

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
May 19, 2021 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Dale Finch, Supervisor
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

Supervisor Finch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 43-2021 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilwoman Scannapieco to advertise for a Full time MEO position at the Highway Department. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Vosburgh)

Councilman Vosburgh entered the meeting 6:33 pm.

Resolution # 44-2021 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco second by Councilman Giordiano changing the employment status of Chad Zmiyarch to Full time HEO effective May 24, 2021. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 45-2021 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh appointing Christine Julig as Administrative Aide to the Code Enforcement Office effective June 1, 2021 at a rate of pay of \$18.66 per hour. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 46-2021 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman McCulloch appointing Fred Popp as Part time Code Enforcement Officer effective June 1, 2021 at a rate of pay of \$12.50 per hour. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 47-2021 on motion of Supervisor Finch second by Councilman Vosburgh appointing Leonard Asaro as Part time Code Enforcement Officer effective June 1, 2021 at a rate of pay of \$25.00 per hour. Motion Failed Vote: 2 Yes 3 No (Giordiano, McCulloch, Scannapieco) *Supervisor Finch stated this is a flexible situation as he will be taking the month of July off and much of the winter and would be 10-20 hours per week. Councilman Giordiano stated not at \$25 an hour; it is out of pay scale. Councilman Vosburgh stated it is the same as highway wingman seasonal employee. Councilwoman Scannapieco agreed with Jared. It is a lot of money for a part-time position. Supervisor Finch stated he understands the inspection process. Councilman Giordiano recommended hiring a part-time employee at 20 hours a week and appoint him as per diem. Councilman McCulloch stated we need a resolution to hire a part-time CEO. He has an issue with the open-endedness, not being here in July. Conversation continued regarding fire inspections, number of hours less worked in code office come June 1 and the need for a fire inspector and eventual code part. Resolution # 48-2021 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman McCulloch to advertise for a Part-time Building Inspector/CEO with applications being accepted until June 4th. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Resolution # 49-2021 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Vosburgh to advertise for a Part-time Clerk for the Senior Center. Adopted Vote 5 Yes

Supervisor Finch stated the meals program may be back in August. Very tentative. Silver Linings will resume meetings June 10th. Councilman McCulloch would like more No Parking Signage in the parking lot and to have the Village Police patrol. Supervisor Finch stated it is problematic during events. Councilman Giordiano stated the lot needs to be re-striped. Supervisor Finch is getting an estimate to replace the awnings.

Resolution # 50-2021 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman McCulloch to release an easement and right-of-way over the lands of Eljon Realty LLC from Mill Road to the southern end of the Swinging Bridge over the Kaaterskill Creek due to failure of litigation and authorize the Supervisor execute any documents necessary to effectuate said release. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Councilwoman Scannapieco stated the reason we had the easement was because people wanted the Swinging Bridge back? Councilman Giordiano stated yes. Councilwoman Scannapieco stated for as long as the bridge stood people walked from one side to the other and this is another way to not have people getting into the creek. Only locals would use that easement to get into the creek and believes there is a bigger reason behind it. Supervisor Finch stated the easement was on the Mill Lane side. Murariu was on the other side and agrees with Councilwoman Scannapieco it is a public access issue. Councilman Vosburgh stated the suit was lost and is favor of giving the land back. Councilman Giordiano stated it was granted in good faith and the issue is dead so we should give it back.

HVAC Town Hall – Supervisor Finch stated to fix the unit is \$2,400 to replace with a new unit is \$10,800. He spoke with Dale and we could get another five to ten years out of the unit but said it has motor problems as well. Councilwoman Scannapieco wants to have splits quoted. Councilman Giordiano stated we need more quotes. Supervisor Finch will get other quotes.

Leeds Jefferson Heights Sewer – Supervisor Finch would like Delaware Engineering present to discuss the change orders. Will be done at our June meeting.

BridgeNY Applications – Supervisor Finch stated these applications submitted to NYSDOT BridgeNY are for culverts located at Embought Road, Game Farm Road and Penn Ave South. *Resolution # 51-2021 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Vosburgh authorizing the Supervisor sign the BridgeNY applications for culvert repair/replacement for Embought Road, Game Farm Road and Pennsylvania Ave South. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

New Business: Supervisor Finch stated Pat Esposito would like to develop a community group to plant trees in the cemetery. Councilman Vosburgh would like to know where and what kind of trees prior to planting. Supervisor Finch also stated she would like to start a book exchange drop off in Wildwing Park but after discussion better suited in front of the Little Red Schoolhouse. Everyone was ok with proceeding with the book exchange.

Continuing Business – Tannery Bridge. Supervisor Finch has calls into fencing companies. Councilman Vosburgh stated the pricing is volatile and quotes are only good for five days. Supervisor Finch stated we would like to have a decent temporary fence erected and signage before the holiday weekend. He also mentioned the Catskill Center DEC meeting at 9:30 am at the Harding Trail if any board members are interested in attending. Councilman Vosburgh would like to have signage on both sides of 23A to White's Road.

Ambulance contract – Supervisor Finch stated he is getting some call numbers as requested by the Town of Athens.

Leeds Fire Department – Supervisor Finch has asked for their financials for 2019 and 2020. A joint meeting will need to be scheduled with Town of Athens.

Memorial Day – The American Legion has secured the steps at the Courthouse for the ceremony. Councilman Giordiano stated to have a parade on Veterans Day. Supervisor Finch stated civic groups haven't met for a year and someone should take the lead on the parade. This year's guest speaker is Cornell Morris and Liz donated the wreath to be laid.

Supervisor Finch state we will need to have a conversation about code. Councilman Giordiano stated it would be at our June 1st meeting and we will negotiate a figure with Lenny.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh. Meeting ended 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk