

Town of Copake
Special Town Board Meeting
Thursday, July 6, 2023
4:30PM

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 via Google Meet: Supervisor Mettler, Councilperson Wolf, and Councilperson Gansowski. Councilperson Judd and Councilperson Sullivan are absent.

Present: Town Clerk, Lynn Connolly

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

Supervisor Mettler states that this meeting is open to the public and the meeting is being recorded and the recording will be posted online within five business days.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that there are a few items to discuss with the Town Board before going into a workshop to discuss recommendations of the Zoning Review Working Group.

Supervisor Mettler states that the first issue is a request to support the Columbia Land Conservancy’s request. The information has previously been distributed to the Town Board.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to authorize the Supervisor to send a letter in support of the Columbia Land Conservancy application for a local stewardship grant for the Hudson River Estuary Program of the NYS Department of Environment and Conservation for a countywide preservation plan for Columbia County.

Three in favor. Councilperson Judd and Councilperson Sullivan are absent. Motion approved.

Supervisor Mettler states that the next item is in regards to switching the propane accounts from American to the Nolan Bottle Gas Co. The documentation has previously been distributed to the Town Board.

**TOWN OF COPAKE
RESOLUTION
Number 23 of July 6, 2023**

To Authorize the Purchase of Liquid Propane through County Contract

WHEREAS, the Town of Copake currently purchases liquid propane from Amerigas pursuant to a month-to-month arrangement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law § 103, the Town of Copake is permitted to purchase materials, equipment and supplies through Columbia County contracts procured through competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County through competitive bidding awarded a contract for supplies of liquid propane to Nolan Bottle Gas Co., Inc., of Ravena, New York, pursuant to Columbia County Bid #23-011 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County contract with Nolan Bottle Gas Co., Inc. presents substantial savings on liquid propane as compared to current pricing; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds and determines that purchasing through Columbia County's contract with Nolan Bottle Gas Co., Inc. will result in cost savings and it therefore desires to authorize the purchasing of liquid propane through Columbia County's contract; now, therefore,

It is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to take any and all steps necessary to cancel the current contract with Amerigas in accordance with the terms and conditions in effect and applicable thereto; and

It is hereby **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to establish an account and to begin purchasing liquid propane through Columbia County Bid #23-011 from Nolan Bottle Gas Co., Inc. of Ravena, New York; and

It is hereby **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to take all necessary actions and to execute such instruments and documents as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

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

Resolution No. 23
Dated July 6, 2023
Copake, New York

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

Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

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Supervisor Mettler mentions to the Town Board that the next item is in regards to the Visa bill. The Visa bill is downloaded from the website because of past issues of not getting payment in time. Supervisor Mettler asks the Town Board to take a look at the bill and initial it so that payment can be made this coming week. Councilperson Wolf and Councilperson Gansowski both agree to do so.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that the Copake Park Summer Camp extended the registration deadline to this past Thursday at 4:00pm. After the deadline, several applications were dropped off with a check and the Camp Directors' made the decision in which Supervisor Mettler approved, that those applications were passed the deadline, not be accepted. Unfortunately, one woman's check was deposited and that money needs to be reimbursed.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to authorize the reimbursement of \$350 to Teresa Westlake.

Three in favor. Councilperson Judd and Councilperson Sullivan are absent. Motion approved.

A brief conversation ensued.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that Summer Park Camp Director and Co-Director have asked the Town Board to approve the rental of a tent which should come in under \$1,000 but she will get back to the Town Board regarding this. Also, they are going to the movies and they need a check to pay for the counselors. The parents will pay for the movie tickets for their children. The total cost is \$296.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to authorize the payment of \$296 for the summer camp, to go to a movie in Hudson at the Hudson, Movieplex Spotlight Cinema.

Three in favor. Councilperson Judd and Councilperson Sullivan are absent. Motion approved.

At this point, Supervisor Mettler offers Introductory Local Law No. 5 of 2023. Introductory Local Law No. 5 of 2023 is a proposed LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 160 OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF COPAKE, ENTITLED "NOISE", AND TO DESIGNATE AN ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL.

Supervisor Mettler suggests that the Public Hearing be held on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 6:50pm. The Town Board agrees.

Attorney Tingley recommends that the Town Board review and sign the Environmental Assessment Form, Part 1; Question 1.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Short EAF, Part 1.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that to be clear, the SEQRA discussion will take place after the Public Hearing.

Three in favor. Councilperson Judd and Councilperson Sullivan are absent. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to go into a workshop to discuss a local law to promote affordable housing in the Town of Copake.

Three in favor. Councilperson Judd and Councilperson Sullivan are absent. Motion approved.

In the interest of transparency, the workshop is being recorded.

At the end of the workshop, it is decided that a Special Meeting will be scheduled for Monday, July 24, 2023 at 3:00pm to continue this discussion.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to come out of the workshop.

Three in favor. Councilperson Judd and Councilperson Sullivan are absent. Motion approved.

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

Three in favor. Councilperson Judd and Councilperson Sullivan are absent. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Connolly