

TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING February 19, 2014

The Catskill Town Board held their Committee Meeting on February 19, 2014 at 6:30 pm at Catskill Town Hall. The meeting was opened with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Joseph Leggio, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Pat Walsh, Councilman
Gary Carlson, Councilman
Jared Giordiano, Councilman

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Supervisor Leggio discussed the ball field. First discussed was the concession stand. It was not open for a majority of American Legion games. Ms. Riley stated the main reason was being understaffed. Help was asked in the beginning of the season. Supervisor Leggio stated the board feels that the concession stand should be open for all games being held there, whoever is playing. He is unsure how that will be done but he will reach out to the school and see if one of the clubs wants to run it or maybe the Community Center.

Supervisor Leggio stated the other issue is the maintenance of the field. There is no problem in the beginning of the year but then we get phone calls that it looks like crap. All of this is directed more towards Little League. This year we will maintain the field and if we need to offset costs...we are looking at solutions to problems.

An audience member stated the grass is part of it. The field is in top notch condition in June and July but when the field wasn't being used, late July/August, there was the problem with the grass getting high.

Councilman Carlson stated we all have different mindsets. He believes the field is a good recreational ball field. If people want a competitive ball field then the extra costs should come from those using the field. They should not be absorbed by the town.

Councilman Giordiano asked if the school contributes. Supervisor Leggio stated last year they stated they would help offset the costs of the lights, at approximately \$20,000, but it didn't get very far. The school is the first to use the field and then Little League and American Legion simultaneously.

With Little League and the School entering the meeting, Supervisor Leggio reiterated his concern about having the concession stand open for all games and for maybe having someone lease it so it will be open.

Adam Davies stated the concession stand was open for all modified, JV and Varsity games and was manned by Little League. When American Legion started he felt it was too much burden on the volunteers to have them do both games. He had a conversation with American Legion to help.

Supervisor Leggio stated this became an issue. Also as the field had less and less use, the grass was becoming an issue. He would like a better way to operate the field and how to complement everyone there. We want the concession open for all the games and we have enough time to figure out how to do that. In regards to the weeds, the people who use the field do the base paths. When Stanley is busy and he can't get to it, we have to come up with a better plan.

Mr. Davies stated the field is a separate issue. There is a distinction between raking the field and putting tarps on and the overall responsibility so it doesn't go to seed. Last year was unclear. He stated he had no idea he was responsible for weeding and total upkeep. We need to make sure who is responsible for the field not going to seed.

Supervisor Leggio stated as a board, there are a lot of adjustments in the budget and he is not trying to eliminate but trying to come up with ways on how to provide with less money. It is early enough in the year, whatever concerns, can be dealt with.

Bruce Schmidt said at the end of the season, the tiller needs to come in and run and roll and put the field to bed for the winter so then in the spring, it can be tilled, raked and ready. This was always the school's responsibility.

Cindy Shanley stated as a person who volunteers for many organizations, volunteering can be a thankless job. We should be proud of the ball field and the town can do something to organize. CHS has children who need ten hours of community service. It's all doable. It's just about working together.

Supervisor Leggio stated to come up with a plan and discuss at a meeting on March 4th at 5:30 pm.

Ms. Riley asked about the pitching mounds American Legion proposed in October. Supervisor Leggio stated he sees no problem with putting them in.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #15-2014: General A Fund Budget Amendments. On motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh the following resolution was ADOPTED: 5 Yes 0 No

Resolution #16-2014: B Fund Budget Transfers. On motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson the following resolution was ADOPTED: 5 Yes 0 No

Resolution #17-2014: Highway DB Fund Budget Transfers. On motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Giordiano the following resolution was ADOPTED: 5 Yes 0 No

Resolution #18-2014: Highway DB Fund Budget Amendment. On motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh the following resolution was ADOPTED: 5 Yes 0 No

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Leggio stated he needs a resolution to change the title in the budget for the Senior Center Clerk to Senior Center Activities Aide which more accurately reflects the duties of the job. *Resolution #19-2014 on motion made by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson the following resolution was ADOPTED: 5 Yes 0 No*

Supervisor Leggio stated we also need a resolution to provisionally appoint Janet Buskirk to said position part-time. *Resolution #20-14 on motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson the following resolution was ADOPTED: 5 Yes 0 No*

Supervisor Leggio stated he needs a resolution to go out to bid for the demolition of an unsafe property owned by Jerome Sterritt, 285 Hamburg Rd. The public hearing was held March 4th. *Resolution #21-2014 on motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Walsh the following resolution was ADOPTED: 5 Yes 0 No*

Supervisor Leggio stated the letter from HOCA regarding funding for Music in the Park is tabled until the next meeting.

The Senior Center rental usage was brought before the board. Councilman Giordiano doesn't agree with this agreement. There should be a zero charge for not-for-profit in the Town. Councilman Carlson stated he received the email and advised Michael it is zero for not-for-profit for a Town organization and to charge for personal use or those groups outside the Town. He stated the fees are fine for outside entities or personal use.

Councilman Antonelli asked the Supervisor is he was able to get hold of Athens to set up a meeting. He stated he didn't call. He spoke with Mike Reggani who will get hold of the Supervisor to set up a meeting.

Supervisor Leggio asked if there was any further comment. With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Carlson. Meeting ended 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk