Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Cementon Sportsman Club
April 17, 2013 6:30 pm

Attendance: Joseph Leggio, Supervisor; Robert Antonelli, Councilman; Pat Walsh, Councilman; Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

Absent: Gary Carlson, Councilman

Supervisor Leggio opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated the first item to discuss is a presentation from Mrs. Pulver.

Mrs. Pulver stated a year ago she read an article from a national organization founded eleven years ago, America in Bloom, which promotes nationwide beautification through education and community involvement by encouraging the use of flowers, plants, trees etc. It is patterned after programs in Europe that were implemented after the war. There are 200 Towns and Villages participating in 40 states. They have a national awards program. They offer consultations and provide a written evaluation.

Mrs. Pulver stated we need seed money to begin. She talked to friends who brainstormed and they started an organization called Cultivate Catskill. The entrance fee is $1,000 which the Village gave. She stated there are nineteen or twenty people donating trees for Main Street and the planting will be through the fall. On May 4th they will start work on the slides and have a trunk sale as a fundraiser for the plants and maintenance of them.

Councilman Antonelli asked if something could be done with the Little Red Schoolhouse. The building has character but it needs some flowers. Mrs. Pulver stated the Town has to organize and spearhead the project. Councilman Antonelli stated that will not be a problem but asked for expertise on what should be planted.

Supervisor Leggio stated he received an email from Colleen Vincent who would like to establish a community garden. The Town has limited space but we do have the ball field. Mrs. Pulver stated she could talk to the Garden Club. Supervisor Leggio mentioned the Senior Center and to have a bench and some plants planted that do not need a lot of maintenance. Jim Planck stated Vin Seeley and Hudson Talbott are interested in having a walking trail from Willard Avenue parking lot through the Senior Center to Spring Street and the Thomas Cole House. It can be a very nice pathway. Mrs. Pulver stated she will add it to their list. Supervisor Leggio stated the major strip belongs to the Village and the Town may be able to collaborate to get it done. Mrs. Pulver thanked the board and stated she will be in touch.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the memo from the Ambulance Administrator recommending Karlis Medins be appointed to full time as there is a vacancy. Motion by Councilman Antonelli seconded by Councilman Walsh to appoint Karlis Medins to full time EMT-I to fill the vacant position. Vote: 3 Yes 1 Absent (Carlson) Motion carried.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the fence around the plunge pool on Route 23A from the culvert work that was done there from damage sustained from Hurricane Irene. He stated two quotes were received and the quote wasn't the same so he asked the engineer to have the company quote the same and Red Hook is still the low bidder. Motion by Councilman Antonelli seconded by Councilman Walsh to have Red Hook Fence Ltd. install the fence around the plunge pool in the amount of $1,875. Vote: 3 Yes 1 Absent (Carlson) Motion carried.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the Assessor has resigned as of April 29th and she is moving to a different job. She has been an asset to the Town of Catskill the last six to seven years and she is great to work with. She will be missed. The Town went through the interview process and offered the position to Audre Higbee who has accepted. Motion by Councilman Walsh and seconded by Councilman Antonelli to appoint Audre Higbee as Town Assessor to fill the unexpired term of the Assessor effective April 29th through September 30th, 2013. Vote: 3 Yes 1 Absent (Carlson) Motion accepted.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned Merritt Construction had never fulfilled their agreement with the Town for allowing their equipment to be housed at the Babe Ruth field. The Town Attorney had a lengthy discussion with them and they will either do the blacktop or clean out the perimeter where the drainage problems are. Councilman Antonelli stated the black top is not for the entire parking lot. It was only for the driveway coming down into the parking lot. He would like them to clean out the perimeter. Councilman Walsh concurred.

Supervisor Leggio stated the risk assessment people are at the Town. They are helping us to be more efficient.

Supervisor Leggio asked if there was anything else to discuss. Councilman Walsh stated he will be away for three days. He also stated he will miss the first meeting in May. He stated the black top for the Senior Center will be done May 2 and 3. The Center will not be able to use the parking lot but it will remain open.

Supervisor Leggio discussed the concession stand at the Babe Ruth field. It is run by the Little League and they are to maintain the equipment according to the lease. There was a problem with the fryer and grill and the issue has been resolved but out of that, Nolan Propane is donating the propane for use at the concession stand for the season. Councilman Antonelli stated we will

need to look at the equipment there. Supervisor Leggio stated it is old and needs to be updated. He doesn't want anyone to get hurt.

Supervisor Leggio asked the board about the Memorial Day Parade and if they would like to have a float or if they want to walk. Councilman Walsh stated he would walk but help with the float.

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Walsh. Meeting ended 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk