

CATSKILL TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 18, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their Committee Meeting on June 18, 2014 at 6:47 pm at Catskill Town Hall. The following members were present:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Leggio asked Mrs. Blenner to approach the board. She dropped off a time line of events regarding her property on Snake Road. The Supervisor stated they will be reviewed and compared to what is on file and a meeting will be scheduled.

Aiden O'Connor and Ron Rouse of Greene EMS approached the board. Supervisor Leggio stated they met with him and discussed the lease agreement and the Town moving to a Paramedic level service.

Mr. O'Connor stated the lease was brought to their board and the cost of such. Mr. Rouse stated it is a generous lease offer as it would reduce the \$38,000 on rent to \$1 and Catskill's share is 37% so there would be a \$14,500 savings; however, he stressed if the Town is looking at a reduction it won't happen as there are other items such as worker's comp and fuel that raises the budget. Without the offer though there would be an increase of \$14,000 because of an increase in costs.

Councilman Carlson confirmed the \$38,000 is included in the total budget and gets spread across all the towns. Councilman Antonelli stated the rent has always been Catskill. Mr. Rouse stated the County pays 2/3rd and the Town pays 1/3rd for rent.

Supervisor Leggio stated he was expecting savings. He stated there are other concerns such as becoming a Paramedic level service in 2015. He stated after our discussion we intimated we didn't know the board's decision. We haven't sat down with George but we have told him to move forward with being a Paramedic level. Councilman Antonelli stated this meeting was to give them an answer...do we stay for another year or tell George to move forward. Councilman Carlson asked if we are ready. Mr. June stated we are at the point now, if we are going to do it, we need to make definitive progress now. There are a lot of things that need to be done.

Mr. O'Connor stated the Task Force is meeting once a month and they are hoping by the end of the year to have a plan for GCEMS. They are asking for a one year contract.

Councilman Giordiano asked about the initial investment. Mr. June presented three different options for staffing and equipment. Councilman Carlson stated we are capable to form our own service even though GCEMS provides a good service. His vote is to move forward. Mr. June stated we will still need contractual agreement with GCEMS to cover paramedic service. Councilman Antonelli stated he agrees with Councilman Carlson.

Mr. Rouse asked if the board can wait 6 months until the task force finishes their study. Councilman Carlson stated we could but then we are waiting another 6 months. He stated they didn't come to the table stating this is where we needed to go; we said we were pulling out and then this happened. Mr. O'Connor agreed with the pressure aspect by Catskill but now we are in the middle of our analysis. He is hoping enough people subscribe to this as we want to see action.

Councilman Carlson asked Mr. June's recommendation. Mr. June stated the facts are laid out. He stated there could be some snags along the way. He doesn't believe the board's decision will impact what the task force is looking at. The task force is looking at how to improve EMS throughout the County.

Councilman Antonelli stated the issue at hand is do we give it another year or move to a Paramedic level service. *Resolution #63-2014 with motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Carlson & Antonelli to have the Town of Catskill Ambulance Service be a Paramedic Level Service. Adopted 5 Yes*

Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Rouse thanked the board for the opportunity to come.

Supervisor Leggio stated we received three quotes for the cameras at the Highway Department but being the all gave a wide range of prices, \$1,800 to \$9,000, he can't believe the equipment is the same so he would like to have a formal RFP written. Councilman Giordiano is to handle this.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 61-2014 with motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Antonelli to approve the second half of Cementon Sewer billing in the amount of \$294.44. Adopted 5 Yes

Resolution # 62-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson and Walsh to accept the appointment of Ellen Sullivan as part-time Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar effective June 23, 2014. Adopted 5 Yes

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Leggio stated he met with the Blenner's on a rainy day to see how the retention ponds work. The water is going into the upper pond but doesn't go into the lower pond. When it comes out of the pipe there is a 60 to 70 foot drop. He has the time line from the Code Office and now of the Blenner's and he will have an engineer review to see how the retention pond is breached. One pipe was installed by the County and one is by the Town. If the water on the Blenner property is a result of the Town and County pipes, he would rather spend the money to remediate the situation than on attorneys.

Supervisor Leggio asked if there was any public comment. With no public comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Carlson second by Councilman Giordiano.
Meeting ended 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk