

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
April 17, 2024 6:30 PM

PRESENT:	Patrick McCulloch,	Supervisor
	Jared Giordiano,	Councilman
	Dawn Scannapieco,	Councilwoman
	Steve Espel,	Councilman
	Brian Kozloski,	Councilman

Supervisor McCulloch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 43-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski approving the replacement of HD cameras at the Highway Department in the amount of \$2,377.70 from Catskill Security Systems. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 44-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco to replace the HD camera system at the Ambulance Building in the amount of \$3,781.00 from Catskill Security Systems. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Ambulance:

Councilman Kozloski stated the cost of the window replacement is \$1,500. Supervisor McCulloch stated we will revisit.

Councilman Giordiano stated Marc will be able to take care of some items at the Ambulance Building but we will need an RFP for the bathroom repairs and painting interior of the building. He will put a proposal together for the RFP.

Code:

Webjogger will give an updated list of computers out of warranty or near end of warranty for replacement. The Code Department needs their computers replaced.

Supervisor McCulloch stated the laptop used for Planning/Zoning is near its end of service life. We will need to see about a new system for the incoming clerk.

Senior Center:

Councilwoman Scannapieco will be at the Senior Center to discuss the floor. Councilman Kozloski or Giordiano will also attend the meeting.

Cemetery:

Marc Mizzell would like to hire Bill Oettinger as seasonal help. *Resolution # 45-2024 on motion of Councilman Kozloski, second Councilman Giordiano to hire Bill Oettinger as Cemetery Seasonal Help at a rate of pay of \$15.53 effective April 17, 2024. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Planning & Zoning:

Supervisor McCulloch asked for a resolution to hire Karensa Demarest as the Planning & Zoning Clerk. *Resolution # 46-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, seconded by all to hire Karensa Demarest as the Planning and Zoning Clerk effective April 29, 2024 at a rate of pay of \$20.39. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Zoning Change:

Supervisor McCulloch stated Kathleen Merritt would like to change a parcel located on Quarry Hill Rd from Industrial to RA to build a house this summer. The Town Attorney does not believe this is spot zoning. We will need to schedule a public hearing. *Resolution # 46-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel to schedule a public hearing to change zoning for tax map # 212.00-2-5 for May 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Supervisor McCulloch asked if anyone had any other comment. Councilwoman Scannapieco would like to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Public Comment:

Tushar Soni and his wife, who purchased 26 Old Underhill Rd. approached the board about their CO and when it would be issued. The house was completed last September, the road is built to specs, a guardrail will be added, their engineers state the road is safe. They understand the complex issue with lots 2 through 4 and wish to separate themselves from that and are asking the board to resolve their issue.

Supervisor McCulloch stated because of the Article 78 proceeding, the board cannot comment. Mr. Soni stated the property is in their name and not the builders and they would like to be able to move into their home.

Gary Wiltbank approached the board about not receiving notice of an application in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals and who would be accountable or in charge of this. He has an issue with placement of the house on the property as well as septic and how this would affect his property if he were ever to subdivide.

Supervisor McCulloch stated the zoning law requires residences within 300 feet to be notified by certified return receipt. The certified letter was returned undeliverable. Mr. Wiltbank feels the post office did not do their job and he is being penalized for it.

Mr. Wiltbank also spoke about this property having been mined and DEC has mandatory guidelines to reclaim the property.

Councilman Giordiano stated the board has no oversight over zoning decisions.

Mr. Wiltbank will go to a zoning board meeting and contact the town clerk on how to file an appeal. He feels Matt Carlile's performance is not up to par and to please review it.

Mr. Soni asked when he would hear back about a temporary CO. Supervisor McCulloch stated he will reach out to the Town Attorney tomorrow. Mr. Soni asked the board to be included in any decision they make regarding the CO. Supervisor McCulloch stated the board's conversations with the Town Attorney are confidential. Mr. Soni feels they should be included as they are not part of the lawsuit and they feel entitled to know how to get a CO. They also feel Matt Carlile's performance needs to be reviewed.

With no further comment, a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter was made by Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel. The executive session began at 7:41 pm.

As told by Supervisor McCulloch, executive session and the meeting ended 7:57 pm on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco seconded by Councilman Giordiano.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk