

TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING – June 15, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their committee meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. Supervisor Davis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Doreen Davis, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 79-2016 with motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh approving the bi-annual fee for Cementon Sewer. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Giordiano)

Resolution # 80-2016 with motion by Councilman Vosburgh, seconded by Councilman McCulloch authorizing the submission of an application to apply for a NYS Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grant. Adopted Vote (by roll call): 4 Yes 1 Absent (Giordiano)

AMBULANCE:

Councilman McCulloch stated they met with the Bank of Greene County for a bond proposal for to replace the 2008 ambulance. Delivery will not be until January 2017. We will need bond counsel and a public hearing and he would like to move forward. *Resolution # 81-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh to contact bond counsel and schedule a public hearing adopting a bond resolution for July 20, 2016 at 6:15 pm at Town Hall. Vote: Adopted 5 Yes*

Councilman McCulloch stated the AT & T was converted and it includes the GPS trackers. We are not locked into a contract.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Councilman Antonelli stated five trees have been ordered from Story's Nursery. The roof of the Little Red Schoolhouse needs to be repainted and to check with Shawn as he should have leftover paint from Cauterskill barn.

PLANNING BOARD:

Supervisor Davis asked Planning Board Chair Joe Izzo about the solar situation. Mr. Izzo stated the Planning Board reviewed a draft code for solar and is still in the process of making minor changes. At their next meeting the board will authorize sending it to the Town Board for inclusion in our town code.

Supervisor Davis asked about the moratorium. Councilman McCulloch stated he is ok with the Planning Board's recommendation the Code Office review on a case by case basis. He and Councilman Vosburgh will attend the next Planning Board meeting.

CENTRAL GARAGE:

Supervisor Davis stated a budget is being built. The purchase of the scanner will be split between the departments it services. Councilman Giordiano stated it should be weighted as highway and ambulance will be the bulk of the work.

HIGHWAY:

Councilman McCulloch stated highway has started paving. The bids will be in next week. Councilman Antonelli stated it wasn't under state contract. Councilman McCulloch stated Shawn has state prices and is getting regular bids.

TECHNOLOGY:

Supervisor Davis stated EBS will be shut down. Webjogger can manage. Councilman McCulloch stated the ambulance needs to replace the toughbooks and George is looking at pricing new tablets.

FINANCE:

Supervisor Davis stated we are close to submitting our annual report to the state. We did file for an extension. This will also complete our financial application. QuickBooks is up and running and is generating reports. Payroll is outsourced. The board will need to review the finance office closer to budget time.

SENIOR CENTER:

Supervisor Davis stated she sat with the Community Center and Mike DeBenedictus to see if the two could work together. CC will be meeting with the Senior Center for possible use of the kitchen.

CODE:

Supervisor Davis stated the application is complete. Elliott is interested in capping charges and will be bringing in another person to help with the backlog. Laberge will contact the Village and Town to collect data for the grant application.

HUMAN RESOURCE:

Councilman McCulloch stated everyone is still employed.

BOARD COMMENT:

Councilman Vosburgh met with George June, Peter Kaminsky, and Maltasia for the music festival. A walk through has been scheduled for the first or second week in July.

Supervisor Davis stated there is a parcel the town owns on Orchard Avenue and we need to review it.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joseph Izzo approached the board, one, thanking the ambulance service for saving his son's life last week and voicing his personal view it would be a shame if the system was dissolved into another. He stated after the discussion last night, the issue needs to be looked at carefully but before the board decides, to please met with the four representatives from Catskill on the legislature to discuss the funding. If the funding from the County is not forthcoming, the board should not commit unless it is assured a long range plan to fund along with commitment from the other towns. The cost is a matter of semantics until there is a committed funding stream for a length of time. It is a huge decision for the town which will affect eleven thousand residents and another two thousand from Athens. He believes the board will consider the decision seriously. From a finance issue, it was always understood the ambulance service would never break even. The Town of Catskill's Para service can affect the whole county and he expressed thanks for this service.

Supervisor Davis stated the reason for the meeting last night was to get all the parties together and as the CFO, needing to figure out a funding stream for the next ten years. Healthcare is not in a good place and even though we are not looking to the county for a bailout, the question is can we levy the gap and is the community willing to accept that gap.

Mr. Izzo stated a way to decrease that gap would be to contact the state and federal regulators to increase the reimbursement which would allow mapping out a strategy.

Matt Luvera asked for an update regarding the sewer timeline. Supervisor Davis stated ground will be broken in July and a FAQ will be sent to all property owners.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman McCulloch seconded by Councilman Vosburgh. Meeting ended 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk