Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
March 17, 2010 6:32 pm

Attendance:	Peter Markou,	Supervisor
	Robert Antonelli,	Councilman
	Patrick Walsh,	Councilman
	Michael Smith,	Councilman
	Kevin Lennon,	Councilman
	Elizabeth Izzo,	Town Clerk

Supervisor Markou opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked all in attendance for coming.

The following resolutions were reviewed:

RESOLUTION # 32-2010 CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Councilman Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Matthew Leibowitz, Ambulance Administrator, has recommended changing a position from per diem to part-time to help control overtime in the Ambulance Department, and

WHEREAS, he has recommended Cory Birk's position be changed from per diem EMT to part time EMT, and

WHEREAS, Cory Birk meets the minimum qualifications established for said position, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorizes the change of Cory Birk's position of EMT Per Diem to, EMT part time, effective March 17, 2010.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Carried

RESOLUTION # 33-2010 CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Councilman Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Matthew Leibowitz, Ambulance Administrator, has recommended changing a position from per diem to part-time to help control overtime in the Ambulance Department, and

WHEREAS, he has recommended Janice Markowitz's position be changed from per diem EMT-P to part time EMT-P, and

WHEREAS, Janice Markowitz meets the minimum qualifications established for said position, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorizes the change of Janice Markowitz position of EMT-P Per Diem to, EMT-P part time, effective March 17, 2010.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Carried

Supervisor Markou next talked about new business.

The Catskill Garden Club sent a letter requesting a donation to help defray the cost of the plantings in the urns outside Town Hall.

RESOLUTION #34-2010 CATSKILL GARDEN CLUB

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Garden Club helps beautify Main Street by planting spring bulbs in the urns outside of Town Hall and other Main Street establishments, and

WHEREAS, they are requesting a small donation to help defray this cost, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorize the amount of the suggested donation of $40.00 be sent to the Catskill Garden Club to assist in their endeavor.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0 Carried

Councilman Antonelli asked the Supervisor to contact the Garden Club to see if they would be interested in planting/landscaping the Little Red Schoolhouse to dress it up a bit. Supervisor Markou stated sure and that the Town would pay for the flowers.

Supervisor Markou next spoke about the Justice report. He stated in 2009 the Court raised a total of $839,988.50 and the Town's share was $420,085.50. He stated this is one of the busiest courts around and appreciates the Court's hard work.

Supervisor Markou next spoke about the procurement policy. He asked the Board to review and if they have any suggestions to please leave with him. It will be voted on at the next meeting.

Supervisor Markou spoke about the Senior Center's request for a new printer. Our IT person gave an estimate. The estimate is $786.35. Councilman Antonelli stated there was a mistake and the price of an item should by $72.27 and not $108.38

RESOLUTION #35-2010 PURCHASE PRINTER FOR SENIOR CENTER

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Senior Center is without a printer for the public computers as it broke, and

WHEREAS, the Senior Center Director contacted the IT person for the Town of Catskill who sent a proposal in the amount of $786.50 and

WHEREAS, the proposal was reviewed and the amount should be $713.60, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorize the purchase of the computer as corrected.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0 Carried

Supervisor Markou mentioned the retirement system and those in that system need to account for their time. This was a reminder that this needs to be done.

Supervisor Markou stated the Town has agreed to sponsor a cat and each Board member needs to submit its share to HOCA.

Councilman Antonelli asked that we discuss HOCA's 2010 contract. He stated his recommendation is to either not give them any money or break it down and give them $3500 which is half the contract price of 2009 and the following year it is done with.

Councilman Walsh stated we should still fund them. He doesn't mind cutting it a little bit but it was in their budget this year. Councilman Antonelli stated in the 12 years he has been on the board we have given them $100,000 and that does not include Music in the Park and there is more to the Town of Catskill than the Village of Catskill. Councilman Walsh stated that for $7,000 a year we are getting a big bang for our money and the Town is benefitting from that. Councilman Antonelli stated the Town is not benefitting;

Palenville isn't getting it, Smith's Landing isn't getting it, Leeds isn't getting it, the Village of Catskill is and the Village is part of the Town but the Town consists of all the Hamlets and they have done nothing for them for $100,000. He also stated you can't sell the cats and give the money away. They should keep it and pay the salaries.

Councilman Smith stated a cut of that drastic nature could have an adverse affect on us and HOCA. He stated we should, in accordance with Bob's point of view, there is revenue to support HOCA's activities and that our requirement for funding does not have the same requirement as it did in the past. Cutting them 50% though is drastic. He believes we should reduce them by a program of 20% per year until it is down to nothing except in the event their agenda has been expanded to the Hamlets. He stated there isn't a large concern for the Hamlets but there is for the Village of Catskill.

Councilman Walsh agrees with Michael but he would reduce it by $1,000 this year and $1,000 each year unless they come up with a program. Councilman Antonelli stated this money is not used for programs. It is used to pay for the director's salary. Councilman Walsh stated true and they will have to come up with that extra money someplace else.

Councilman Lennon stated at the last meeting we requested their budget information so the board could review. He stated a decision without first looking at that information would be wrong. He also stated reducing the price in the organization would be a detriment to our area. If the money were to be reduced then we should consider deferring the money to the other organizations that have formed in the Hamlets.

Supervisor Markou stated he has that information but needs to distribute to the Board. He concurred with Kevin and suggested that we table the discussion until the board has that information. All were in agreement.

Supervisor Markou polled the Board for comment. Councilman Lennon stated that he would like to see an alcohol and drug abuse policy for Code Enforcement and Cemetery. Councilman Antonelli stated we should do all Town employees though he thought everyone was in there.

Supervisor Markou stated he had no objection. Councilman Smith stated an issue even though he supports the idea, but as he understands it, there is a whole procedure of monitoring. He asked who would monitor. Councilman Antonelli stated the Human Resource manager would monitor this as she does Highway and Ambulance.

RESOLUTION #36-2010 TO HAVE HUMAN RESOURCE DRAFT ALCOHOL/DRUG TESTING POLICY TOWN OF CATSKILL EMPLOYEES

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill currently has a policy for drug and alcohol testing for Union employees, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board feels that this policy should be for all employees of the Town of Catskill, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorize the Human Resource Manager to draft a policy for alcohol and drug testing for all non-union Town of Catskill employees.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0 Carried

Supervisor Markou asked if the rest of the Councilman had any comment. He then asked if the public had any comment. With no further comment asked three times, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Smith.

Meeting ended at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk