

Town of Copake  
Public Hearing/Special Town Board Meeting  
Tuesday, August 22, 2023  
6:00PM

*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

**Call to Order**

At 6:00pm, Supervisor Mettler calls the Special Town Board Meeting of August 22, 2023 to order and opens the Special Town Board meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that this meeting is open to the public for anyone in town hall or joining us online. This meeting is being recorded and will be posted online within five business days.

Supervisor Mettler states that we are now in a public meeting and there are a few items that the Town Board has to address and following that we will have the first Public Hearing.

The first item discussed is approval of the band shell bid. This has been distributed to the Town Board.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to accept the bid from L.D. Coon & Son Inc., dated August 7, 2023, to construct the band shell for the Copake Memorial Park for \$131,290 following two conditions; upon confirmation of the contractor has ordered the building the town will pay an \$8,000 deposit and upon completion of the foundation the town will pay \$30,000 with the balance to be owed as the balance of the work is completed.

All in favor. Motion approved.

The next item discussed is the Copake Memorial Garden Bid. This has been distributed to the Town Board.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to accept the bid of Clark's Outdoor Services LLC dated August 21, 2023 to renovate the gardens at the Copake Memorial Park for the amount of \$16,870.

All in favor. Motion approved.

The next item discussed in the date for the Pickleball tournament which will be June 8, 2024 with a rain date of June 9, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to approve a spring date for a pickleball tournament to be sponsored by the town on June 8, 2024 with a rain date of June 9, 2024.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Next, Supervisor Mettler suggest to the Town Board to have the park building cleaned for the fall season. Supervisor Mettler has reached out to ServPro, the same company that was used last time and we were given a quote of \$1,000. This has been distributed to the Town Board.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to approve the estimate from Servpro dated August 14, 2023 to clean the park building for \$1,000.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Councilperson Gansowski mentions that he noticed that the ice machine in the back is backed up with water. Supervisor Mettler states that there are several things that need to be addressed at the park building that will be included into the 2024 budget. She will speak to Bob Callahan about the ice machine that will be addressed immediately.

### **Announcement**

Supervisor Mettler announces that on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 9:00am, there will be a public workshop to discuss the 2023 NY Forward grant. It is open to the public and also available through GoogleMeet.

### **Public Hearing**

Supervisor Mettler opens the first Public Hearing at 8:45am and reads the Public Notice regarding Introductory Local Law No. 9 of 2023. This first Public Hearing is regarding Introductory Local Law No. 9 of 2023, A Local Law to Promote Affordable Housing in the Town of Copake for the purpose of receiving public comment. This law has been distributed and posted.

Supervisor Mettler opens the Public Forum for public comment.

The following people had questions and concerns regarding Introductory Local Law No. 9 of 2023 that were then addressed by Ken Dow:

Chris Grant  
Edgar Masters  
Marcia Becker on behalf of Steve Savarese  
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Councilperson Gansowski  
Lindsay LeBrecht

Supervisor Mettler closes the Public Forum.

### **Public Hearing**

Supervisor Mettler opens the second Public Hearing at 8:45am and reads the Public Notice regarding Introductory Local Law No. 10 of 2023. This second Public Hearing is regarding Introductory Local Law No. 10 of 2023, A Local Law to Regulate Short-Term Rentals in the Town of Copake for the purpose of receiving public comment. This law has been distributed and posted.

Supervisor Mettler opens the Public Forum for public comment.

The following people had questions and concerns regarding Introductory Local Law No. 10 of 2023 that were then addressed by Councilperson Wolf and Ken Dow:

Dan Schorr  
Madelaine Santner  
Chris Grant  
Lindsay LeBrecht  
Deb Cole  
Jay Schiff  
Lindsay LeBrecht  
Stephanie Sharp

Supervisor Mettler closes the Public Forum.

Councilperson Wolf thanks the Housing Review Committee and the Short Term Working Group for all of their efforts.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that prior to this meeting there was discussion of having a subsequent Special Town Board Meeting to discuss these laws further on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 5:30pm. The Town Board agrees.

A brief conversation ensued of what will happen at the next meeting.

Ken Dow and the Town Board go over the SEQRA form.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to adopt Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form with reference to Local Law No. 9 of 2023, To Promote Affordable Housing in the Town of Copake.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Supervisor Mettler mentions to Ken Dow that the email has to be updated. Parts 2 and 3 will be handled at the next meeting.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Connolly