

TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING – April 20, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their committee meeting Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at Town Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Doreen Davis, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman
Absent: Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
Also Attending: Michael Smith, Town Attorney

NEW BUSINESS:

Gary Harvey, GC Highway Superintendent, followed up on the Palenville Sidewalk Improvement Project. He turned the presentation over to Creighton Manning who is the engineer for the project. A brief overview was given. The sidewalk will be on the north side of Route 23A with possible future segments on the south side of Route 23A and past the firehouse. The design will include signalized pedestrian crossing, the sidewalks will be ADA compliant and drainage will be improved. The town property owners will be responsible for maintenance of the sidewalk. The next step is design approval for the summer of 2016, detailed design summer/fall of 2016, project to bid fall 2016, construction begins 2017 with completion of project by summer of 2017. Supervisor Davis thanked them for their presentation.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #43-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh to amend the A-fund budget. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (McCulloch)

Resolution # 44-2016 with motion by Councilman Vosburgh, seconded by Councilman Giordiano accepts a service proposal for Cementon Sewer. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (McCulloch)

Resolution # 45-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh to declare surplus equipment in the highway department. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (McCulloch)

Resolution # 46-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh to hire seasonal employees for the highway department. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 absent (McCulloch)

Resolution # 47-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh to schedule a public hearing for a violation of the Town Code: Junk for property owned by Eddie Wilkins for May 18, 2016 at 6:15 pm. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (McCulloch)

CONTUINING BUSINESS:

Mary Beth Bianconi of Delaware Engineering was present to discuss the Leeds Jefferson Heights sewer project. Bids have been received for the collection system. They have been evaluated and the lowest responsible bidder is qualified.

In 2014 when the map, plan and report were written, it was based on estimates. The cost was eleven million dollars assuming we would pay interest on the bond. The project has now been designed and the bids are higher than estimated. The town has received zero percent financing for thirty years and has the potential for further grants. The project costs have increased but the user cost has decreased. We will need to proceed with filing an amendment to the map, plan and report and schedule a public hearing under Town Law Article 12-A.

RESOLUTION # 48-2016

ADOPTION OF AN AMENDED MAP, PLAN
AND REPORT FOR LEEDS AND JEFFERSON
HEIGHTS SEWER DISTRICT AND
SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER
TOWN LAW ARTICLE 12-A

Councilman Giordiano presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Hamlet of Leeds in the Town of Catskill are characterized by dense land use served by on-lot septic systems which have been identified by the New York State Department of Health and Department of Environmental Conservation as inadequate or with high potential for failure resulting in a threat to public health and environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Heights area in the Town of Catskill is also characterized by dense land use with the eastern portion provided with public sewer services via a sewer line connected to the Village of Catskill sewerage system while the western portions relies on on-lot septic systems for wastewater disposal; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Catskill owns, operates and maintains a wastewater system consisting of a conveyance system and a treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, the Village and Town of Catskill have entered into an Intermunicipal Agreement which provides for the conveyance of wastewater from the proposed sewer collection system in the Town of Catskill to the Village of Catskill's sewer collection system and treatment plant as well as certain capital improvements to the Village of Catskill sewerage system to accommodate treatment of the wastewater from the Town of Catskill; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill previously accepted a Map Plan and Report prepared by Delaware Engineering, DPC and dated July 16, 2014 as having been prepared in conformance with Section 209-c of Town Law Article 12-A and a copy of the Map Plan and Report was available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk in Catskill Town Hall, 439 Main Street, Catskill, New York during regular Town Hall business hours and a Public Hearing on the proposal to establish the Leeds and Jefferson Height Sewer District was conducted on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 6:00 PM at Catskill Town Hall, 439 Main Street, Catskill, New York and on August 20, 2014 the Town of Catskill resolved to create the Leeds and Jefferson Heights Sewer District subject to the review of the Office of the State Comptroller, and on December 22, 2014 the State Comptroller approved such creation, and on January 6, 2015 the Final Order establishing the Leeds and Jefferson Heights Sewer District was duly adopted by the Town of Catskill; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill has caused the preparation of an Amended Map Plan and Report by an Engineer licensed in the State of New York, which amends the July 16, 2014 Map Plan and Report with respect to increasing the maximum amount to be expended and decreasing the cost to the typical property, retaining all other parameters including the boundaries of the proposed Leeds and Jefferson Heights Sewer District, a general plan of improvement and description of facilities including construction of a sewer collection and conveyance system in Leeds that would pass through Jefferson Heights and connect to the Town-owned sewer line in Jefferson Heights that directs wastewater to the Village of Catskill sewer system as well as improvements to the Village of Catskill sewerage system required to accommodate the wastewater from the Town of Catskill, regulatory review requirements, the cost of hook-up fees if any, and method of financing the project, and a statement of benefit assessment; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. The Town Board hereby accepts the Amended Map Plan and Report prepared by Delaware Engineering, DPC and dated April 20, 2016 as having been prepared in conformance with Section 209-h of Town Law Article 12-A.

2. A copy of the Map Plan and Report shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk in Catskill Town Hall, 439 Main Street, Catskill, New York during regular Town Hall business hours.
3. A Public Hearing on the proposal to increase the maximum amount to be expended for the improvement in the Leeds and Jefferson Height Sewer District shall be conducted on Tuesday, May 3 at 6:00 PM at Catskill Town Hall, 439 Main Street, Catskill, New York.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilman Antonelli seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (McCulloch)

Motion Carried

Supervisor Davis thanked Mary Beth for everything.

Joe Myers, the sewer operator in Cementon, approached the board and gave a breakdown of expenses. Councilman Giordiano stated the conversation happened with the village for sharing services. Supervisor Davis stated will look at it and have a conversation as we go.

Supervisor Davis stated we need a resolution to adopt Local Law 2 of 2016 amending the impoundment/seizure fees for dogs. *Resolution # 49-2016 with motion by Councilman Vosburgh, seconded by Councilman Giordiano adopting local 2 of 2016. Adopted 4 Yes 1 Absent (McCulloch)*

Supervisor Davis asked if there was any further comment. With no comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Vosburgh. Meeting ended 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk