

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
June 15, 2011 6:30 pm

Attendance:	Pat Walsh,	Acting Supervisor
	Robert Antonelli,	Councilman
	Michael Smith,	Councilman
	Kevin Lennon,	Councilman
	Elizabeth Izzo,	Town Clerk

Acting Supervisor Walsh opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following resolution was reviewed:

RESOLUTION #52-2011

ASSESSMENT SETTLEMENT BURKE
COMMUNITY SERVICE CORP. &
TOWN OF CATSKILL

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Burke Community Service Corporation and the Town of Catskill are desirous of having certain assessment issues resolved as to property owned by Burke Community Service Corp. in the Town of Catskill; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal resolving pending tax certiorari litigation was recommended by Daniel G. Vincelette, trial counsel to the Town of Catskill, and reviewed by the Catskill Town Board at its regular monthly meeting; and

WHEREAS, such a proposed settlement would present the parties with an expeditious and economic alternative to further litigation so as to resolve issues between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the proposed settlement is in the best interests of the Town; so

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby accept a proposed settlement for the 2010 tax certiorari proceeding filed by Burke Community Service Corp. in which the 2010 assessed value of the subject property shall remain fixed as follows without costs or refunds as to either party against the other:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Parcel No.</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
2010	156.14-4-6	1,137,400

and it is further

RESOLVED that the assessed value for the subject property for the 2011, 2012 and 2013 final assessment roll be reduced as follows:

<u>Parcel No.</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
156.14-4-6	690,000	(447,400)

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt this resolution to end the litigation between Burke Community Service Corp. and the Town of Catskill as to the above referenced assessment.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0 Motion Carried

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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Acting Supervisor Walsh	x
Councilman Antonelli	x
Councilman Smith	x
Councilman Lennon	x

RESOLUTION #53-2011

APPROVE BACK UP DCO

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill's Dog Control Officer, Aaron Klaus, will be on vacation from June 24th through July 3rd; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill will need a backup DCO for that week; and

WHEREAS, Sherry Vieta, Dog Control Officer for the Town of Athens is willing to provide as backup to the Town of Catskill; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve Sherry Vieta as backup DCO from June 24th through July 3rd in the amount of \$20.00 per hour with a minimum of \$40.00 per call and will only be paid if called out.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Acting Supervisor Walsh asked Councilman Lennon to discuss what he needed to. Councilman Lennon addressed the agreement with Merritt Construction Company.

RESOLUTION #54-2011

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR
TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH
MERRITT CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Merritt Construction Company is in the process of doing certain construction work along Route 23B (Jefferson Heights) as part of Greene County's Jefferson Heights project; and

WHEREAS, Merritt Construction Company is using certain Town property as a base of operation; and

WHEREAS, the Town is desirous of having said work proceed efficiently, properly and expeditiously with minimal inconveniences to those affected by the construction work; and

WHEREAS, Merritt Construction Company has agreed, as consideration of using Town property, provide the Town with materials and services at no cost at the Ricky Cramer Babe Ruth Field; so

THEREFORE WE, authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Merritt Construction Company.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Councilman Lennon next addressed the Little League contract. He stated he would like to move this forward because the agreement can be broke at any time. He stated there are a lot of rumors

around town and he would like to take care of this. He stated he had a meeting with Fraser to speak about the next plans going forward at the field and the opportunity for grants. He stated there is a possibility of three grants and the largest being from NYS Parks & Recreation. He stated because of our poverty level the State would pay 75% and we would have to match 25%. He stated any updates or changes we do to the field that can go in lieu of our 25% contribution. He stated the application needs to be in by September 1st. He also stated they will be looking at other areas that may be in the Town for development.

Councilman Lennon wanted the term of the agreement with the Little League to extend to May 31, 2013 to allow the league to make some improvements to the field and to have the Tri-Valley Cats also make improvements to the field. He also discussed with them if they start work there though, it may hamper our ability to get full grant funding.

Councilman Antonelli asked why the rush. Councilman Lennon stated they are in an extreme rush to get up there. Councilman Antonelli doesn't understand why. He stated the field has been like that for how long. Councilman Lennon stated the people who are complaining about it are not the members of the Little League or are consultants. He stated he is comfortable with the date to satisfy what the Tri-Valley Cats require.

Councilman Lennon stated we will need to get drainage and the sprinklers in. He stated we were fortunate this year because of the rain.

Acting Supervisor Walsh recommended giving them two years. He stated it could be cancelled at any time. Councilman Antonelli stated to invest the money in the field and something may change, he doesn't understand their need to rush things. He stated we should wait until Fraser comes back with their report, apply for the grants etc. He stated they are playing now. He stated the hole in the back should be addressed but doesn't understand why the rush. He stated they are under the impression that we are trying to screw them, or he is. Councilman Lennon stated he is in the same boat. Councilman Antonelli stated he is not against the kids playing there.

Councilman Smith stated in the event there was no vote tonight, what would occur. If there was a vote, what would occur?

Councilman Lennon stated the Little League purchased \$1600 of yellow caps that go on top of the fence. He stated the metal of the fence is going through and is a safety aspect. He stated they don't want to install those until a contract is signed even though they spent the money on them. They also replaced the garage door without the authorization of the Town. It is a Town building and they were not supposed to do that. He also stated they are going to get a new signage frontage for the scoreboard. This will be \$1,000. Councilman Smith stated these are things they spent the money on. Councilman Lennon stated they put the cart before the horse.

Councilman Smith stated if we follow Bob's point of view, not having the reports in, and if the agreement is not signed, does it stop? The games stop? Councilman Lennon stated yes. Councilman Smith stated why? He stated the purchases have nothing to do with them moving forward with their games. Councilman Lennon agreed. He stated he agrees with Bob wondering why they want to rush into it. He stated they have done a lot of work at Elliot Park and there is no signed contract with the Village. Councilman Antonelli stated the Village was glad to unload it. He agrees with Mike saying if a contract isn't signed, the kids will still play. Councilman Lennon stated he has no intention of wanting to stop the kids from playing either. He stated we have to think of liability. Councilman Smith stated the liability insurance wise is set. It does not have to do if we enter into an agreement with them at all.

Councilman Antonelli stated they are pushing Kevin is because they want a long term lease. Councilman Lennon agrees and stated the only reason he wanted to extend the contract is to not jeopardize the Tri-City Valley Cats restoration of the field; but, that has a big impact on our grant submission. He is looking at the overall plan for that area. He stated we should wait to see if you are awarded the grant before they come to do any work because it could be applied to our 25% match.

Councilman Smith stated the agreement has no relationship as our ability as a Town to seek funding for those fields. Councilman Lennon stated the Tri-City Valley Cats directly goes to the league and not through the Town.

Councilman Lennon stated the agreement will have guidelines for those who play on the field and for what the Town's cost being absorbed right now. Councilman Antonelli stated we are not out to stop the kids from playing and we should sign a contract each year.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated we need to come to a decision. We need at least a one year contract. We need more dialogue with the Valley Cats.

Councilman Lennon made a motion to have the contract with Little League to 2013. There was no second.

RESOLUTION #55-2011

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR
TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH
CATSKILL LITTLE LEAGUE

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Catskill has reviewed the terms of the proposed License Agreement by and between the Town of Catskill and the Catskill Little League that would permit the league to use the field from May 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011; so

NOW THEREFORE WE, the Town Board, after thoroughly reviewing the terms and conditions of the proposed agreement, authorize the Acting Supervisor to sign such agreement and forward to the President of the Little League for this signature.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Councilman Lennon next mentioned the AED procedure and maintenance. He would like the board to review and pass a resolution next meeting. There is an AED installed at Town Hall, Senior Center and Highway.

Councilman Lennon next mentioned Mr. Uhler resigning from the Planning Board. He would like to advertise for another member and for alternates also. Councilman Antonelli stated Mr. Uhler wants to be an alternate.

Councilman Antonelli stated the Welcome to Palenville sign needs to be painted. He wants a quote from the company that installed the signs.

Acting Supervisor Walsh addressed Dimensions North proposal regarding the work to the façade of Town Hall.

RESOLUTION #49-2011

REPAIR TO FAÇADE TOWN HALL

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the cement cornice of the Town Hall façade deteriorated and fell off; and

WHEREAS, Dimensions North Ltd. was contacted to review said façade; and

WHEREAS, Dimensions North Ltd. on recommendation from Clough Harbour Associates, engineer to view façade, has submitted a quote to repair; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board, who deemed this an emergency repair to protect the safety of the public, authorize Dimensions North Ltd. and any subcontractor on his behalf, to repair said façade in the amount of \$10,550.00.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Councilman Lennon stated he received the signs for the tobacco free park and he presented the Acting Supervisor and Town Board with a certification of merit from the coalition and a proclamation from Assemblyman Lopez.

Acting Supervisor Walsh mentioned a request from residents of Paul Horn Road to reduce their speed limit. This will have to be forwarded to the County Highway Superintendent.

RESOLUTION #56-2011

SPEED LIMIT PETITION FOR
PAUL HORN ROAD

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board has received a petition from residents of Paul Horn Road, Town of Catskill, which asked that a 15 mph speed limit be placed on Paul Horn Road for the safety of the residents, children, pets and property located on Paul Horn Road; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and the Town Highway Superintendent are fully supportive of this request; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby recommend to Gary Harvey, Greene County Highway Superintendent, he request the New York State Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit to 15 mph on Paul Horn Road, Town of Catskill, State of New York.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

With no further discussion a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Lennon and seconded by Councilman Antonelli. Meeting ended 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

