

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
May 21, 2008 6:03 pm

Attendance: Peter Markou, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Lewis O'Connor, Councilman
Patrick Walsh, Councilman
Michael Smith, Councilman
Elizabeth Izzo, Clerk

Supervisor Markou opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Markou reviewed the resolutions:

RESOLUTION # 61-2008

REMOVAL OF JUNK AT
EDDIE WILKINS JR. PROPERTY
CHURCH ST., LEEDS, NY

Councilman O'Connor, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, existing violations of the Code of the Town of Catskill-Junk, Chapter 15, Article 2, Section 115-19, exist at Church St., Leeds, NY, Tax Map # 138.06-5-1, and

WHEREAS, on Order to remedy #221-2007 was issued by the Code Enforcement Office and have not been compiled with, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing #12-2008 was held on May 6, 2008 at 6:15 pm at Catskill Town Hall, 439-441 Main Street, Catskill NY to hear comments and concerns on the aforementioned property, and

WHEREAS, the violations continue to exits, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board, will authorize a business, yet to be named, to remove said violations and costs to be assessed to the property tax roll for the 2008 taxable year.

Councilman Smith, seconded this motion

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 62-2008

AMEND TOWN OF CATSKILL
EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK/
COMPUTER SYSTEMS

Councilman Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board wishes to amend the Town of Catskill Employee Handbook and add section 510-Computer Systems and Internet/E-mail Service (Attached), so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the attached policy addition to the Town of Catskill Employee Handbook and amend Section 500 to include section 510, Computer Systems and Internet/E-mail Service.

Councilman Smith & Walsh, seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 63-2008

AMEND TOWN OF CATSKILL
EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK/
HARASSMENT

Councilman Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board wishes to amend the Town of Catskill Employee Handbook Section 904-Harassment (Attached) in its entirety, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the attached policy addition to the Town of Catskill Employee Handbook and amend Section 904, Harassment.

Councilman Smith, seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 64-2008

TO SET PUBLIC HEARING
#19-2008-JUNK: LUNDY
PROPERTY

Councilman Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Code Enforcement Office has reported that conditions on the property located at 53 High Falls Rd. Ext., Catskill, NY 12414, Tax Map # 170.03-3-15 constitute a public nuisance, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill Code Enforcement Office has an Order to Remedy outstanding on this property due to junk accumulation with no corrections being made, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve and set a public hearing pursuant to Chapter 115 of the Town of Catskill Code concerning this matter on June 18, 2008 at 6:00 pm at Catskill Town Hall, 439-441 Main Street, Catskill, NY 12414.

Councilman Walsh, seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 65-2008

TO SET PUBLIC HEARING
#20-2008-JUNK: LUNDY
PROPERTY

Councilman Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Code Enforcement Office has reported that conditions on the property located at 63 High Falls Rd. Ext., Catskill, NY 12414, Tax Map # 170.03-3-14 constitute a public nuisance, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill Code Enforcement Office has an Order to Remedy outstanding on this property due to junk accumulation with no corrections being made, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve and set a public hearing pursuant to Chapter 115 of the Town of Catskill Code concerning this matter on June 18, 2008 at 6:15 pm at Catskill Town Hall, 439-441 Main Street, Catskill, NY 12414.

Councilman Smith, seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Under New Business, Supervisor Markou recognized Carol Miller, Stella & Mary Pavlovich, and the Kirulaski Family for their donations to the Town of Catskill Ambulance Service in memoriam of Ms. Lucy Kordich.

Supervisor Markou recognized Dan Howard, Chairman of the Planning Board. Mr. Howard approached the Board regarding the proposed revision of the subdivision law. Other members of the Planning Board were in attendance.

He stated that the Planning Board has reviewed approximately 30 subdivision proposals since its enactment last year. The recurring issue for minor subdivision proposals has been street construction requirements. The current subdivision code requires all roads and subdivisions to be constructed to Town Highway standards and shared driveways are not allowed. The Planning Board has discussed this issue at length over the past 2

months, taking into account public input, research of other codes available on line, and the comprehensive plan. It is their recommendation:

1. Smaller footprint for private roads and minor subdivisions.
2. Minor subdivisions should be allowed to share driveways but a shared driveway should not provide frontage.
3. Private roads and shared driveways in minor subdivisions should have an all-weather surface.
4. Private roads and shared driveways as approved by the Planning Board as part of new subdivisions should have a municipally enforceable road maintenance and access agreements that are affected in perpetuity.

He feels that many times in the past 15 years, there have been residents appearing before the the Town Board due to private road maintenance issues. For example, damage to vehicles, refusal of gas companies to deliver to the homes.

The Planning Board feels that a municipally enforced agreement will protect the interest of the Town and present and future property owners.

Mr. Howard stated that these are the only sections of the Subdivision Code that the Planning Board feels currently warrant attention. He strongly recommends that no other changes of the sections of the code be made at this time.

Councilman O'Connor confirmed that a shared driveway will not allow the property to be road frontage. Mr. Howard confirmed that yes.

Mr. Howard stated the next step would be a SEQR process and public hearings.

Supervisor Markou reviewed the Greene County Board of Elections memo regarding improving the polling sites for handicap access. They will be using orange cones in the front of the building to provide a spot for drop off into the building. They also will use cones to create an aisle in the back of the building. They would also like to paint handicap spots in the rear of the building. The Board has stated that this would be fine.

Supervisor Markou reviewed the Correspondence:

Letter from Time Warner Cablevision-channel additions and changes.

Letter of thanks from Greene County Council on the Arts regarding the Town's support for their art disciplines for the Town's youth.

Supervisor Markou then asked any of the Councilmen for comments.

Councilman O'Connor spoke about the efface issue on the Ambulance building. It is being addressed by Scott Dutton.

Councilman O'Connor then spoke about passing a resolution to go out to clean up the Whately property if not done by the time given by the Board.

RESOLUTION # 66-2008

REMOVAL OF JUNK AT
WHATELY PROPERTY,
4500 ROUTE 32, CATSKILL, NY

Councilman O'Connor, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, existing violations of the Code of the Town of Catskill-Junk, Chapter 15, Article 2, Section 115-19, exist at 4500 Route 32, Catskill, NY, Tax Map # 185.00-3-19, and

WHEREAS, an Order to Remedy # 83-2008 and #84-2008 was issued by the Code Enforcement Office and have not been complied with, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing # 16-2008 was held on May 21, 2008 at 5:45 pm at the Catskill Town Hall, 439-441 Main Street, Catskill, NY to hear comments and concerns on the aforementioned property, and

WHEREAS, at that time the property owner was given two weeks to clean up his property and the violation continue to exists, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board, will authorize a business, yet to be named, to remove said violations and costs to be assessed to the property tax roll for the 2008 taxable year.

Councilman Walsh, seconded this motion

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Supervisor Markou mentioned that we are looking for volunteers to place flags on our Veteran's graves for Memorial Day.

He also mentioned that Linda Speckman, CEO, has been elected to the position of President of the Columbia-Greene Chapter of the N.Y.S.B.O.C (New York State Building Officials Conference, Inc.).

Public Comment:

Mike Giada approached the Board regarding the installation of a stop sign at the corners of High Falls Road, Nelson Hoff, and Charles Smith.

It was the suggestion of the Board to have the Chair of the Highway Department contact Mr. Beers, Highway Superintendent, to send a letter to the County who in turn will contact the State to do a study.

Mr. Howard, who works as a Traffic Engineer for State DOT said a study needs to be done to see if certain criteria are met to erect a sign. Once that is complete, and the State decides it is warranted, then the Town can go forth.

Gary Kistingner gave his opinion regarding the subdivision law. He feels a lot of peoples' needs are not being met with the current law, i.e. gun clubs, camps, firewood property. Since the Board may be addressing one part of the law, he would like the Board to consider these parts as well.

Linda Speckman and Denise Sossa completed an inspection of the Freligh/Lucas property. They have found it to be in the same condition as before. She would like to have a resolution to have the Town clean up the property and the cost of such be placed as a lien against her property.

RESOLUTION # 67-2008

REMOVAL OF JUNK AT
FRELIGH/LUCAS PROPERTY,
994 BOGART RD, PALENVILLE,
NY

Councilman O'Connor, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, existing violations of the Code of the Town of Catskill-Junk, Chapter 15, Article 2, Section 115-19, exist at 994 Bogart Road, Palenville, NY, Tax Map # 169.00-7-14.11, and

WHEREAS, an Order to Remedy # 181-2007 was issued by the Code Enforcement Office and have not been complied with, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing # 2-2008 was held on January 16, 2008 at 6:00 pm at Catskill Town Hall, 439-441 Main Street, Catskill, NY to hear comments and concerns on the aforementioned property, and

WHEREAS, violations continue to exist, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board, will authorize a business, yet to be named, to remove said violations and costs to be assessed to the property tax roll for the 2008 taxable year.

Councilman Smith, seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Mr. Joseph Leggio spoke of a resolution that the Board had passed in 2007 regarding an exemption for people who improve their property. He asked if anyone had taken advantage of that and if the Code Enforcement Office, when someone applies for a building permit, supply the information in how to go about getting the exemption.

Supervisor Markou will speak with the Assessor. Linda Speckman stated she has it posted on the bulletin board.

With no further comment, a motion was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting ended at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk