

Town of Copake
Special Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 21, 2023
11:00AM

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 and Ken Dow

Supervisor Mettler welcomes all to the Special Meeting of the Copake Town Board. Supervisor Mettler opens the Special Town Board meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Mettler states that the main reason for this Special Meeting is to go into a workshop but there are a few items of business to discuss first.

This meeting is open to the public. The meeting is being recorded but the workshop will not be recorded. The recording will be posted online within five business days.

Supervisor Mettler states that the first order of business will be the October budget to actual reports.

A motion was made by Councilperson Judd and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to approve and post the budget to actual report for October 31, 2023.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Next, Supervisor Mettler states that the Park Commission has asked to spend up to \$500 on the Holiday Light Parade. Santa will be present.

There was a brief discussion.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to approve the Park Commission to spend up to \$500 for the Holiday Light Parade and party with that amount to be paid from the Park bank account.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Supervisor Mettler states that she has circulated to the Town Board and email regarding the Copake Iron Works painting and a picture of the painting. This is the painting which was hung in the rectory at Saint John's in the Wilderness. It was then lent to the Historical Society and the Historical Society and Saint John's are all in favor of us hanging it here in Town Hall. Attorney Tingley has drafted a resolution along with an agreement to be signed by the Town Board, the Roe Jan Historical Society, and Saint John's in the Wilderness.

TOWN OF COPEN
RESOLUTION
Number 40 of November 21, 2023

To Authorize the Supervisor to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement for the Loan of Artwork

WHEREAS, the Church of St. John in the Wilderness, as Owner/Lender, and the Roeliff Jansen Historical Society, as Borrower, have offered to sublend original artwork to the Town of Copake for display in the main meeting room/Town Court at Town Hall during the Town’s Bicentennial Celebration, with a term of such subloan beginning on or shortly after the date of this Resolution and ending on or about September 16, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Copake desires to accept such offer and to borrow such original artwork and to display same in the main meeting room/Town Court at Town Hall; now, therefore,

It is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Church of St. John in the Wilderness and the Roeliff Jansen Historical Society for the subloan to the Town of Copake of one piece of artwork entitled, “The Iron Works at Copake Falls,” by John Bunyan Bristol, circa 1850s, on terms substantially consistent with those set forth in the draft agreement attached hereto.

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 No. 40
Dated November 21, 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)

Supervisor Mettler discusses with the Town Board of the maturity of the TD CD that will mature tomorrow and the Capital Reserve Fund.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to authorize the Supervisor, in accordance with the Investment Policy to reinvest the TD CD on the maturity date for up to five months.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Supervisor Mettler states that with regard to the Roe Jan School, she thought she would have a name of an engineer by this time but does not at this time. Our attorney has been in touch with the Code Enforcement Officer and Attorney Tingley is suggesting that we send out a Notice of Violation. If the

owner gives his permission to let us go into the school then Erin would be going into the school and we would want her to go in with a structural engineer.

Lynn Connolly, Town Clerk has hired a second Deputy Clerk as of November 21, 2023 and will appoint her at the January Organizational Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to go into a workshop to discuss the Short Term Rental law.

All in favor. Motion approved.

The Town Board comes out of the workshop.

Supervisor Mettler mentions to the Town Board that she has heard from Ryan Weitz, who is the engineer from Barton and Loguidice with regard to the Copake municipal parking lot. Supervisor Mettler had asked Mr. Weitz to give her a scope of services for an engineer to accompany the Code Enforcement Officer into the Roe Jan School either with permission or court ordered. Mr. Weitz gave Supervisor Mettler an estimated price range of \$4,800-\$5,200.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Judd to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement for engineering services for a structural engineer to assist us with the regard to the Roeliff Jansen School at a price range of up to \$5,200.

All in favor. Motion approved.

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