

Town Board Committee Meeting – March 18, 2020
Catskill Town Hall 6:30 pm

Present:	Dale Finch,	Supervisor
	Jared Giordiano,	Councilman
	Patrick McCulloch,	Councilman
	Dawn Scannapieco,	Councilwoman
	Paul Vosburgh,	Councilman

Supervisor Finch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He recapped the events of last week. Thanked all the employees in a tough situation. He stated the town has done a fairly good job at implementing plans regarding COVID. The updates regarding the virus change all the time and we will go with the flow.

Councilman McCulloch stated to keep constant communication. After some further discussion, Supervisor Finch declared a state of emergency for the Town of Catskill in the event the town will need funding.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 13-2020 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Vosburgh authorizing the acquisition of highway machinery and apparatus, stating the estimated maximum cost of said acquisition \$460,000 appropriating said sum therefor and authorizing the issuance of up to \$460,000 serial bonds of the town to finance said acquisition. Adopted Vote: 5 Ayes, Roll Call

Resolution # 14-2020 budget amendments for 2019. Motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Home Depot Grant – have \$527 left. Purchase bench for the other Veterans section.

James Place Pump Station – received a bill for the back-up of the pump station. The homeowner used flushable wipes which are not authorized. Notice will be sent out with the water/sewer bills of what can and cannot be flushed/poured down drains in the sewer system.

Councilwoman Scannapieco stated to send a letter to the homeowner as this was isolated to that house. Supervisor Finch to send letter. Cost of work borne on homeowner.

PILOT – Town has been officially noticed by the solar farm on Cauterskill Rd. There have been no negotiations at this point in time.

RCF – Getting an agreement for participants who use the field. Have multiple quotes for fencing, surface reconstruction and tree removal. Moving forward with project even if baseball season canceled. The towns' share is \$7,500. All board members were in agreement to proceed with the updates.

Software – Supervisor Finch looking at other companies for software purchase for Code Department. Calling into different companies for quotes.

Leeds JH Sewer – electric bills will be out of O & M. Councilman McCulloch stated this should be looked at budget time.

BOARD COMMENT – none

AMBULANCE – George June stated the floors are halfway done. Councilman McCulloch stated to put off under the current circumstance. Mr. June stated the furniture has been ordered. He next spoke of the CDC recommendations regarding COVID and gave an update on the supplies. Currently the town is in a good place but that will change as more people are infected and/or quarantined. He is looking at what may be needed down the road. Supervisor Finch stated his appreciation for all Mr. June and his crew is doing.

Mr. Izzo asked if the fifty percent reduction in workforce will affect EMS. The answer was no. He asked if those individuals it does affect are paid. Supervisor Finch stated yes. No one will lose income. Mr. Izzo cautioned the board and Highway Superintendent to review the CHIPS money this year and the potential loss of that money as the state budget will be in a deficit and the town should plan for that loss of money. Mr. Izzo also mentioned any county funding as sales tax revenue will be decreased. He also mentioned court revenue will be reduced. Supervisor Finch stated we will need to be financially cautious.

With no further business, a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a union contract inviting the Ambulance Administrator and Town Clerk to the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilwoman Scannapieco. No further business will be conducted after executive session ends. Executive session began 7:45 pm.

Motion to exit executive session and end the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilwoman Scannapieco. Meeting ended 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk