TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING **May 21, 2014**

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their committee meeting on May 21, 2014 at 6:30 pm at Catskill Town Hall. The meeting was opened with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Joseph Leggio, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Pat Walsh, Councilman
Gary Carlson, Councilman
Jared Giordiano, Councilman

NEW BUSINESS:
Mike Newman of Christa Construction and Susan Cody of Greene County Mental Health Association approached the board regarding workforce and special needs housing in Catskill. They are interested in a parcel on Cauterskill Avenue. It would be a fifty unit complex building. This would not be section 8 or subsidized housing. Greene County Mental Health would be responsible for the maintenance of the building. Supervisor Leggio stated to contact the Code Office to find out if variances are needed and to schedule a meeting with the Planning Board Chair. If there was anything we can do to let us know.

CONTUINING BUSINESS:
Mike Budris of Delaware Engineer was present regarding the Leeds Sewer project. Supervisor Leggio asked about the Intermunicipal agreement, if it was done. Mr. Budris stated Mary Beth Bianconi and John Brust are to have a meeting with Vincent Seeley to discuss it and the cost of treatment. They will present a case to make the project work for all. Councilman Antonelli stressed how important that agreement is. Mr. Budris stated the boring will start tomorrow and will take 3 to 4 days.

Supervisor Leggio stated we had received bids to clean up property at 71 Creek Road last year and Reid Mower was the low bidder. He will keep the price as quoted last year. The Town Attorney reviewed and he is a legitimate business. *Resolution #51-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to accept the bid from Reid Mower in the amount of $7,500 to clean up the property of Richard Rothe, 71 Creek Road. Adopted 5 Yes*

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS
Supervisor Leggio stated we received a resignation letter from Andrew Fuller, Asst Code Enforcement Officer effective June 5th. *Resolution #52-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Giordiano to accept the resignation of Andrew Fuller. Adopted 5 Yes*

Supervisor Leggio mentioned an email from Liz LoGuidice of Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding a training opportunity for the Town Board and Planning Board and asked if there was any interest from the board. Councilman Giordiano and Walsh stated they had some interest. Supervisor Leggio will ask about tentative dates.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the berm on Mill Lane and how DEC wants it gone. There will be a meeting with Assemblyman Lopez as we do not want to remove the berm. Mike Sprague had sent photos of the last rain storm showing how it is needed. This will be addressed when the meeting is scheduled.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the erosion of the bank on West Main Street near Dr. Jacobsen's old property. He stated he received an email from Harry Sacco that Mr. Beers had talked with Jeff Flack and we don't need an engineer as we can put 100 tons of rip rap there. Supervisor Leggio stated he saw Mr. Flack and asked how much that would cost. It would be about $40-50,000. Supervisor Leggio stated Mr. Beers can't just spend money. He would like to have an engineer look at it.

Councilman Carlson stated he spoke with Mr. Beers who indicated he spoke with DEC. They recommend log barriers. Mr. Beers stated whatever needs to be done needs to be done quickly as they start black topping pretty soon and he will not have the manpower. Supervisor Leggio stated he wants an engineer's opinion. Councilman Walsh stated to talk to Praetorius. Everyone was in agreement to contact Rich Praetorius.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the letter from cablevision and to cease cable at the Highway Department. Mr. Sacco sent a letter stating they will not remove. This is a theft of services. Councilman Carlson stated to turn the cable off. Councilman Giordiano stated they spliced into the internet line. Supervisor Leggio stated there is no need for TV. If they need to track a storm they can use the computer.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned receiving a petition from residents of Embought Road for water. This is a Village issue. If the Village wants to move forward we could form a water district.

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Councilman Antonelli mentioned the vehicle for the Ambulance Department; specifically for George. It is a used 2006 Ford Expedition with 39,000 miles. It is in good shape. The price is $14,500. *Resolution #53-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Giordiano to purchase a 2006 Ford Expedition from NorthEast Rescue Vehicle in the amount of $14,500 for the Ambulance Department. Adopted 4 Yes 1 No (Carlson)*

Councilman Antonelli then mentioned the bids received for the Cemetery truck. Four bids were received. Vision Ford was the least expensive in the amount of $34,147 and they will deliver. What were left off the bid were the locking differential and all terrain tires. With these two items the price is $34,618. There is money in the cemetery account to pay for the vehicle. *Resolution #54-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Giordiano to purchase a 2015 Ford F250 4x4 Super Cab in the amount of $34,618 for the Cemetery Department. Adopted 4 Yes 1 No (Carlson)*

Councilman Carlson stated Alfie asked him to bring up Mr. Menealos as a permanent full time. Councilman Carlson stated this motion is based on Alfie's recommendation and he would like him full time. *Resolution #55-2014 with motion by Councilman Carlson second by Councilman Giordiano to change Justin Menealos from Temporary Full Time MEO to permanent full time MEO effective immediately. Adopted 3 Yes 2 No (Leggio & Antonelli)*

Councilman Carlson mentioned the time clocks at the Highway Department and stated Mr. Beers says everyone is using and it is a non-issue. Supervisor Leggio wants the time clocks to be the only record; not the time clock record and then Alfie's certification. There are 2 or 3 people who constantly clock in early and it needs to be addressed.

Councilman Carlson stated dealing with the union and Alfie is not unreasonable and two Councilmen can sit down with each group and discuss things.

There was discussion regarding the Article 78 proceeding. Before anything is to be done the attorney will be contacted.

Supervisor Leggio wants quotes for cameras for the Highway Department and also stated a computer should be out there to document which vehicle is worked on and which parts used.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Walsh second by Councilman Giordiano. Meeting ended 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk