

TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING – June 21, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their committee meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

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

Supervisor Davis welcomed all in attendance. First topic of discussion was the County Wide Shared Services Initiative for consolidation of funding savings. The last communication from Shawn Groden, County Administrator, was looking into shared services for Receiver of Taxes. The County and Town will need to vote on the measure and there was a preliminary conversation with Michael DeBenedictus and he asked to address the board.

Mr. DeBenedictus stated he is a strong proponent for consolidation of services but the county needs to show the state where they would save money and consolidation of his office would not do that. The ROT office between interest and penalties is self-sufficient. He is unsure why the county is not looking into consolidation of highway services where they would find a true savings. He had a prepared response which he read to the board.

Councilman Giordiano entered the meeting 6:37 pm.

Supervisor Davis stated if anything were to happen, since it is an elected position, there would be a voter referendum. Towns can opt out but we need to notify the public of this. Councilman McCulloch stated there are seventeen areas being looked at. The timeline for this is impossible since the deadline is in August.

Supervisor Davis stated it would be an overall savings the county is looking at, not individual town savings and that there are other areas being looked into where there is a political will to get done. No one is interested in consolidating ambulance or highway services but there are areas such as assessing, animal control, healthcare and court systems.

Supervisor Davis stated we need to look into whether the revenue generated from the ROT would remain with the town if there were to be consolidation. Supervisor Davis stated the topic is an ongoing open and candid conversation.

DELAWARE ENGINEERING

Biagio Delvillano of Delaware Engineering was present and gave a brief update on the sewer project. There are two crews excavating to install pipes on Route 23B on the on ramp towards the overpass. The other crew is on Park Avenue and a third crew is directional drilling pipe. The fourth crew is concentrating on restoration. He took a ride through JH and it is close to being buttoned up. There is some touch up work needed.

There is air pressure testing going on. Two areas failed and the spot will be isolated and fixed. This is not unusual.

Supervisor Davis asked for a target ballpark date to hook up. Mr. Delvillano stated the first part of July. Supervisor Davis stated the packets are ready and when the time comes we will give out after we receive the ok from Del Engineering. She believes Central Hudson will be installing natural gas in Brooks Lane and CC Estates as a result of the survey. It will be a bit of an inconvenience but those who wanted it shouldn't be bothered by the construction.

Mr. Delvillano then answered some questions from the public.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #64-2017 with motion by Councilman Giordiano seconded by Councilman McCulloch authorizing the Supervisor sign the MOA with UPSEU. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution #65-2017 with motion by Councilman McCulloch seconded by Councilman Vosburgh to amend the 284 agreement to include road repair for Castle Rd. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution #66-2017 with motion by Councilman Giordiano seconded by Councilman Vosburgh approving the second half of Cementon Sewer billing July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution #67-2017 with motion by Councilman McCulloch seconded by Councilman Antonelli recognizing Chronic Disease Awareness Day July 10, 2017. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution #68-2017 with motion by Councilman Vosburgh seconded by Councilman McCulloch accepting the proposal from the Village of Catskill for the operation and maintenance of the Leeds Jefferson Heights Sewer District. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Supervisor Davis stated the sign for the Veterans Parking space will be in the Village lot next to Town Hall hopefully by the end of the week.

The restrictions in our junk law will be given to our Town Attorney to review the time periods and notices.

We will get a recommendation for staffing Friday regarding Code for zombie properties. Each Councilman will look at properties within the town. We will start with the bank owned properties first and we will need to give the Code office direction on this. Further discussion will be at the Department Head meeting on the 6th.

There is an issue regarding varmints taking up residence after a fire. The residents have had exterminators come. Is there anything we can do? Councilman McCulloch stated to contact Dr. Schilansky.

Supervisor Davis mentioned the budget process and we will be starting soon and build up from there.

Sign Law – Elliott Fishman amended the sign law. It will be discussed at the department head meeting.

Abandon Road – There is a building on top of a road called Spooky Hollow Road that the Town Attorney is managing. We will pass a resolution later. Councilman Antonelli asked to have a list of all abandon roads and private roads to be drafted. Highway Superintendent Beers will need to do this.

Maintenance – Supervisor Davis spoke with the person who submitted the only RFP for maintenance. All were in decision to wait to hear from Delaware Engineering but to enter into a contract with him for the end of the year.

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman McCulloch seconded by Councilman Giordiano. Meeting ended 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk