

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
March 19, 2025 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Patrick McCulloch, Supervisor
 Jared Giordiano, Councilman
 Steven Espel, Councilman
 Brian Kozloski, Councilman

Via Phone: Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman

Supervisor McCulloch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – Local Law 1 of 2025

Supervisor McCulloch asked the Clerk to read the notice.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Catskill Town Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 6:30 PM at Catskill Town Hall, 439 Main St., Catskill, NY to hear public comment on Local Law 1 of 2025 Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance of Building Permits for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities. The proposed Local Law is available for review on the Town website and at the Town Clerk's Office. By Order of the Catskill Town Board, Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

He asked if anyone had any comment. With no comment being heard, he asked for a motion to end the public hearing. Motion by Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski; carried. The public hearing ended at 6:31 pm.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 6:31 pm.

Supervisor McCulloch stated that the Town Hall will be closed on Wednesday, March 26th from 8:30 am to 11 am for mandatory staff training.

Senior Center Request – from Order of St. Anthony's for a pancake breakfast on March 23rd. *Resolution # 25-2025 on motion of Councilman Espel, second Councilman Giordiano allowing use of the Robert C. Antonelli Senior Center by the Order of St. Anthony's for a pancake breakfast fundraiser. Adopted 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)*

Amendment for Volunteer Firefighter Tax Exemption – Councilman Giordiano stated an amendment to the tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers was adopted last year and we would like to amend our local law to reflect it. *Resolution # 26-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel to schedule a public hearing for Local Law 2 of 2025 amending Local Law 1 of 2023 relating to providing a real*

property tax exemption provided for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers in accordance with Section 466-A and 466-L of Real Property Tax Law for Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)

PRIVATE ROAD NAME – an application has been submitted by Balle Mayo Property Management LLC for a private road name for tax parcel 138.10-4-3.1 for a subdivision in Leeds with the name of the road requested as Creekview Lane. *Resolution # 27-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski approving the road name at the request of Balle Mayo Property Management LLC as Creekview Lane. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)*

Supervisor McCulloch gave updates on the County's ambulance plan, Summer Recreation donation letters and a response received by Mid-Hudson Cablevision and HOCA with donations. He stated he looked into the cost of transportation for the program and for six weeks it would be \$32,000. Interviews will be scheduled for counselors next month and the application for the program will be submitted to DOH by the end of May.

Good Cause Eviction – we received information from the group and it is a lot to digest. He is fine with the board reviewing it but it is not a popular topic with some people in the town and he would like to proceed cautiously, talk to subject matter experts, as he is not ready to have a public hearing yet on the matter. It will be discussed at April's meeting.

Close of Road for Movie Shoot – Supervisor McCulloch stated a production company has requested Game Farm Road from Castle to the dead end be closed April 7th to April 9th for a movie shoot. Greene County Sheriff's will oversee traffic control. They are also requesting the lights on the Central Hudson poles be turned off for filming. *Resolution # 28-2025 on motion of Councilman Espel, second Councilman Kozloski approving the road closure and use of the road for film production April 7th through April 9th except if construction for the Game Farm Road culvert pipe replacement begins before filming. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)*

Resolution # 29-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel for the Town to request from Central Hudson two (2) lights be turned off during film production at the Catskill Motor Court, slated to take place either April 10th or April 11th from 4 pm to 4 am. Adopted Vote: 3 Yes 2 Absent (Kozloski, Scannapieco)

Cemetery Garage Door – Councilman Giordiano discussed wanting one large door to be able to back the truck into the garage. Where funding will come from needs to be discussed prior. Councilman Kozloski stated to use perpetual funds. Supervisor McCulloch stated it will be tabled until April 1st.

Consolidation of PB and Zoning Boards – Councilman Giordiano would like to start discussion about combining the Planning and Zoning Board and having only one board.

Councilman Kozloski stated it would be more efficient. Councilman Giordiano will get input from the chairs of both boards and will move from there.

Councilman Kozloski stated the first ball game at the RCF will be April 4th.

Local Law 1 of 2025 – Resolution 30-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski adopting Local Law 1 of 2025 establishing a temporary moratorium on the issuance of building permits for wireless telecommunication facilities. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)

PUBLIC COMMENT –

An audience member asked if the movie was a Spielberg movie. Councilman Kozloski stated the production crew would announce it if it were.

Supervisor McCulloch asked if there was any further comment. Reid Mower asked about the comprehensive plan update and when it may begin. Councilman Giordiano stated we are trying for a grant first. Mr. Mower then asked about a zoning change in Leeds. Supervisor McCulloch stated that would be spot zoning and the entire comprehensive plan needs to be reviewed and if we do not receive a grant, we will still need to move forward with its review.

With no further comments a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel. The meeting ended at 7:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk