Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
September 16, 2009 6:30 pm

Attendance:	Peter Markou,	Supervisor
	Robert Antonelli,	Councilman
	Patrick Walsh,	Councilman
	Michael Smith,	Councilman
	Elizabeth Izzo,	Councilman
Absent:	Lewis O'Connor,	Councilman

Supervisor Markou opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed all in attendance.

The following resolutions were reviewed and passed.

RESOLUTION # 98-2009 BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR B FUND

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the following budget transfer needs to be made to the following accounts due to unforeseen expenditures:

General B Fund

B8010.4	Zoning & Planning	$3,000.00
B1420.4	Legal Services	$4,000.00
Total		$7,000.00

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the following transfer from the following account:

B8020.44	Engineering Code	$3,000.00
B9030.8	Social Security	$1,000.00
B9060.8	Medical	$3,000.00
Total Transfer		$7,000.00

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.
Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 2 (O'Connor/Smith) Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 99-2009 BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR A FUND

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the following budget transfer needs to be made to the following accounts due to unforeseen expenditures:

General A Fund

A1355.41	Appraisal Consultants	$20,000.00
Total		$20,000.00

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the following transfer from the following account:

A1990.4	Contingency	$10,000.00
A1620.4	Town Building	$10,000.00
Total Transfer		$20,000.00

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 2 (O'Connor/Smith) Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 100-2009 A FUND TRANSFERS

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the following budget transfer needs to be made to the following accounts due to unforeseen expenditures:

General A Fund

A1315.1	Comptroller PS	$744.00
A1315.11	Comptroller Clerk	$2,000.00
A1620.1	Town Bldg PS	$457.00
A6772.1	Sen. Ctr. Director	$545.00
A6772.11	Sen. Ctr. Employees	$3,000.00
Total		$6,743.00

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the following transfer from the following account:

A6510.4	Veterans	$744.00
A1315.34	Comptroller Amb.	$2,000.00
A7510.4	Historian	$457.00
A6772.4	Sen. Ctr. Bldg CE	$3,542.00

Total Transfer $6,743.00

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 2 (O'Connor/Smith) Motion Carried

Supervisor Markou stated these following resolutions were due to illnesses.

RESOLUTION # 101-2009 APPOINTMENT OF EMT (P/T)
CATSKILL AMBULANCE SERVICE

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board has authorized the filling of a part-time EMT position for the Town of Catskill Ambulance Service, and

WHEREAS, Matthew Leibowitz, the Ambulance Administrator, has recommended that Adam Greco be appointed to said position, and

WHEREAS, Adam Greco meets the minimum qualifications established for said position, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby appoint Adam Greco to the position of EMT (Part-time) effective September 16, 2009. The rate of pay shall be $13.00 per hour. Said appointment shall be subject to a probationary period of twenty-six weeks.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 2 (O'Connor/Smith) Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 102-2009 APPOINTMENT OF EMT (P/T)
CATSKILL AMBULANCE SERVICE

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board has authorized the filling of a part-time EMT position for the Town of Catskill Ambulance Service, and

WHEREAS, Matthew Leibowitz, the Ambulance Administrator, has recommended that Robert Luken be appointed to said position, and

WHEREAS, Robert Luken meets the minimum qualifications established for said position, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby appoint Robert Luken to the position of EMT (Part-time) effective September 16, 2009. The rate of pay shall be $13.00 per hour. Said appointment shall be subject to a probationary period of twenty-six weeks.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 2 (O'Connor/Smith) Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 103-2009 APPOINTMENT OF EMT (P/T)
CATSKILL AMBULANCE SERVICE

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board has authorized the filling of a part-time EMT position for the Town of Catskill Ambulance Service, and

WHEREAS, Matthew Leibowitz, the Ambulance Administrator, has recommended that Kristin Spinato be appointed to said position, and

WHEREAS, Kristin Spinato meets the minimum qualifications established for said position, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby appoint Kristin Spinato to the position of EMT (Part-time) effective September 16, 2009. The rate of pay shall be $13.00 per hour. Said appointment shall be subject to a probationary period of twenty-six weeks.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 2 (O'Connor/Smith) Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 104-2009 APPOINTMENT OF EMT (Per Diem)
CATSKILL AMBULANCE SERVICE

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board has authorized the filling of a per diem EMT position for the Town of Catskill Ambulance Service, and

WHEREAS, Matthew Leibowitz, the Ambulance Administrator, has recommended that Cory Birk be appointed to said position, and

WHEREAS, Cory Birk meets the minimum qualifications established for said position, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby appoints Cory Birk to the position of EMT (Per diem) effective September 16, 2009. The rate of pay shall be $13.00 per hour. Said appointment shall be subject to a probationary period of twenty-six weeks.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 2 (O'Connor/Smith) Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 105-2009 APPOINTMENT OF EMT (Per Diem) CATSKILL AMBULANCE SERVICE

Councilman Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board has authorized the filling of a per diem EMT position for the Town of Catskill Ambulance Service, and

WHEREAS, Matthew Leibowitz, the Ambulance Administrator, has recommended that Charles Berringer be appointed to said position, and

WHEREAS, Charles Berringer meets the minimum qualifications established for said position, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby appoints Charles Berringer to the position of EMT (Per diem) effective September 16, 2009. The rate of pay shall be $13.00 per hour. Said appointment shall be subject to a probationary period of twenty-six weeks.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 2 (O'Connor/Smith) Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 106-2009 TO HIRE FULL TIME AMBULANCE EMPLOYEE

Councilman Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, there has been a demotion within the Ambulance Department, and

WHEREAS, to maintain the level of service of the Town of Catskill's Ambulance Department this full-time position needs to be filled, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorize the Ambulance Administrator to fill this position.

Councilman Walsh, seconded this motion.

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 2 (O'Connor/Smith) Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 107-2009 TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING PRESENTATION OF TENTATIVE 2010 BUDGET

Councilman Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, under Town Law §106, the Town Supervisor is to present to the Town Clerk the Tentative budget by September 30, 2009 and

WHEREAS, under the same section of Town Law, the Town Clerk is to present to the Town Board the Tentative budget by October 5, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting date does not fall within the Town law parameter, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby schedule a Special meeting to be held on October 1, 2009 at 6:30 pm for the Town Clerk to present the Tentative 2010 budget to the Town Board.

Councilman Walsh , seconded this motion.

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 2 (O'Connor/Smith) Motion Carried

Supervisor Markou recognized Joe Izzo who was present on behalf of the Planning Board regarding a change in the road maintenance under the proposed subdivision law.

He stated at their (PB) last board meeting, an applicant had come to the board for a subdivision of his property. The right of way (ROW) on the road is 30 feet, which is what it originally was before the subdivision regulations, and another area which is 30 feet, and another that is 12 feet ROW's. These go back prior to the subdivision regulations or road maintenance agreement.

He understands the Board is in the process of changing the regulations. He indicated to the applicant that he would come to the Board to find out about when the changes will be made.

Mr. Izzo stated the applicant's road is a private road. He stated all the ROW's are private and written into deeds. He stated the PB indicated to the owner that right now he would not meet the ROW requirements. The applicant does not want to change them as they are written into the deed. Mr. Izzo stated he was under the impression that this issue was to be changed in the law. He is here tonight to ask the status of the law and if there will be a public hearing scheduled.

Councilman Walsh stated that Mike Sterthous is in the process of the final changes. He stated there are some changes in the specifications of private roads but without the documentation in front of him, he doesn't want to misspeak. He has a copy at his store and told Mr. Izzo that he can stop down anytime to review. He stated the final copy should get to him shortly.

Mr. Izzo stated the Planning Board is under the impression that ROW's or road maintenance issues for private roads would be a little different than for Town roads as the Town would not be maintaining private roads.

Councilman Smith asked Mr. Izzo to have the applicant send a letter to the Town Board with his ideas on what should be done relative to a change in the law. Mr. Izzo stated he will have the Planning and Zoning Board secretary contact the applicant to have this done.

Supervisor Markou noticed representation from Greene Medical Arts in the audience and wanted to give them an update before they approached the Board. He stated at the last meeting the Town's attorney presented to the Board three local law changes (options) for the Board's review. The Board has yet to review these options, but on October 1st at 6:45 pm there will be a government operations meeting to discuss this matter.

The Greene Medical Arts representative stated he looked at the three proposals. He thought of another possibility and wanted to present it to the Board. He stated theirs is a unique situation. He would like the Board to consider the possibility of a generic special use permit. This would be limited to certain uses, either suggested by Greene or fixed by the Board, to keep them in the category that they intend, which is basically medical and professional related. He stated they are not interested in General Commercial or retail except for the extent of someone selling hearing aids or eye glasses. He does not want to get into a situation, no matter what the law is, for a prospective tenant to go through a three month review proceeding.

He wants the Board to consider a possibility of a special use for that property that would not entail any thing exterior, no site plan issues. There will not be a change in entryway or parking lot. This is just to utilize the existing inside space. He does not want the Board to open up anything that is commercial. He feels with this fourth possibility, the Board does not have to rush into any issue that would affect local laws and changing other zoning within the Town.

He feels this possibility would enable them to get people in quickly and have the space rented. He stated they can propose a list of uses and have the Board review them. He stated they want to keep the medical and professional image of the facility. He is asking the Board to run this by their attorney to see if this is a possible solution.

Councilman Smith asked how much of the property is under lease. The representative stated about 30% at the present time.

Supervisor Markou asked to have the proposal in writing to him as quickly as could be done so he is able to get it to our attorney and the Board members before the October meeting. He stated it is an interesting approach and is worth a look at.

Supervisor Markou polled the Board for comment. No comment from the Board.

Larry Federman approached the Board and stated several of the Planning Board members had attended an outdoor wood boiler workshop and asked if any of the Town Board members attended. No Town Board members attended.

He asked the Town Board what he would need to do to have the Board move on legislation regulating outdoor wood boilers. He stated the State is in the process. He stated many municipalities have gone to local legislation regulating when they can be burned, how close to property lines, etc.

Councilman Smith stated on Route 23A there is a facility that is selling these. He stated it is local relative to his Hamlet. Mr. Federman stated it is an issue relevant to the whole Town.

Councilman Smith asked for him to provide to the Board a proposal to support his position of regulation. Absent of that, there is no basis for the Board to move forward.

Mr. Federman stated he will do this. Councilman Walsh asked where DEC is in this. Mr. Federman stated DEC has drafted regulations and it sits in the Governor's office waiting for him to sign and then it would go to DOS for review.

Supervisor Markou reiterated to put together a packet and they will take a look at as well as council.

Supervisor Markou wanted all to know that the Dutch barges will be at the Point on Friday. The County has issued a press release. The Town and Village will be holding a joint celebration to welcome the Captains. A bus will be provided for them to get them where they need to go around Town.

Supervisor Markou asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. With no comment a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Smith. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk