

Town Board Committee Meeting  
Catskill Town Hall  
June 17, 2009 6:30 pm

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

Supervisor Markou opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked all for coming.

The following resolutions were reviewed.

Resolution # 72-2009 Appointment of Full Time EMT  
Motion Councilman Antonelli  
Second Councilman Walsh  
Ayes 4, Nays 0 Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

Resolution # 73-2009 Appointment of Full Time EMT P  
Motion Councilman Antonelli  
Second Councilman O'Connor  
Ayes 4, Nays 0 Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

Resolution # 74-2009 Change in Job Classification  
Motion Councilman Antonelli  
Second Councilman Walsh  
Ayes 4, Nays 0 Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

Resolution # 75-2009 Change in Job Classification  
Motion Councilman Antonelli  
Second Councilman O'Connor  
Ayes 4, Nays 0 Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

Resolution # 76-2009 Change in Job Classification  
Motion Councilman Antonelli  
Second Councilman Walsh  
Ayes 4, Nays 0 Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

Resolution # 77-2009

Memorandum of Agreement with United  
Public Service Employees (Ambulance)  
& Town of Catskill

Motion Councilman Antonelli

Second Councilman O'Connor

Ayes 4, Nays 0 Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

Supervisor Markou stated this was signed off by the Union and the Negotiating team and believes it has been ratified. Councilman O'Connor asked if the people who just had their classifications changed would have retroactive pay. Supervisor Markou stated yes.

Supervisor Markou welcomed Mr. Smith to the meeting. He stated he had a memo from the Planning Board to ask the Town Board to have a joint public hearing regarding the DeSantis Mobile Home Park.

Resolution # 78-2009

To Hold Joint Public Hearing for New Mobile  
Home Park License (DeSantis)

Motion Councilman O'Connor

Second Councilman Antonelli

Ayes 5, Nays 0 Absent Motion Carried

Supervisor Markou stated there is a calendar conflict in July. The Town Board's Committee meeting will be moved to July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Supervisor Markou asked the Board if they had any comment.

Councilman O'Connor stated he spoke with Matt Leibowitz and the floor at the Ambulance Building will be painted. Councilman O'Connor met with the awning representative and the awnings will be installed within 3 to 4 weeks.

Supervisor Markou stated the Ambulance building is not on the schedule for the Quad events, but it will be placed on the calendar.

Councilman Smith stated the gardens look great and it was a very good job.

Councilman Walsh stated he will be receiving a draft of zoning changes next week. They will be given to the Planning Board for them to look at.

Councilman Antonelli stated that in regards to the memorial for Joe Hanusik he found a gazebo that was on sale. The gazebo was bought and it was \$2500. It will be place on the grounds of the Little Red Schoolhouse for the Quad event.

Councilman Smith asked if there was an opportunity for the Town to use the Schoolhouse and the gazebo for events such as small weddings. Councilman Antonelli stated that the building is not handicap accessible. Councilman O'Connor stated they could rent out port-a-lets. Councilman Smith believed it is a good idea. Councilman O'Connor stated if

we decide to rent it out it should be on a donation basis and not a set price. Councilman Walsh stated it should be a tiered donation, one for Town people the other for out of Town people.

Supervisor Markou opened the floor to public comment.

George Rivenburg had a question regarding the subdivision changes. Councilman Walsh reiterated that the draft is on its way from the attorney. It will be given to the Planning Board for their review and then there will be a public hearing scheduled.

Mr. Rivenburg stated he heard private roads had been abolished. Councilman O'Connor stated no, that is not correct. Councilman Walsh stated it is a waiver process and there is a reason for it but he couldn't recall right now. It is simple to obtain one. Councilman Walsh stated it was a topic that the committee went back and forth with. He stated it was a legal process. He stated the committee thought long and hard about it because he wasn't for it when it was first brought up.

Mr. Rivenburg stated to have a private road one has to get permission from the Attorney General. He stated the people that were at the first public hearing will be back and will make sure that it is put back the way it was. He stated the people do not want to ask the Planning Board for permission. Councilman Smith asked what the issue he was trying to bring before the Board this evening.

Mr. Rivenburg stated he spent a lot of time with the committee, the review board, and speaks for a lot of different people and private roads should be allowed. He stated to do a private road you have to get permission from the Attorney General. He doesn't see the problem with having a private road. Councilman O'Connor stated you had to go before the Planning Board. Councilman Walsh stated the draft will be in next week and we can take a look at it then. Mr. Rivenburg stated it will now be a longer process. Councilman Walsh stated it won't be a longer process. Mr. Rivenburg stated the Board needs to listen to the people within the Town and not some attorney from Clifton Park.

Mr. Rivenburgh stated he is doing a subdivision for Robert Koechel on Bogart Road. He stated he has been before the Planning Board and to get waivers from the Board, even though he doesn't know how it is now with Joe Izzo on the Board, was almost impossible.

Councilman O'Connor stated that was what was changed, because the existing law does not state how to go about getting a waiver. Now it is explained how to go about getting a waiver. He stated it will probably come down to one more Planning Board meeting. Mr. Rivenburgh stated one more Planning Board meeting will cost the applicant. Councilman O'Connor stated it shouldn't cost the applicant anything more because when they come into the Planning Board with the application and the rules and regs, the engineering paperwork and the site plan will already have the paperwork with the waiver included.

Mr. Rivenburgh stated that the current law states there are no private roads allowed. Councilman O'Connor stated that it was changed with a waiver. Currently the property had to touch a public road in order to have a subdivision with the existing town law.

Councilman Smith stated then on Bogart Road, if someone does a subdivision off of Bogart and someone has a 100 acres that would constitute a private road. Councilman O'Connor stated the way the current subdivision is when he subdivides only the front pieces touching Bogart Road would be eligible. The pieces that fall behind would not be eligible, because the driveway would not touch a public road.

The task force changed the law to include private roads and they had Clough Harbour and the Highway Superintendent draw up plans for a public and private road. The only difference is the coating. The change gives the developer the option to go public or private road and it includes shared driveways. The road still needs to be built to Town code.

Councilman Smith asked about Town Highway responsibility for plowing and maintenance and where it stands for the proposals that the Board will vote on. Councilman O'Connor stated the Town takes care of the Town roads and the developer or homeowners association takes care of private roads. There is no responsibility unless the contractor comes to the Town and states it wants the Town to take the road over. Once the Town Board stated it would then it becomes the Town Highway's responsibility.

Supervisor Markou asked if anyone else had any comments. With no further comment, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Walsh.

Meeting ended at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo  
Town Clerk