

TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

June 17, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their committee meeting on June 17, 2015 at Catskill Town Hall. The meeting opened at 6:30 pm with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Joseph Leggio, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Pat Walsh, Councilman
Gary Carlson, Councilman
Absent: Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Also Attending: Michael Smith, Town Attorney

DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Pat McCulloch, Deputy Highway Superintendent, gave an update on the road projects: Vosenkill Road may not be done as Stony Brook is taking up much more time and money than expected. A definitive answer will be given next week.

The auction for surplus property is ending tonight at 7:55 pm. The total so far is \$14,000.

Mr. McCulloch stated the offer of trade in for truck two from Ben Funk is \$65,000. Supervisor Leggio stated it is worth more to us.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

GCCA sent a letter regarding the summer Sprouts Program. The Town has contributed to this for the last fifteen years. *Resolution #63-2015 with motion by Councilman Walsh second by Councilman Antonelli to contribute \$1,000 to GCCA's Summer Sprouts Program. Adopted 3 Yes 1 No (Carlson) 1 Absent (Giordiano).*

Palenville Fire Department sent a letter asking for financial support for this year's 127th Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Convention which they are hosting. *Resolution # 64-2015 with motion by Councilman Walsh second by Councilman Antonelli to contribute \$2,000 in support of this year's Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Convention. Adopted 4 Yes 1 Absent (Giordiano)*

The Town of Hunter contracted with us in the amount of \$5,000 to provide ambulance service for the festivals this year. George had put together an Intermunicipal agreement and it was returned by the Town of Hunter late. *Resolution #65-2015 with motion by Councilman Antonelli*

second by Councilman Walsh to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Hunter to provide ambulance services during their festivals in the amount of \$5,000. Adopted 4 Yes 1 Absent (Giordiano).

There is also a Memorandum of Agreement with the Town of Hunter for them to use the Town's EASV for a period of four days beginning on June 12th. *Resolution # 66-2015 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to enter into a MOA with the Town of Hunter. Adopted 4 Yes 1 Absent (Giordiano).*

Supervisor Leggio stated the Time Warner contract was discussed at the last meeting. The new contract is for a fifteen (15) year period. They are in the process of merging with another company. He doesn't believe it is in the best interest of the Town to enter into a fifteen year agreement. A meeting will be set and the agreement should be five (5) years.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the sewer project. No one is present tonight however the project is moving along relatively fast. Grant applications are coming out. There is fifty million available, thirty of that is for sewers. This is a rare opportunity for us as the project is ready to go.

Supervisor Leggio asked if the board had any comments. He asked if the public had any comments. Robert Dongara, a resident of Catskill, approached the board regarding CG Media publications and how they are littering the countryside. He is here to see if the board can do anything. He stated he spoke with CG Media and they state they have the right to do what they are doing.

Supervisor Leggio stated this happened before with the Pennysaver and a police agency told them they could be fined for littering. We will look into it. Councilman Carlson stated to send a letter to the Sheriff's office.

Mr. Izzo, Planning Board Chair, stated they have the potential to have two vacancies by the end of the year. There are no alternates so they will need two new board members.

He also stated he believes the old Game Farm may be doing events and there is a question as to whether or not a site plan review needs to be done or do the events fall under NYS Mass Gathering Law which is required for events over 200 people. He wishes to have the board think about how they want the Planning Board to handle as the town board is the permitting agency. If you determine it's a special use, the Planning Board will be involved. A letter has been sent to the board regarding this.

Michael Smith, Town Attorney, stated there is a supplemental issue which is weddings taking place on residential property. One site on High Falls Road, Kaaterskill Farm, has weddings and

last weekend there were over 100 cars parked on High Falls Ext. Weddings take place there every weekend and he is curious about the permit process.

Mr. Izzo stated they could look at but would need to find out if the business is a permitted use. If not, they would need special use and they would have to come to the Planning Board for a site plan which encompasses parking etc. The board should send a letter asking where, if not a permitted use, can't hold a business without a site plan. Mr. Smith stated the road is used for parking and mentioned sanitation issues. Mr. Izzo stated this is why you need a site plan. This letter comes from the CEO requesting the information from the individual performing the service. The Planning Board is not a permitting board.

Mr. Izzo thanked the board for their participation in the Memorial Day Parade and stated thank you letters were sent. Supervisor Leggio thanked Mr. Izzo for organizing the parade again this year. He then asked if there was any further comment.

Vincent Seeley stated the 4th of July fireworks celebration will be on the 4th. They are short \$1,500 and if anyone wishes to be a sponsor they would be happy to hear from them.

He stated the County has a local law offering the sale of sparkling devices and asked if the town is passing something similar. He stated the Village is stuck on how to proceed and to stop people from using sparklers in their jurisdiction. Mr. Smith stated the towns could be stricter than the county regulation.

Councilman Carlson stated his approach is waiting to see what happens before we act. If it is misused, then it will be something that needs to be addressed.

Mr. Seeley stated we have property in the Village coming off the tax rolls as they are not-for-profit status. He is asking his Village Attorney if there is a way to charge a user fee for fire and police. Mr. Smith stated there is not.

Supervisor Leggio asked if there was any further comment. With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson. Meeting ended 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk