

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
July 17, 2024 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Patrick McCulloch, Supervisor
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman
Steven Espel, Councilman
Brian Kozloski, Councilman

Also Attending: Audre Higbee, Town Assessor

Supervisor McCulloch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed all in attendance. There is no agenda for the committee meeting.

RESOLUTIONS/REQUESTS:

Supervisor McCulloch stated we need to amend Resolution # 81-2024 as the cost of the firework display is \$4,350. *Resolution # 83-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco amending Resolution # 81-2024 in that the amount of the firework display for the 4th of July event should be \$4,350 and not \$4,300. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Supervisor McCulloch received a request for a letter of support for the Greene County Historical Society's grant endeavor for a planning grant through NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. *Resolution # 84-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco sending a letter of support to the Greene County Historical Society for their application for a planning grant through NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Supervisor McCulloch mentioned the request to use the Senior Center from the Catskill Repair Café in November. *Resolution # 85-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel authorizing the Catskill Repair Cafe use of the Senior Center for their event on November 9, 2024. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

CACHE CDBG Grant:

Supervisor McCulloch stated the grant for the vacancy study is coming together. The board needs to review SEQRA as part of the application. Supervisor McCulloch reviewed Parts 1, 2 and 3 of SEQRA and determined there is no significant environmental impact and asked for a motion to issue a negative declaration. *Resolution # 86-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second Councilman Kozloski whereas the Town Board held a public hearing on the grant application July 2, 2024 and whereas they considered each of the eleven questions and determined in each instance there will be no impact and issue a Negative Declaration. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

MONUMENT CEMENTON SPORTSMAN CLUB:

Joyce & Tom Andreassen approached the board about moving the monument at the Cementon Sportsman's Club, which building is now in disrepair since it is no longer being used, to property owned by the county who has given permission to have the monument at the Freightmaster's Building. Mr. Henderson will move, clean, and set the monument. Councilman Espel wants to run this by the Town Attorney since the town does not own the monument. Councilman Kozloski suggested a title search on the building.

Mr. Andreassen then asked how to replace the purple heart signs as they are faded by exposure to the elements. Councilman Giordiano stated to contact Scott Templeton who can replace them.

REVALUATION:

Supervisor McCulloch asked Ms. Higbee to speak about the proposals received for revaluation. Ms. Higbee stated two were received and one was wildly lower than the other. She had discussions with the lower vendor and reviewed the proposal. She also spoke with another county who used the vendor and they were pleased with them. She asked if the board had any questions. Councilman Giordiano stated he was not sure about the discrepancy but nothing was omitted. Supervisor McCulloch asked the board the direction they would like to proceed with and if all were ready to vote on the proposal. *Resolution # 87-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Supervisor McCulloch to proceed with discussions with the lowest bidder to begin the revaluation process for properties within the town. Defeated Vote: 2 Yes (McCulloch, Giordiano) 3 No (Scannapieco, Espel, Kozloski)*

HIGHWAY TRUCK:

Supervisor McCulloch stated Shawn Beers would like to purchase an F550 for the Highway Department. Funds are in his equipment line. *Resolution # 88-2024 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Kozloski authoring the purchase of a Ford F550 through Lacy Ford LLC in the amount of \$83,000. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Abstention (Giordiano)*

CEMENTON:

Supervisor McCulloch stated the smoke testing and the CCTV of the sewer system will happen on July 27th. We will need to notify residents.

RCF:

Councilman Giordiano stated he is meeting with the electrician tomorrow regarding the scoreboard replacement at the field. If there are any remaining funds, he would like to relocate a new flagpole and start laying out placement for pickleball and basketball courts behind the playground.

Supervisor McCulloch stated we will need to decide how to use the remaining ARPA funds. Councilman Giordiano is against using funds to purchase the new ambulance and would like to use the funds for community development. Councilwoman Scannapieco states it should be used on infrastructure.

Supervisor McCulloch polled the board. Councilman Espel asked how Summer Recreation is going. Supervisor McCulloch stated great. Mid-Hudson Cablevision donated \$2,500.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

An audience member commented on the empty seats and how no one cares about reassessment.

Kricket of CACHE, mentioned the grant and the need for the procurement policy.

Supervisor McCulloch thanked all for attending and asked for a motion to enter an executive session to discuss a personnel issue. No further business will be conducted at the close of executive session. A motion was made by Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Giordiano. The executive session began at 7:11 pm.

As told by Supervisor McCulloch, motion to exit executive session and end the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano, second by Councilwoman Scannapieco. Meeting ended 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk