

Town Board Committee Meeting – July 18, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their committee meeting on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Doreen Davis, Supervisor
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

Also Attending: Michael Smith, Town Attorney; George June Ambulance Administrator

Supervisor Davis began the meeting with Mr. June. Mr. June has met with Anna Signoretti and she has agreed to take the billing clerk position. She is meeting with HR tomorrow. Supervisor Davis stated the hours for this position will be ten to fifteen a week. We are also exploring a per diem exercise in the accounting office. More information will follow.

Resolution # 52-18 with motion by Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Giordiano to hire Anna Signoretti to the position of ambulance billing clerk effective July 19, 2018 for ten to fifteen hours a week.
Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Supervisor Davis mentioned the ambulance data and that the correct information was forwarded to the legislative committee. She asked them to contact the town first so they have the correct information before discussing at meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Patricia Carson of the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley approached the board regarding a diabetes prevention program and outreach to those people who may have been recently diagnosed as pre-diabetic. The program is to begin on September 8th and will be a year-long lifestyle change program. Greene County has the highest rate of Type 2 Diabetes in NYS.

Supervisor Davis asked to send us a link to place on the town's website.

Justin Stowell, a location manager for a film project in Catskill, approached the board regarding use of the cemetery for filming. The majority of the film will take place in an estate in Jefferson Heights and will last about 3 ½ weeks but there are a couple of scenes that they wish to shoot on the perimeter of the cemetery and one scene walking on the cemetery road.

Councilman Giordiano had a concern regarding deceased's' names being filmed and Mr. Stowell stated they would be obscured.

Councilman McCulloch asked for a certificate of insurance. Mr. Stowell stated that would not be an issue and could also complete a hold harmless agreement.

LEEDS/JEFFERSON HEIGHTS SEWER DISTRICT:

Mr. Smigel gave a quick update. All the main line sewers in Leeds have been tested and a notice to the residents to connect to the system can be sent.

The contractor is finishing the grinder pump installation and restoration.

The next step is Phase 3 Jefferson Heights South. We are waiting on some easements. The other items to be completed will be paving of the entire project, Jefferson Heights South, work at the Village treatment plant, generator install at Allen Street Pump station.

A meeting will be scheduled to go over the punch list of those items remaining and any other outstanding issues.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Supervisor Davis stated the five cd's the town has are up for renewal and we traditionally roll these. We will figure out next week how to proceed after the Comptroller's office releases cemetery funds.

Green Land Trust has asked the town for support of their grant application to Hudson River Valley Greenway. A letter will be sent in support.

There is an informational meeting regarding charitable reserve fund which was created due to changes to tax collection in New York. There is a question as to whether we need to opt in. Recommend Michael and Audre attending.

Central Hudson letter – Supervisor Davis stated Elliott looked at the area where the work is to be done and has no issues. Planning and Zoning signed off there will be no permits; letter will be signed and sent.

PILOT – at the point of executing the PILOT agreement with Cyprus Creek. The Planning Board has approved their plans. Councilman McCulloch asked to confirm KFD, as a special district, is not part of the PILOT. *Resolution #53-18 on motion by Councilman Giordano second by Councilman McCulloch authorizing the Supervisor sign the PILOT agreement with Cypress Creek Renewables. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Rename Senior Center – Mary Ellen Antonelli reached out to Liz with a date that would work for her family to rename the Senior Center the Robert C. Antonelli Washington Irving Senior Center. The date will be August 24th at 1 pm and will include a luncheon.

PLANNING BOARD COMMENTS:

Joseph Izzo, Planning Board Chair, stated the board approved the solar project subdivision and lot line adjustment and they will be closing on the property in August with construction to begin in September/October. As part of the requirements, remediation of the site was one and the town board should have a bond with Cypress Creek when the site is no longer in use to remediate. The Planning Board has no authority in this regard.

With no further comment a motion to enter into executive session to discuss legal issues, asking counsel to remain, was made by Councilman McCulloch second by Councilwoman Scannapieco. Supervisor Davis stated no other business will be conducted at the close of executive session. Executive session began 7:19 pm.

Motion to exit executive session and close the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman McCulloch. Meeting ended 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk