

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
July 22, 2009 6:30 pm

Attendance: Peter Markou, Town Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Patrick Walsh, Councilman
Michael Smith, Councilman
Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

Absent: Lewis O'Connor, Councilman

Supervisor Markou opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked all for coming.

The following resolutions were reviewed:

RESOLUTION # 82-2009

TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR SALE OF
SURPLUS HIGHWAY
EQUIPMENT

Motion Councilman Walsh

Second Councilman Smith

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1
(OConnor) Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 83-2009

TO ACCEPT BID FOR SALE OF
SURPLUS HIGHWAY
EQUIPMENT

Motion to table this resolution was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Antonelli.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (OConnor) Motion Carried

Councilman Antonelli stated we can not have a resolution to go out to bid and then have a resolution to accept the bid. Supervisor Markou stated we should table this to the next meeting. Councilman Antonelli stated if the Town were ever audited it would be a problem.

Councilman Smith reiterated that in regards to resolution 82, the bid was already in. Councilman Antonelli stated it seems that way.

RESOLUTION # 84-2009

APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
Motion Councilman Antonelli
Second Councilman Smith
Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1
(OConnor) Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 85-2009

BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR A FUND
Motion Councilman Antonelli
Second Councilman Walsh
Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (OConnor)
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 86-2009

BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR B FUND
Motion Councilman Antonelli
Second Councilman Walsh
Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (OConnor)
Motion Carried

Supervisor Markou reviewed the County Resolutions:

Resolution # 220-09

Amending Resolution No. 158-09
Authorizing Municipalities to
Participate in County Purchases for #2D
Diesel Fuel and Gasoline

Resolution # 232-09

Approving Reimbursement to
Community Colleges
(Catskill's share \$2,782.00)

Supervisor Markou approached New Business:

Mr. Portale approached the Board regarding a public display of fireworks on 409 Charles Smith Road for July 25th. There would be two short displays. He stated his application was noted for two (2) 30 minute displays but they would probably be more like two (2) 15 minute displays. He stated he hasn't timed out the displays yet. He wanted to approach the Board to see if there were any questions the Board may have.

Supervisor Markou stated there is a certificate of liability insurance and he stated from reading the application he has anticipated fire extinguishers and everything that would be needed there. Mr. Portale stated all the appropriate spacing is in the application. There will be lines and spacing in place for which the audience will have to be behind. Supervisor Markou asked if it was a special event. Mr. Portale said it was a barbeque and it is a fun thing.

Councilman Antonelli asked if the fire department was notified. Mr. Portale stated he hadn't yet because he did not yet have the permit, but planned on notifying them and the Trooper Barrack and the Sheriff.

Councilman Smith asked if the law firm is the provider of the fireworks. Mr. Portale stated no it is the property owner. He asked who is providing the fireworks. Mr. Portale stated he is purchasing the fireworks. Councilman Smith asked who is responsible for the delivery. Mr. Portale stated himself. Councilman Smith asked Mr. Portale's role. Mr. Portale stated the application for the permit is as an attorney and the display is as a friend. Councilman Smith reiterated that he is the person putting on the display. Mr. Portale stated yes. He was wearing two hats. Councilman Smith asked Mr. Portale his experience in fireworks display. Mr. Portale stated he has put on three to five displays for the American National Rugby League in Pennsylvania. He used to play for the U.S. He has also put on two displays for Glen Mills Schools. This is a high school in Pennsylvania. He also put on two displays in Ohio for his family.

Councilman Smith asked if there is a license requirement review to display fireworks in NYS. Mr. Portale stated no he only needs to obtain a permit. Mr. Portale stated the fireworks are not industrial grade. These are consumer fireworks.

Councilman Smith asked if there was anything we have not covered that we should have in terms of Mr. Portale's experience. Mr. Portale stated he will get a 4 by 6 particle board or 2 by 6 strips and he will glue the mortars or the kegs to the wood so it is stable and flat. There will be an ignition area of 100 feet in diameter because the fireworks will go up into the sky 100 feet. Because of the wet weather he may not need to hose down the area, but if need be he will so that if sparks fly they will land on a wet area. There will be no one in that 100 foot area. He uses a plumber's torch to light the wick.

Councilman Smith asked if he will wear protective gear. Mr. Portales stated he will wear eye goggles.

Supervisor Markou asked if anyone had any other questions. Since there were no objections Supervisor Markou had the Clerk sign the permit.

Supervisor Markou spoke about reconvening the DeSantis Mobile Home Park public hearing. He asked if there was a date for it. The Town Clerk stated that the Planning Board is meeting next Tuesday but per Town Law, before a license can be issued, we need a letter from the DOH. Supervisor Markou stated we are waiting for their response. He stated the last we heard the DOH has not received anything from the applicant. Supervisor Markou stated we will wait until the next meeting to discuss further.

Supervisor Markou stated we received a response back from the Greene County Planning Department regarding the zoning referral for Greene Healthcare Association. They County approved it with comment. Supervisor Markou is in contact with Mike Sterthous. At the next meeting it will be discussed.

Supervisor Markou stated he received a letter of resignation from Kathy Leggiero. She was a member of the Town's Recreation Commission. Supervisor Markou thanked Ms. Leggiero for her years of service and he will be issuing a proclamation.

Supervisor Markou stated there are other items that the Board should look at and maybe discuss at the next meeting.

Supervisor Markou stated he signed finance documents for the stimulus package for Cementon Sewer. The financing has been approved in the amount of \$231,000. The actual amount of the loan is \$18,800 for 30 years. The rest of the money will be principal forgiveness. He is holding off on closing until he hears about the Community renewal grant. An announcement for that should be around August 10th.

Supervisor Markou stated there is a letter from the Planning Board Chair regarding a zoning map issue. He asked the Board to look at and stated we will need to look at the map and talk to the Chair of the Planning Board and see what his recommendations are.

Councilman Walsh stated the Subdivision Task Force meeting will be held tomorrow at 3:00 pm and hopefully we will be able to hold a public meeting soon. What will be discussed is the waiver provision in the law.

With no further comment, a motion to go into executive session at 6:53 pm for a personnel matter was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Walsh.

The executive session ended at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk