

The Committee Meeting of the Catskill Town Board was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 6:31 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

Also attending: Michael Smith, Town Attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Supervisor Leggio asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter in regards to the employment and termination of an employee and he asked the Town Attorney to be present. *Motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Antonelli to enter into executive session. Time 6:33 pm.*

Motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Antonelli to exit executive session and resume the meeting. Time 6:37 pm.

Supervisor Leggio asked for a motion to accept the resignation of the Senior Center Director. *Resolution #28-2014 motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Antonelli to accept the resignation of Anne Marie Moran, Senior Center Director, effective immediately. Adopted: 5 Yes*

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Leggio spoke about the public hearing for the local law on the zoning map and intentions of approving. Councilman Carlson has concerns over inaccuracies. Supervisor Leggio tabled till next meeting.

Supervisor Leggio stated he spoke with the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Farrell, regarding the ball field. There was conversation regarding the concession stand. If Little League decides not to run it this year, they would be interested.

Supervisor Leggio scheduled a government operations meeting for Wednesday, March 26th at 6:30 at Town Hall with Delaware Engineering for residents who received a letter from the Town asking if they would have any interest in being part of the proposed district.

Mr. Budris stated he received a draft of the archeological report which identified a few areas in Jefferson Heights of archeological significance but it should not present a problem. It also stated there is an Indian site in Leeds near the old stone bridge. He will have more information when the final report is submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donna Meo and residents of LaCorte Road approached the board regarding the condition of their road and stated it is impassable. They have tried to form a homeowners association. They have contributed funds to fix the road however the fix didn't last a year. She stated the condition of their road is beyond their expertise and are asking the Town if they can grade it and put some stone down.

Councilman Carlson asked if this is a public or private road. Mr. Bennett stated private. Supervisor Leggio asked if anyone had come to the board previously. Ms. Meo stated no. She spoke with Mr. Beers, who says he is happy to do but needs board approval. Supervisor Leggio stated he has set a precedent because he maintains Stella Place so Mr. Beers does not need Town Board approval.

Ms. Smith stated to consult with Mr. Beers and make him a proposal to see if he can assist them and if needs approval from the board, he should come to us.

Supervisor Leggio stated Mr. Beers is the Highway Superintendent and we can't tell him what road to do or not but if he has set a precedent, by doing other places, he should be able to help you.

Councilman Carlson stated if Mr. Beers is using Town funds to maintain private roads it should stop. He understands their concern as he lives on a private road himself, however, the decision was yours to live there and it is your responsibility to maintain your road. If we start treating you the same way as those on Stella road instead of stopping....Ms. Meo stated emergency vehicles can't get in. Oil trucks can't delivery oil. Councilman Carlson stated it is the same with Maple Grove and we have told them no.

Supervisor Leggio stated Mr. Carlson is right. The first place to start is the Highway Superintendent. If they took it upon themselves it is a non issue for the board. As taxpayers, you

live out there and the bottom line, run a piece of equipment, gravel, no issue provided filling pot holes and the relieving is minimal but what Gary is saying is correct.

Councilman Antonelli stated we had a complaint on Easy Street with the same problem. We can't fix private property. Even what the Supervisor is suggesting is wrong.

Supervisor Leggio stated to start with a letter to the Highway Superintendent and it is his call. He is not going to be the stone police but he is not telling him to do it either.

Ms. Meo stated the town should evaluate the emergency situation and consider helping out. Supervisor Leggio stated he will look into highway law. Councilman Giordiano stated it falls under you. Supervisor Leggio stated to send the letter and he will give Alfie a call.

Mr. Cochrane gave an update on the renewable energy. He is working with other solar companies so there will be more proposals. There will be an option to buy, lease or power purchase agreement. He will have more information in the next week or two and will present to the board then.

Supervisor Leggio asked if there were any further comment. Carol Voeks thanked the board for keeping the senior center open in the midst of the turmoil. She stated you can count on the seniors to help.

BOARD COMMENT

Councilman Antonelli spoke about LaCorte Road and filling pot holes and stated it is illegal and you are opening up a can of worms. We now need to watch now that we know. Supervisor Leggio asked Councilman Giordiano to stop by the highway department. Councilman Walsh stated the road would have to be brought up to standard before we could consider taking it over.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson. Meeting ended 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk