

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting

July 16, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their Committee Meeting July 16, 2014 at 6:30 pm at Catskill Town Hall. The meeting was opened with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

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

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Supervisor Leggio stated he received the Memorandum of Agreement for the Article 78 proceeding by Jack Ormerod. If it is acceptable to the board he would like to vote on it. Councilman Antonelli stated it reinstates Mr. Ormerod to his position of mechanic, however, that position was abolished. Supervisor Leggio stated there is one mechanic position in the budget. If the board is in agreement with the MoA, we would need to amend the budget. Councilman Carlson concurred. Councilman Antonelli did not agree with one of the paragraphs as we did not create a new position. Supervisor Leggio stated Liz will copy the MoA for everyone and it will be discussed at the next meeting as we will not be acting on it tonight. All other grievances Mike Richardson will handle.

Supervisor Leggio stated he asked Ronni Travers to go to the Senior Center to see how the place is being run and to get a feel of what is going on. There are currently two part time people however there is no conclusion on staffing. There is one position for Erika. Ronni met with her and she would like to schedule a board meeting to discuss the staffing. Supervisor Leggio stated he does not feel she needs to meet with the board as we should meet with the seniors.

Michael DeBenedictus stated he reviewed the current job descriptions. He feels the word "activities" in the title needs to be omitted. He stated the center does not need two people there every day at the same time. They should be staggered to cover the center's hours. He stated the board is in a good position. There is no purchasing being taken place at the center etc. Any sense of impropriety has been eliminated.

Councilman Antonelli stated the test for the position was scheduled before the fiasco we had there. He agrees there needs to be some adjustments. We do not need a director. We need a second person with less hours and to be able to cover the other for sick and vacation. The

question is keep one at 25 hours or change. We will need to decide the role and then write up a new job description.

Councilman Giordiano commended Michael on doing a tremendous job there. He feels we need a Part-time Administrator and a Part-time Administrator Asst.

Councilman Antonelli stated our job is to provide the facility and that is how we are running it now. Supervisor Leggio stated we told them we would have a meeting in the near future. Councilman Antonelli stated before that happens we need to come up with what we want first. Councilman Walsh stated he spoke with Erika who is writing a job description based on her experiences there so far. Supervisor Leggio stated we need to nail down and then meet with them. We need a deadline. Councilman Giordiano stated to have Michael give us the job descriptions and we will decide. We don't need Ronni. Councilman Antonelli disagreed. She is our Human Resource person.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Agnello approached the board regarding property next to his house that needs to be cleaned up. He is trying to sell his house and no one wants to buy it because of the property next door. Supervisor Leggio stated we had a public hearing and we requested proposals to tear it down and there is a question of asbestosis. Supervisor Leggio stated he will speak with the Code office and call Mr. Agnello tomorrow evening.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Mary Beth Bianconi and Mike Budris of Delaware Engineering presented to the board the Map, Plan, and Report for adoption for the Leeds & Jefferson Heights Sewer District and to schedule a public hearing on the proposal of the district. The creation of the district is under Article 12A of Town Law.

It is the same district as has been discussed prior. The public notice has a lengthy description of the proposed district. The collection system will encompass five pump stations, the town will contribute I & I remediation for the village and there will be an upgrade to the Allen St. Pump Station. The report discusses the charges which are the recovery of the debt service, the cost of operation and maintenance of the Town's infrastructure and the cost to treat the wastewater at the Village plant. This adds up to a yearly cost per customer of \$990. In Table 3 of the Map, Plan and Report it discusses the financing. We are qualified to borrow the money at a 1.89% interest rate for 30 years. The next step would be to ask the State to reduce to 0% interest rate for 30 years which would reduce the amount of cost/person. If we get funding with CDBG it

would further reduce the amount; however, since we do not have those funds we need to use the cost of \$990.

The next process, because it is an action of the board, it is subject to a permissive referendum. After the public hearing, the board will decide if it is in conformance of the law and everyone has benefitted from having a sewer district. The permissive referendum is for 30 days after determination. During the public referendum period, the application will be made to the Comptroller's office for their review. After their review the board is free to establish the district and a sewer use law will be the next to be adopted.

Resolution #69-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Giordiano to adopt the Map, Plan, and Report for the Leeds and Jefferson Heights Sewer District and Schedule a Public Hearing under Town Law Article 12-A. Adopted 5 Yes.

Public Hearing is scheduled for August 5th at 6 pm.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Supervisor Leggio stated he received an email from Michelle Yost regarding needed policy declarations for Power's content coverage. He is not sure why they think the Town has personal insurance information for a homeowner. At the last meeting Code was asked to get quotes for this property and Hickory Notch.

This property went out to bid but apparently we need another quote as they are presuming asbestos. If we tear it down FEMA won't buyout. Councilman Walsh stated if they buy, the cost to tear it down can be off the buyout price.

Supervisor Leggio stated the Code Department is handling the Saunders, Powers, Brooks Lane, Quality Inn....all these places and nothing is getting done. The Code Office knows what needs to be done. He questions how long this goes on for.

Councilman Giordiano would like to have Department Heads at the first meeting of the month. Supervisor Leggio stated no, we are going to have Department Head meetings scheduled for Friday mornings. Councilman Giordiano asked where we are with Michael Smith on the local laws. Supervisor Leggio stated he is unsure.

Supervisor Leggio asked the board how they wish to address this. Councilman Walsh stated Department Head meetings are the proper way to go. We all get the same answer. Councilman Carlson stated we have had him in the hot seat. There is no follow up on our part on why he is not getting there.

Supervisor Leggio stated a meeting will be set for July 25th. Councilman Antonelli stated we have had counseling meetings before. This will not work with one person and five board members. We need to write people up. We let things go by the wayside. He is unsure where we should go.

Supervisor Leggio stated he and Councilman Walsh will meet with him. With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Carlson. Meeting ended 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk