

CATSKILL TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

August 19, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their committee meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Catskill Town Hall. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Joseph Leggio, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Pat Walsh, Councilman
Gary Carlson, Councilman
Jared Giordiano, Councilman

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Carlson asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter and invited Patrick McCulloch, Deputy Highway Superintendent to it. Motion made by Councilman Carlson second by Councilman Giordiano. Executive session began 6:30 pm.

Motion to exit executive session and continue with the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano seconded by Councilman Carlson. Meeting continued 6:38 pm.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #81-2015 with motion by Councilman Carlson second by Councilman Giordiano not objecting Palenville Fire Departments hosting of the 127th Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Convention as required by State Highway/NYSDOT Property Special application. Vote: Adopted 5 Yes

Resolution #82-2015 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to accept the proposal by CIA Securities to replace the DVR at Town Hall in the amount of \$302.50. Vote: Adopted 5 Yes

DELAWARE ENGINEERING

Mary Beth Bianconi was present stating there is a \$2.75 million grant funds opportunity with the application due September 4th. She needs the Supervisor to sign the application. *Resolution #83-2015 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson authorizing the Supervisor sign the application for a grant from the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act. Vote: Adopted 5 Yes*

Ms. Bianconi also stated we need to amend the engineering agreement to cover the activities to date; project costs to date and final design/bidding costs. *Resolution #84-2015 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Giordiano to authorize the Supervisor sign the amended professional services agreement with Delaware Engineering. Vote: Adopted 5 Yes*

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

The Town Attorney has drafted a revised noise ordinance. Everyone has received a copy. We need to schedule a public hearing for this local law. *Resolution #85-2015 with motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Walsh to schedule a public hearing for Local Law #6-2015 updating the Noise Ordinance for September 1, 2015 at 6:15 pm. Vote: Adopted 5 Yes*

There has been discussion with residents of Palenville in regards to a sidewalk. If the Town were to borrow \$80,000, the cost to residents of Palenville for a one year period would be \$141. If it were a five year period it would be \$28 on a \$100,000 home. There have been many conversations with Assemblyman Lopez and Senator Amedore and the Senator has been able to find the monies, in the amount of \$80,000, to fund the project. We wish to thank him and all his people for coming up with this money for our small area.

Supervisor Leggio stated the Town has been moving forward with becoming an ALS service. The Ambulance Administrator has been working on this for a year and a half along with his regular duties and because of being an ALS service we anticipate a salary adjustment. It is the recommendation from HR to increase his salary from \$55,162 to \$62,000 retroactive to July 1st. *Resolution #86-2015 with motion by Councilman Carlson second by Councilman Walsh & Giordiano to increase the Ambulance Administrator's salary to \$62,000 retroactive to July 1, 2015. Vote: Adopted 5 Yes*

Supervisor Leggio stated we tried to set up a meeting in Palenville to discuss the sidewalks and no parking along Kaaterskill Ave and Mill Lane. Ms. Messette also suggested Route 23A as the golf course is hosting music events and people are walking along Route 23A. Supervisor Leggio stated the road is a state highway. We can send a letter to DOT asking for no parking/slow traffic. Councilman Carlson stated it is a violation of V & T traffic law as there is no parking on state roads.

Mr. Smith stated the residents raised the issue of no parking signs being removed as people utilize Kaaterskill Creek and they are parking where they shouldn't be. The importance of a proposed law would be enforcement. We need information from the residents what streets they wish to have no parking enforced.

Mr. Davis stated Mill Lane and Kaaterskill Avenue. Councilman Carlson suggested taking this opportunity to have a realistic look at other streets and this is a good opportunity to incorporate for other purposes.

Mr. Davis stated the problem is around the swimming holes and it is on the weekends only. If there is access to the swimming hole then where do they park? Is there public swimming?

Supervisor Leggio stated it could be seasonal and the issue will be revisited at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Murray approached the board regarding speed issues on Highland Ave/Cauterskill Ave behind Price Chopper. She has had two animals killed. She is asking for more signs to be put up or how to slow a driver's speed. Supervisor Leggio stated we can have the Deputy Highway Superintendent look into it. Mr. Seeley, President of the Village of Catskill, was present and asked to see her after the meeting as part of that section is located in the Village.

Stella Martin addressed the board; once again, with her ongoing topic and displeasure with Mr. Edward's business. A very verbal and heated discussion ensued. No action was taken and a motion to end the meeting was made by Supervisor Leggio seconded by Councilman Giordiano. Meeting ended 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk