday, May 11, 2023
7:00pm

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

Present: Town Clerk Lynn Connolly, Attorney Jon Tingley (*virtually*).

Call to Order

At 7:00pm, Supervisor Mettler calls the Town Board meeting to order. This meeting is being held in person in Town Hall but we are allowing remote access. This meeting is being recorded and the recording will be posted online within five business days.

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

Approval of Minutes

Supervisor Mettler mentions that the minutes of the April 11, 2023 were already approved at the last meeting so we are just looking at the April 13, 2023 minutes and the May 2, 2023 minutes. The minutes of April 13, 2023 will be tabled until next month.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Judd to waive a further reading and accept the Minutes as written for the Special Town Board Meeting of May 2, 2023.

All in favor. Motion was approved.

Special Presentation: Wastewater Report “Copake Preliminary Engineering Report”-Prepared by Erin Moore PE, BCEE, of Tighe and Bond

Tom Goldsworthy, Copake Economic Development Advisory Committee Chair, states that the following wastewater report that we are about to hear about from Tighe and Bond was commissioned by the Town of Copake in a town resolution, Resolution No. 28 of September 28, 2021. The town received an Engineer Planning Grant from New York State in the amount of \$24,800 of which \$19,840 was being paid by New York State and the remainder is an in-town contribution by the town and that would be any of the administrative hours that employees have worked on it. Tighe and Bond was hired to do a study of wastewater conditions in the hamlet of Copake and sent a survey to every property in the hamlet to find out the conditions on each property. Tighe and Bond was asked to not only analyze the results that came in from the survey but also the soil and water conditions throughout the town and come back with a series of recommendations about what might be appropriate. Tighe and Bond has completed their

report and tonight Erin Moore will present to report to the Town Board on behalf of Tighe and Bond. Ms. Moore come highly recommended because she was the project manager and designer of the sewer district in Hillsdale. Under the provisions of the grant, the town is required to submit the report to New York State which Tighe and Bond will do on our behalf. NYSDEC and Environmental Facilities Corporation, which is part of the NYSDEC will review the report and if accepted, they will then pay the remaining 50% of the grant proceeds that are due to the town. The remainder of the grant amount is conditional upon completion of the report and it's acceptance by NYSEFD.

Ms. Moore, PE, BCEE, of Tighe and Bond presents to the Town Board a summary of the report of the Wastewater Study of the hamlet of Copake.

A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to accept the Wastewater Report as complete and also authorize that it be submitted to NYSEFD, NYSDEC, and Columbia County Department of Health.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Supervisor Mettler and the Town Board thanks Ms. Moore and Tighe and Bond for their great presentation.

At this time, Supervisor Mettler makes a motion which is seconded by Councilperson Wolf to vacate the previous motion which approved the minutes for the April 13, 2023 Town Board meeting and to instead to approve the minutes of April 18, 2023.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Announcements

Supervisor Mettler announces that Copake Cleanup Day will be Saturday, May 14, 2022 8am to Noon at the Copake Highway Department.

Correspondence

From-Bank of Greene County, letter regarding "Neighbors Make the Difference Day"

From-NYS DEC Permits, Notices of Complete Application for Camp Pontiac

From-Charter Communications, letter regarding upcoming change

From-Mike Degano of Teamster Local 294, telephone call and letter regarding recognizing Juneteenth as a Holiday which Supervisor Mettler informed him that the town did this last year and will also write him a letter about this. Supervisor Mettler will also include in the letter that right now in the contract, Martin L. King, Jr's birthday is not an automatic holiday, it is a floater. Supervisor Mettler thinks this should be corrected.

From-Hugh Davis, Community Rescue Squad, letter requesting waiving building permit fee

From-Signe Adam, email regarding resignation as ZBA Alternate Member

From-Susan Hollenbeck, email regarding resignation as Bicentennial Committee Member

From-Dan Haas, email regarding Climate Smart Task Force withdrawing its request to adopt Resolution 10 of April 13, 2023

From-Copake Planning Board, letters regarding The Ridge at Copake Lake Conservation Easement and the Comprehensive Plan Review recommendations

From-Tom Goldsworthy, email regarding CEDAC recommendations

From-Roe Jan Ramble Organizing Committee, letter regarding the Roe Jan Ramble

From-Grant Langdon, numerous correspondences which are kept on file at the Town Hall

Supervisor's Report

Earlier this week I heard a rumor that the CMH office in Copake was being closed.

As you know the Town of Copake, the Hamlet Revitalization Taskforce chaired by Roberta Roll had worked very hard around 10 years ago to convince CMH to open a Rapid Care Facility. This included raising \$25000 in contribution to the project. The Community Rescue Squad not only supported the project but gave CMH two years free rent at the beginning of CMH's lease term. Additionally then State Senator Marchione gave \$350,000 toward the establishment of Copake Rapid Care. The groundbreaking was in 2015 and in 2016 the new facility opened its doors.

We saw Copake Rapid Care as making a vital contribution to the healthcare of our rural community and were extraordinarily grateful to CMH.

It was therefore very sad for all of us to see CMH forced to reduce its hours during the pandemic, and more sad when more recently Rapid Care was actually closed. Still, CMH maintained doctor's offices here in Copake.

I heard the new CEO of CMH, Dr. Dorothy Urshel, speak at the breakfast meeting of the Columbia Economic Development Corp toward the end of April. We spoke and I urged her to come to Copake to meet with us. This week on hearing the rumor that CMH was leaving Copake I called her again.

The good news is that no decision has been made to leave the Copake office. And Dr. Urshel will be coming to meet with me this coming week.

Copake Rapid Care was a very important addition to Copake and we want to see them here for many years to come. We look forward to building a strong and fruitful relationship with them. I am doing whatever I can to encourage them to stay here in Copake. I will report back to you when I have more news.

Solar Update

Last month I reported that on March 28th, the NYS Office of Renewable Siting (“ORES”) told Hecate Energy Columbia County that the siting application for its proposed Shepherd’s Run Solar Facility project remained “incomplete”. This was ORES’ third Notice of Incomplete Application (“NOIA”) to Hecate. Hecate must return again to the drawing board and provide responses to the 20 pages of additional requests for information ORES is seeking. Hecate has 90 days to respond.

Hecate first announced its intention to build a 60 Megawatt, 255-acre solar factory in Craryville in January, 2020, so its continuing inability to file an application with all of the information required for ORES to make a completeness determination must be frustrating to the multinational, Chicago-based energy company. But Hecate is apparently not alone in its frustration.

In an April 27th editorial, the Columbia Paper revealed frustration of its own, and a remarkable lack of understanding of the State’s siting permit application process. Perhaps you read the editorial, entitled “Is there a way?” Supervisor Mettler’s response to the editorial should be in this week’s Columbia Paper. Here is my take on it.

The editorial reported that solar facilities have “blossomed” in a few Columbia County communities. This is true. But the critical point is that these installations are much smaller than Shepherd’s Run would be, and each was reviewed and then authorized by the town where it is located. Shepherd’s Run is much, much larger, so under State law, Hecate can bypass Copake’s Zoning Code and Planning Board procedures and seek approval directly from ORES.

The editorial failed to demonstrate even a basic understanding of what ORES is supposed to do, or what it does when it kicks back Hecate’s repeated attempts to file its application. It asserts that “ORES has a year to issue each permit” and because it hasn’t done so with the Shepherd’s Run proposal, “it’s as if the agency is toothless.” ORES is anything but toothless. It has the extraordinary power to force a town to accept the presence of a gigantic solar factory; it can waive any local law or procedure it deems “unduly burdensome” to the State’s ability to reach its carbon-reduction goals — Copake’s Zoning, Planning, Comprehensive Plan, and Agricultural Protection Plan to name a few. And it operates under regulations written for it by Hecate’s own energy consultant — regulations that tilt the playing field in favor of the developers and against small, rural towns like Copake. That is why with other small, upstate towns we have sued to overturn the ORES regulations — to make the process fair, and not, as the editorial claims, “to block the Hecate project.”

But I digress: the reason un-“toothless” ORES keeps issuing Hecate NOIAs is because ORES is supposed to evaluate a siting application objectively. It should be trying to determine how the project would affect Copake’s farmland, wetlands, the Tagkhanic Creek, and historic sites. It can’t even pretend to do so without all the facts. Perhaps the editorial writer doesn’t care about these things; we live here, and we do.

If and when Hecate files all the information ORES needs, ORES will then have a year to make a decision on the application.

And the editorial declares, “It’s no longer a matter of whose property value is most at risk...” Easy to say when you live nowhere near Craryville. Tell that to the people who live directly across the road from many of the almost 200,000 solar panel Hecate wants to deposit along the gateway to Copake Lake and the hamlet of Copake.

“Find a compromise”, the editorial commands. Here’s the problem with that idea: Hecate has refused to compromise. The project is too big; it’s poorly sited; it would be poorly screened. We’ve said this for three years. But Hecate won’t budge. Make no mistake: Hecate is in it for the money. And changes cost money.

There is a lot of misinformation floating around about the Hecate proposal, and the editorial only adds to it.

We all need accurate information, and we’re trying to get it. At our request, an administrative law judge ordered Hecate to give us shape files containing data that may help answer questions about the likely environmental impacts of Shepherd’s Run. We’re analyzing the files now. Everyone should want to know how the project would affect the local environment, including the water supply. Even if you don’t live here.

Department Heads/Committee Reports

Dan Haas of the Climate Smart Task Force states that they are inviting the Town Board to an “open house”. A friend of the committee, Gary Siegel has a solar home and will invite people to come and visit and see firsthand how it works. This will be June 3rd from 10am until 2pm.

Public Forum

Robert Rolls mentions regarding the Copake Rapid Care that she was very disappointed to learn that they closed, first with limited hours than closing without advanced notice. Regarding the task force, Rapid Care was the first major project that was done and there was a lot of work, time, and effort put into it raising the funds for it. Ms. Roll is disturbed that it is closed. The county needs this. It is the entire eastern side of Columbia County, Dutchess County, and South Egremont. Ms. Roll is hopeful that the meeting with CMH goes well and hopes that we can resuscitate this.

Lindsey LeBrecht mentions that there is so much appreciation for the town in helping to try and stop this industrial sized solar farm. Ms. LeBrecht thinks it is so great that there is closed caption on the meeting video recordings.

Roberta Roll asks the Town Board what the structure is that is being built on Lackawana Farms. Councilperson Gansowski informs Ms. Roll that it is going to be a greenhouse.

New Business

a. 2023 Roe Jan Ramble Bike Tour-Tom Goldsworthy

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to approve the 2023 Roe Jan Ramble Bike Tour as a Town sponsored event.

All in favor. Motion approved.

b. CEDAC

Councilperson Wolf attended the CEDAC meeting in which three candidates were interviewed for the open seat on the committee two of which CEDAC recommends to the Town Board which can be done by amending the Mission Statement of CEDAC per Town Attorney Tingley.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Supervisor Mettler to amend CEDAC's Mission Statement to increase the number of members from five to seven to seven to nine members.

All in favor. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to appoint Todd Proper and Will Morningstar to the Copake Economic Development Advisory Committee.

All in favor. Motion approved.

c. Cold Storage Building Update

Highway Superintendent Gregory updates the Town Board on the Cold Storage Building and the electrical bid was re-advertised and the bids will be opened on May 4, 2023.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to accept the bid from Harold R. Clune Inc. for the electrical construction on the Copake Highway Garage in the amount of \$65,000.

All in favor. Motion approved.

d. Overhead Doors-Change Order Form

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to approve Change Order No. 1 relating to the furnishing and installation of five steel insulated overhead doors for the Highway Department Cold Storage building in the amount of \$39,500.00.

All in favor. Motion approved.

e. Band Shell Update

Tabled.

f. Memorial Garden Design Plan-Update

Highway Superintendent Gregory updates the Town Board on the issues he has been having with getting contractors to do this work but he is trying to find someone to work on the design at this point.

g. Pickle Ball Court and Ice Rink

Highway Supervisor Gregory updates the Town Board regarding the Pickle Ball courts. They are

looking to start the surface next week. It will have to cure for at least six weeks before any lines can be painted.

h. Request to Purchase 3 bases for 2023 season-Park

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to authorize the Park Superintendent to purchase 3 soft touch bases for the amount of \$786.

All in favor. Motion approved.

i. Park Maintenance-Seasonal Employment

Park Superintendent Gregory recommends the appointment of Robert Burns Jr. as seasonal employee to Park Maintenance at \$17 per hour.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to appoint Robert Burns Jr. as Seasonal Park Maintenance personnel at the rate of \$17 per hour.

All in favor. Motion approved.

j. Software for Code Enforcement

Councilperson Gansowski addresses the Town Board regarding new software for the Code Enforcement Office. They are going to table this until budget time and then they will bring it back to the Town Board.

k. 2023 Copake Park Summer Program

Supervisor Mettler states that the Safety Plan has been submitted to the County and thanks Bill Gregory and Bob Callahan for their assistance. Counselors have been interviewed and we are being asked to appoint counselors later this evening.

l. Proposal from M/E-Audit of Town Hall

Supervisor Mettler states that M/E made a presentation in April and we were all quite impressed and leaning towards proceeding with the Varient Refridgerant Flow system which we thought was reasonably priced. We reached out to the Schenectady office to give a proposal to actually do the design, and it came back priced higher than we expected. Moreover, the engineer from the Schenectady office estimated that the entire job would be far more expensive than we had understood from the previous presentation. Today, Councilperson Wolf and I met again with these two engineers again and we are proceeding as follows; we will ask a local contractor with whom we have previously worked to give us estimates for the entire job and also the cost of doing the job in phases; first the offices which are without A/C and then the remaining sections. These estimates will be passed on to M/E to see whether they can come back with what seems a more acceptable fee.

A motion was made by Councilperson Judd and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to authorize to the purchase of up to three small A/C units for a price up to \$999.

All in favor. Motion approved.

m. Interim Dog Control Officer

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to appoint Darrel Dutcher as an acting dog control officer from May 14, 2023 to May 21, 2023 during the absence of Kyle Miller.

All in favor. Motion approved.

n. Rules for use of Courts during Summer Program
Tabled.

o. New "Policy & Complaint Procedure Regarding Discrimination and Harassment"

**TOWN OF COPAKE
RESOLUTION
Number 18 of May 11, 2023**

**To Adopt Policy and Complaint Procedure Regarding
Discrimination and Harassment**

WHEREAS, New York State has updated and expanded the necessary requirements for an employer model policy to prevent sexual harassment; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to be compliant with law and foster a positive and safe work environment that is free from illegal harassment, discrimination and retaliation.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Town of Copake:

1. Rescinds its current anti-harassment policy.
2. Adopts the attached anti-harassment policy.

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Judd, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Resolution #18
Dated May 11, 2023
Copake, New York
Roll Call Vote.

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

Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

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A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to hire Holly Hedgepeth, Columbia County Human Resources Assistant, to provide Workplace violence and anti-harassment training, specifically one training session via live stream and one prerecorded session for the cost of \$50 per session and a total of \$100.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that the Town Board, Planning Board, ZBA, BAR, and all employees are required to do this.

p. MIS quote for building rewire

Ms. Connolly states that she has received a quote of \$1261.10 from Columbia County MIS which are the parts associated with the wiring project. In addition to this quote, they do not add labor but do want to be transparent as to the amount of time this project will take. Rick is estimating approximately 24 hours for him to complete the work and will need one additional helper for one day. This would be a cost of \$2015 and is an estimate. He stated that if he needs to run the electricity up to the new rack that will take more time. Likewise, if things go smoothly, it could take less time. Ms. Connolly is seeking the Town Boards approval to move forward with this in which she receives.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to accept the quote #Q-1000918 which includes \$1261.10 for parts and estimate of \$2015 for time.

All in favor. Motion approved.

At this time, Supervisor Mettler skips to Old Business; Virus Nostra LLC, Copake Lake Subdivision

Old Business; Virus Nostra LLC, Copake Lake Subdivision

Ken Dow gives the Town Board a summary of the Virus Nostra, LLC Conservation Easement.

**TOWN OF COPAKE
RESOLUTION
Number 17 of May 11, 2023**

To enter into and execute a Conservation Easement with Virtus Nostra, LLC

WHEREAS, Virtus Nostra, LLC seeks to subdivide certain land within the Town of Copake, constituting a major subdivision and subdivision approval has been granted by the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, Section 232-17.1 of the Copake Zoning Code requires, as a condition of the subdivision approval, that the subdivider grant to the Town or to a qualified not-for-profit conservation organization a conservation easement approved by the Planning Board, which shall

in perpetuity restrict development and preserve the protected lands essentially in their natural state; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York law and the Code of the Town of Copake, only certain qualified not-for-profit conservation organizations or the Town of Copake may hold such conservation easement; and

WHEREAS, the applicant was unsuccessful in its attempts to have the required conservation easement held by a not-for-profit conservation organization; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has approved the proposed conservation easement as protecting and preserving suitable and sufficient lands, a copy of which is attached to this resolution,

It is hereby **RESOLVED**,

That the Town Board authorizes the acceptance of a Conservation Easement to be granted by Virtus Nostra, LLC, attached to and made a part of this Resolution, and directs that the Supervisor execute such Conservation Easement on behalf of the Town of Copake and that the Seal of the Town of Copake be imprinted upon the Conservation Easement document; and

It is further **RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor and Clerk, with attorney guidance, take such steps as are necessary to complete, execute, and record such Conservation Easement with the County Clerk and complete all other requisite actions.

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Resolution #17
Dated May 11, 2023
Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.	Supervisor Mettler	yes
	Councilperson Wolf	yes
	Councilperson Gansowski	yes
	Councilperson Judd	yes
	Councilperson Sullivan	yes

Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

May 11, 2023

q. **Request for Waiver of Fee-Community Rescue Squad**

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to waive the Building Permit Fee on behalf of the Community Rescue Squad.

All in favor. Motion approved.

r. Use of Courts during Copake Park Summer Program

Tabled.

s. Copake Falls Day

Supervisor Mettler states that Robin Bruce has informed her that the third weekend in August is Copake Falls Day.

A motion was made by Councilperson Judd and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to deem Copake Falls Day 2023 a town sponsored event.

All in favor. Motion approved.

t. Grange-Fly Fishing

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to give the Copake Grange permission to use the fire pond on Saturday, June 10, 2023 for a Fly Fishing Workshop conducted by Bill Newcomb provided that they provide the town with a Certificate of Insurance.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Old Business

a. Virtus Nosta, LLC, subdivision application

Done earlier in the meeting.

b. RESOLUTION NO. 10 of April 13, 2023-Supporting the Copake Clean Heating, Cooling, and Energy Efficiency Campaign

Supervisor Mettler states that Resolution No. 10 of April 13, 2023 has been withdrawn and would like it to be on the record.

c. Letter of Support for proposal submitted by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties (CCE CG) to assist in the development of a Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan

A motion was made by Councilperson Judd and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Letter of Support for proposal submitted by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties (CCE CG) to assist our community in the development of a Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan in coordination with Columbia County.

All in favor. Motion approved.

d. Sexual Harassment/Workplace Violence-Training

Done earlier in the meeting.

e. Zoning Review Working Group Update

The Town Board has scheduled a Special Town Board Meeting followed by a Workshop on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 4:45pm.

Resolutions

**TOWN OF COPAKE
RESOLUTION
Number 19 of May 11, 2023**

A Resolution as Amended Relating to the Town of Copake's Acceptance from Columbia County of Certain Land Within the County Right of Way of County Route 7A in the Town of Copake

WHEREAS, the proposed reconstruction of County Route 7A within the hamlet of Copake includes a significant change in the geometry of the intersection of County Route 7A and Main Street, and

WHEREAS, the change in geometry includes the relocation of the existing Memorial Clock and eliminating the circular island in which the clock is located, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, has determined that "the small circular island on which the clock is located is a historic feature of the resource", and

WHEREAS, the project includes the creation of a new green space located within the existing County Right of Way at the intersection of County Route 7a and Main Street where the Memorial Clock is to be relocated to, and

WHEREAS, the newly created green space will allow for the creation of a pocket park for the enjoyment of both residents and visitors to the Town, and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2023, the Board of Supervisors of Columbia County voted to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute an Agreement to convey the land within the County right of way to the Town of Copake, and

WHEREAS, upon a transfer of the subject land to the Town of Copake, the Town will own and be able to maintain the green space, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Copake intends to accept the conveyance of such land, and upon acceptance, to dedicate the park to honor men and women from the Town of Copake who are veterans of the United States Military, some of whom made the ultimate sacrifice but all of whom served our country, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cadby-Shutts VFW Post 7552 have publicly supported the re-positioning of the Clock and the creation of a park which "will help make the monument more accessible to residents, allowing room for visitors to view the memorial and the names of those remembered"; now, therefore,

It is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is authorized to negotiate an Agreement in furtherance of taking title to said lands in the name of the Town of Copake; and

It is hereby further **RESOLVED**, that upon Town Board action authorizing entry into such an Agreement, the Supervisor shall be authorized to execute same and to execute such other, further and different documents and instruments in furtherance of such Agreement and in furtherance of the Town of Copake accepting such land from Columbia County.

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered as amended by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Wolf, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Resolution #19

Dated May 11, 2023

Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.

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

Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

May 11, 2023

Appointments

Kaya Sindler, Copake Summer Camp Director and Dakota Curtsinger, Assistant Summer Camp Director recommend the following Summer Camp Counselors and pay rates:

William Barlow, first year counselor \$14.20

Samantha Phesay, first year counselor \$14.20

Grace Alvarez, first year counselor \$14.20

Cheyenne Poucher, first year counselor \$14.20 (15 years old until the second day of camp. Will not be paid if she chooses to come the first day)

Gavin Hartka, first year counselor \$14.20

Gianna Stang, first year counselor \$14.20

Ciara Dellea, first year counselor \$14.20

Claudia Cantarero, first year counselor \$14.20

Jesse Slater, second year counselor \$14.45

Elle Atwood, second year counselor \$14.45

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to appoint the above mentioned names and above mentioned hourly rates as Summer Camp Counselors for the year 2023.

Budget

Supervisor Mettler mentions that the Bank of Greene County is now offering 3%. TD Bank is giving us 3.05%. \$400,000 was transferred last Friday that was approved last month.

A brief conversation ensued.

- a. Preliminary Budget to Actual Report-April 30, 2023**
- b. Agreement to post Budget to Actual Report**

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to approve and post the budget to actual report for April 30, 2023.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Councilpersons' Reports

Councilperson Sullivan reports that she attended the meeting on this past Monday. They have all of the bands scheduled for the Summer Music Program but still need a couple of sponsors. Four more Memorial Bricks have been sold.

Councilperson Gansowski reports that he's had a conversation with Erin Reis about the First Meeting House residence. The time has expired and they are taking the next steps. All of the Storage Permits are all up to date. At the ZBA meeting, there was a Public Hearing regarding Camp Waubeeka and the number of lots that they are putting in there. The ZBA is seeking an Alternate Member. Councilperson Gansowski attended the Copake Fire Company Installation Banquet and in the last draft they got nine new members.

Councilperson Judd mentions that the Conservation Advisory Committee already updated the Town Board but brought up the reappointment of the members which Supervisor Mettler has already been contacted about this by Mary Ann Carrick. The CAC would like to have a farmer join the committee. The goal to apply for Gold Certification is July. They are also talking about the Electric Vehicle Charging Station. Councilperson Judd gives the rest of the Town Board two quotes for two level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations to review.

Councilperson Wolf reports that on April 24, 2023, the Roads Advisory Committee met with the landscape and streetscape people from Barton & Liguicide to do a walk around the hamlet. On May 2, 2023, the Short Term Rental Group met with Ken Dow to discuss developments and legalities. On May 4, 2023, CEDAC met for interviews that have already been discussed this evening.

Public Forum

Mary Ann Carrick mentions a stewardship plan for the Conservation Advisory Committee.

Supervisor Mettler will speak the Town Board about this.

Approval of Bills

None

Next Meeting Date

Thursday, June 8, 2023, 7:00pm

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and seconded by Councilperson Judd to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor. Councilperson Judd did not vote. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Connolly
Town Clerk