

TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING – April 17, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their committee meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Davis welcomed all and stated the board is to pass some resolutions with the rest of the meeting being devoted to the sewer project. The following members were present:

Doreen Davis, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

Also Attending: Michael Smith, Town Attorney; Audre Higbee, Town Assessor, Shawn Beers, Highway Superintendent; Joseph Kozloski, Village Trustee; Michael McGrath, Village DPW Superintendent

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 41-17 Road Dedication: Falling Waters Drive

Supervisor Davis asked if anyone had any comment. Mr. Beers commended Mr. Garrison as he went above and beyond the process of dedicating his road. Mr. Garrison appreciated the support from this board and former boards. Supervisor Davis thanked all for working with us.

Motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh approving the dedication of the road to the town. Adopted: Vote 5 – Yes

Resolution # 42-17 Appointment of Creighton Manning LLP as the Engineering Firm for the replacement of the culvert pipe on Pennsylvania Avenue over the Kaaterskill Creek Tributary in the Town of Catskill

Supervisor Davis stated she and Mr. Beers worked with the County Highway Department through NYSDOT as they requested we work with them in regards to this project.

Motion by Councilman Vosburgh, seconded by Councilman Giordiano appointing Creighton Manning as the Engineering Firm for the stated project. Adopted Vote: 5 – Yes

Resolution # 43-17 Upgrade Time Clock Plus

Motion by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to upgrade the Time Clock time and record keeping system in the amount of \$4,937.25. Adopted Vote: 5 – Yes

Motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh as requested by the Highway Superintendent to hire Collin Miller and Joshua Ball as seasonal highway employees effective April 12, 2017 at a rate of pay of \$12.86 per hour. Adopted Vote: 5 – Yes

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Beers spoke of scheduling a town wide clean-up day for June 24th. Councilman Vosburgh wanted to check with the county to make sure the date is available first. Will be discussed at next meeting.

Mr. Beers mentioned a proposed agreement with DMV to use the old landfill on Cauterskill as a driver license skill test site for commercial vehicles. He stated it should be two days a week and about four to five tests a day. Supervisor Davis stated to have the Town Attorney review before executing. *Resolution # 45-17 with motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Giordiano authorizing the Supervisor sign the license agreement with NYSDMV to utilize the old landfill on Cauterskill Rd as a Driver License Skill Testing Site upon review of the Town Attorney. Adopted Vote: 5 – Yes*

LEEDS JEFFERSON HEIGHTS SEWER:

Supervisor Davis stated now that the snow has melted and the sewer project has begun again, we wish to have a time line for the next steps. Questions will be entertained at any time and we are asking for courtesy. Mr. Kozloski, Mr. McGrath, and Mr. Noel are present from the Village of Catskill.

Travis Smigel gave a brief overview of the project to date. He stated in the next couple of weeks the project in Jefferson Heights will be complete. They are in the process of testing the main line. The pump stations have gone through start up and are ready to run. Within the next 45 days, Jefferson Heights will be ready for lateral connections.

The restoration process in Jefferson Heights will have an additional crew as the main street and side streets need to be cleaned up.

Mr. Smigel stated a packet was sent to the town regarding the lateral connections. Supervisor Davis asked if it has gone out to the community. Mr. Smigel stated the first page will be sent out and once they receive the mailing from the town, they can pick up a packet from Liz and apply for a permit. An inspection process will need to be in place as there are multiple steps to this process. The town can have an employee do it or can hire someone else.

Supervisor Davis asked about the volume. Mr. Smigel stated it will be sporadic. Supervisor Davis asked for Delaware to do the inspections and Councilman McCulloch mentioned Lee and Mike to do inspections also.

Ms. Bianconi stated the informational page can go on the town's website and it will be up to the board to decide when people will be able to connect. Supervisor Davis stated we will put it on the website and do a general mailing next week.

Mr. Krajewski of Catskill Mountain Housing was present and stated there are funds available for home repairs for income eligible properties for a single person making \$35,000 or less and a family of four making under \$50,000. Supervisor Davis state we will have your information on our website for people to contact you. Mr. Krajewski stated he is located at 448 Main Street and his number is 943-6700.

Councilman Antonelli stated our crew who is doing the sewer installation is doing a good job and he compliments them. The problem is Central Hudson as their timing is off. There was a question about repaving the roads. Mr. Smigel stated they will try to get them done by the end of the year but he doesn't want new asphalt ripped up so it may not be until next year. Supervisor Davis stated the vision was to have the work done simultaneously with Central Hudson; however, they are a private entity and have a different agenda and process. Part of the project was to install more natural gas but Central Hudson conducted a survey and it was underwhelming. If anyone is interested in having natural gas to please complete the survey and mail it back in.

There was a question regarding the increase in taxes. Ms. Bianconi stated it consists of three parts. One being the debt, the other being the cost to treat and the third being the operation and maintenance. The annual estimate is \$800 to \$900 per year for all three combined. The exact amount is unknown since the town received a grant. The village cost to treat the wastewater changes as does the same for the operational and maintenance per household.

There was a question regarding a list of businesses to connect the homeowner to the stub. Supervisor Davis stated we do not want to recommend businesses. The list will be given to the Chamber of Commerce as this is a free market exercise. Ms. Bianconi stated the residents will probably be contacted by contractors. All the information will be in the packet to let the contractor know.

Ms. Bianconi then reviewed the intermunicipal agreement between the town and village which was done in 2014. The term is 40 years which is the maximum limit. She reviewed the town and villages' roles.

The pump station on Allen Street will have control work and a new generator. The improvements must be done in order to bill. There is no transfer of funds from the town to the village as the funds are project related.

The operation of the sewer system, the town can contract with the village or another entity. It is not considered a professional service so it falls under the town's procurement policy. Councilman McCulloch stated we need an agreement in place before we can go live. Supervisor

Davis stated Ms. Bianconi will help with the RFP's. *Resolution # 46-17 with motion by Councilman McCulloch, second by Councilman Vosburgh to go out for RFP's for the maintenance of the Leeds Jefferson Heights Sewer System. Adopted Vote: 5 – Yes*

Ms. Bianconi reviewed the remainder of the agreement. Supervisor Davis asked if there were any other questions or comments. With none being entertained, a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman McCulloch. Meeting ended 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk