

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Kiskatom Fire House
July 18, 2012 6:32 pm

Attendance: Joseph Leggio, Supervisor; Pat Walsh, Councilman; Kevin Lennon, Councilman; Gary Carlson, Councilman; Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

Absent: Robert Antonelli, Councilman

Supervisor Leggio opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked Rich Pratorius for an update on the projects in Palenville.

Mr. Pratorius stated we are ready to put the project out to bid. We will need a temporary easement. The cost estimate is \$85,000. He stated he spoke with Sandy and we can put the money together without bonding. He would like the town to pass a resolution authorizing the bidding process for the Route 23A culvert replacement.

Councilman Lennon stated the Town will be responsible for a 20 foot section of pipe that is rusted, one catch basin and the additional rip raft to the pond area. Supervisor Leggio asked how much that is going to cost. Mr. Pratorius stated \$10,000.

Supervisor Leggio stated he doesn't want to take the money out of the reserve funds. He stated we are going to have to bond for the other projects and the bonding attorney recommends adding this one to the others because we don't know exactly when we will be getting the money back. He would like to get the bonding process started. Supervisor Leggio asked Mr. Pratorius to contact the bond attorney because he will need the name of the projects and the cost so he can start the process.

RESOLUTION # 89-2012

AUTHORIZE BID PROCESS FOR ROUTE
23A CULVERT REPLACEMENT (FEMA)

Motion by Councilman Lennon and seconded by Councilman Walsh

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Antonelli)

Motion Carried

Councilman Lennon stated there is a meeting on July 30th at 10 am at Town Hall with NRCS for the two other projects for a pre-design meeting. Supervisor Leggio stated this should be a government operations meeting.

Supervisor Leggio stated we received the first two quarters and last year's payment for the ambulance service to Town of Athens. He stated everyone received a copy of the check from

FEMA (1st check). He stated Weston & Sampson stated the grant for Ricky Cramer Field has been submitted. Supervisor Leggio mentioned the agreement with Cornerstone for phone service.

RESOLUTION # 90-2012

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN
CONTRACT PHONE SERVICE

Motion by Councilman Walsh and seconded by Councilman Lennon.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Antonelli)

Motion Carried

Supervisor Leggio stated the sewer grant for Leeds has been submitted electronically.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned a gentleman on Bushnell Avenue submitted an application for the Flood Mitigation/Buyout program but the Village Code Officer, because the Village was not interested in participating in the program, never looked at his property so he is upset that he doesn't have an opportunity for the program. Soil and Water is trying to see if they can get him back in the list.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the assessment litigation agreement with the School District. Tax certiorari cases are expensive and the School District has helped us in the past but we need to have a formal agreement.

RESOLUTION # 91-2012

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN
CONTRACT WITH CSD FOR ASSESSMENT
LITIGATION

Motion by Councilman Walsh and seconded by Councilman Lennon

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Antonelli)

Motion Carried

Supervisor Leggio stated we need to set interviews for a couple of people for the Planning Board. A government operations meeting was scheduled for July 24th at 6:15 pm.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the ambulance hardship and will see if Mike Sterthous can meet with the board next Tuesday at 5 pm.

Councilman Lennon asked the Supervisor regarding the ambulance building. Supervisor Leggio stated Sandy called Trane and we have a service contract that was signed in August. They will be coming down to look at the system and see what needs to be done to make it 100%.

Councilman Lennon mentioned carpet cleaning in Town Hall. Supervisor Leggio stated Liz

is to get quotes. He stated he sent everyone a memo regarding the budget process and to project out 5 years. Department head meetings need to start soon and should be with the entire board so they have a clear understanding from all of us so we are all on the same page.

Councilman Lennon mentioned since the front of the building has been fixed and sealed, we should get a quote for painting the front and rear of the building. Supervisor Leggio stated he will draw something up.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the outside steps going into the court office were removed and the Judge's want the door to remain useful. He asked Karl Zwoboda to look at and give a quote for a concrete set of steps with a railing or to think about eliminating the back door all together.

Councilman Lennon mentioned the remedial plan for the Kaaterskill creek.

Councilman Carlson stated he spoke with Mike Richardson and needs to reschedule the ambulance contract negotiation meeting; date to be announced.

Supervisor Leggio opened the meeting to public comment. Barbara Buono approached the Board about her property on LaCorte Road and her neighbor who built a pond in wetlands. She Stated she has not been able to receive any protection from elected officials and her trees are dying. She presented photos to the board. They scheduled a meeting to see her property Friday at 5 pm.

Another gentleman approached the board regarding a drainage problem at 250 Mountain House Road. He stated he spoke with Mr. Beers and he is concerned about his leech field being flooded.

Councilman Carlson stated he looked at the property but it is beyond his scope of knowledge. He stated everything looked ship shape. He stated sometimes his property gets flooded out and then it subsides. The gentleman stated last year his neighbor put a culvert pipe in and he called Alfie. He stated it was private property.

Councilman Carlson stated complaints go to Alfie and he makes a determination as he is the expert. If the Highway Superintendent looked into it and stated it isn't a town issue you may have to go after your neighbor civilly.

Councilman Carlson asked if the problem was there prior to them doing the road. The gentleman stated it has been a problem for awhile but his main concern is the leech field.

Councilman Lennon stated we will have to wait for a rainstorm to see how the water goes through there. Supervisor Leggio stated the next time it rains to make a point to see how we may address it.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Lennon and seconded by Councilman Carlson. Meeting ended 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk