

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
August 21, 2013 6:30 pm

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

Supervisor Leggio opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh authorizing the Justice Court apply for a Grant Application. Vote: Adopted-4 Yes

Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson authorizing General A Fund Budget Transfers. Vote: Adopted-4 Yes

Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh authorizing DA-Fund Budget Transfers. Vote: Adopted 4-Yes

Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh changing the employment status of Karlis Medins to Paramedic. Vote: Adopted 4-Yes

Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson changing the employment status of David Marsh to Paramedic. Vote: Adopted 4-Yes

Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh changing the employment status of Wendy Hejnal to Paramedic. Vote: Adopted 4-Yes

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Leggio stated a meeting was scheduled for Friday at 8 am with the Highway Superintendent to discuss personnel issues. Councilman Carlson stated he will not be able to attend. Meeting will be rescheduled to August 30th so everyone is present.

Supervisor Leggio stated Keith Ruckh was in an accident and will be out six to eight months. Someone should be hired to fill the vacancy. He stated there is an application to take over a road and rescheduling the meeting will give the engineer time to get back to us.

Supervisor Leggio stated the budget process starts shortly. He is encouraging all to stop by the departments to encourage the Department Heads when preparing their budget to look at prior years and to try to come up with a different approach. The Ambulance Administrator gave a packet of the breakdown of services. He thinks it is a good idea to have an accountant come in and do a workshop with the Department Heads on how to prepare a line item budget.

PRIVELEDGE OF FLOOR:

An audience member on behalf of Ralph Bosley asked about the Town's possible purchase of his property next to Town Hall.

Supervisor Leggio stated this was not on the agenda. He reported to the board the neighbor had told him he wanted to sell his property a week ago and threw out a number. He doesn't recall the amount. We are not looking to buy even though it could be advantageous to us. Maybe there could be a meeting of the minds and something can be brought before the board.

Mr. Bosley stated he is asking \$225,000 or \$375,000 with contents. He is willing to sell to the Town for \$175,000 or if he is allowed to stay there a year, maybe lower.

Councilman Carlson asked if there is parking in the back. Mr. Bosley stated approx. 15 spots. Councilman Antonelli stated Ross Caridi owns the piece where Lacy Ford used to be and Ralph's piece of property is where the service was. Mr. Bosley stated Caridi's property is for sale also at \$350,000.

Councilman Carlson stated this would be an extra burden on the taxpayers. Councilman Antonelli stated his big concern is there is no need for offices so to take it off the tax rolls to have a parking lot? It won't go over too good with the taxpayers. Councilman Carlson stated we have the PB building that is not being used for any purpose. Councilman Antonelli stated to sell to someone who will keep it on the tax rolls. Mr. Bosley mentioned trading properties. Councilman Walsh agreed with Gary. We don't need another building for ourselves. Our concern is to keep the budget stable. Supervisor Leggio stated he is open to do something with just the parking lot and not the building.

Mr. Bosley stated the town used to rent the parking lot. Supervisor Leggio stated a mini committee will be formed to look into.

Supervisor Leggio stated work is still continuing on the project in Palenville. The work for the salt shed at the Highway Department has completed. Councilman Carlson asked if there was an end date for Palenville. Supervisor Leggio stated no but they are pumping out one section today to pour the concrete and the footing should be in by the end of the week.

Councilman Antonelli made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the Garden Club as good will. They planted flowers at the Little Red Schoolhouse and Ambulance Building. This motion was seconded by Councilman Walsh. Vote: Adopted 4-Yes

With no further business a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh. Meeting ended 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk