

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
July 19, 2023 6:52 PM

PRESENT: Dale Finch, Supervisor
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

The regular meeting reconvened at the end of the public hearing.

MINUTES:

June 6, 2023 Town Board Monthly Meeting
June 21, 2023 Town Board Committee Meeting

Motion to accept made by Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman McCulloch; carried.

RESOLUTION:

Res 64-2023 Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman McCulloch. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)

Supervisor Finch discussed the Town Court's request opposing the NYS Senate and Assembly bills regarding Town and Village Courts in the 100 largest towns and villages have licensed attorneys be judges.

Res 65-2023 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman McCulloch opposing New York State Senate Bill S-001398B and Assembly Bill A-135B requiring all Judges presiding in the 100 largest Towns and Village Courts to be licensed to practice law in the State and to have been admitted to the NYS Bar for at least five years. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Cameron O'Connor of Carson Power Renewable Energy looking for suitable land for a community solar project.

Letter from Kiskatom Fire Department regarding 4858 Route 32 and intentional hampering their fire suppression access to the site and Supervisor Finch's response regarding litigation and Judge Mott's order.

Email from Joe Izzo regarding information for the proposed hotel project at the thruway site which can be found on the IDA website.

Email from Dieter Drake regarding the 16th Annual Tour of the Catskills cycling ride, Saturday, August 16th, and request to use the parking area across from the church in Palenville for an aid station as has been done in years past.

Email Rory Cohan, regarding Rivers Electric LLC's license amendment application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the Mill Pond Hydroelectric Project (FERD No. P-9985). Application available for public FERC [eLibrary](#).

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Update regarding Town Hall building renovations – *Supervisor Finch stated next week there will hopefully be a site visit to finish the work in the back. He received pricing on replacing the fence. He spoke with Shawn Beers and he is on board repaving the parking lot. We are waiting for a proposal from Next Gen signs for replacement of signage on the front of the building.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Requests from Town Court:

1. Adopt a resolution in opposition to New York State Senate Bill S-00139B and Assembly Bill A-1358B. The Senate bill was passed and if passed by the Assembly and signed by the Governor, would require Town and Village Justices to be licensed to practice law in the State and have been admitted to the NYS Bar for at least five years. *See Resolution # 65-2023 above.*
2. Authorization by resolution for the Court Justices to attend the Annual NYS Magistrates Conference October 1-4, 2023 Syracuse, NY. *Resolution # 66-2023 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Vosburgh authorizing the Town Justices attend the NYS Magistrates Association Annual Conference. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)*
3. Authorization by resolution for the Town Court to apply for a JCAP Grant. *Resolution # 67-2023 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman Giordiano authorizing the Town Court apply for a JCAP Grant in the 2023-24 grant cycle of up to \$30,000. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)*

Replacement fencing behind Town Hall – Supervisor Finch has a proposal from A & C Fencing in the amount of \$1,400. *Resolution # 68-2023 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman McCulloch accepting the proposal to replace the fence from A & C Fencing in an amount not to exceed \$1,400.00 and applying the remainder of the County ARPA funds towards the cost. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)*

Dell Technology quote for CPU's (Webjogger) – this is for informational purposes as Webjogger will list which monitors will need upgrades and will discuss further then.

Proposed Town Code Revisions including Planned Development District from the Planning Board and request to schedule public hearing September 5, 2023 on revisions. *Supervisor Finch asked for a motion to schedule a public hearing for review of the proposed revisions to the town code. Resolution # 69-2023 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman McCulloch to schedule a public hearing to address revisions to Town Code Chapters 134B, 138, 140, 160 and to add a new chapter 51 subject to adoption of Local Law 4 of 2023. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)*

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

There is concern about speeding on Woodstock Avenue near the Tannery Bridge. He will speak to the Sheriff's Office about the speeding. Motorists are using the roadway as a short cut. Will monitor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Teresa Golden, Planning Board Chairwoman, asked if the board looked at Embought Road. There is an application before the Planning Board and they have asked Shawn Beers to respond. The concern is the volume of traffic on the road and if the road can manage it. Mr. Federman stated during the public hearing that a resident stated they were denied a retaining wall as the integrity of the road would be compromised. Supervisor Finch stated there are no shoulders on the road and the complaint is people could not use the road because of the volume of traffic and speed.

Supervisor Finch asked if anyone had any further comments. Councilman Giordiano inquired about having a vendor permit for events under 1,000 persons. Supervisor Finch stated this would require a change in the code and will ask the Town Attorney about it. Councilman Giordiano stated the Town Clerk would issue the permit. It is being discussed as Griffin's wants to do events and asked the CEO about permits.

Councilman McCulloch stated the Summer Recreation program is going great. He met with Pastor Snowden and they did a walk through of the church as it will be used beginning July 31st. They are working on planning next year's program. Councilman Giordiano asked about an end of season party. Councilman McCulloch stated the town received a donation from Ben Fein. Councilman Vosburgh asked if we received monies from the Community Center. Councilman McCulloch stated no. Supervisor Finch asked if we forwarded an application. Councilman McCulloch stated no.

With no further comment a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman McCulloch. Meeting ended 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk