

TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their committee meeting, Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30 pm at 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

Supervisor's Comments:

The Governor's office is inviting all to a Citizen Preparedness Training Program Wednesday, September 24th. This is a forum for how private citizens can prepare for disaster.

We received the tentative report from the Comptroller's office. The exit interview was conducted. There are items that need correction and we have 60 days to send back the corrective action plan. We have already dealt with most items. Record keeping is relaxed in the Highway Department regarding fuel usage and vendor purchase not being under county bid. A memo was sent to everyone there are no purchases without board approval. We are not trying to micromanage but to be fiscally responsible.

The budget process will start in another week. We will be having early morning department meetings or committee meetings. We understand it is not easy for the public to attend but we have enough meetings in the evening.

Received a memo from John Cashin that the Power's place will be removed shortly; this was under FEMA buyout.

Resolutions:

Res #80-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh for general DB-Highway fund budget transfers. Adopted 5 Yes

Res #81-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Giordiano & Walsh for the revised Town of Catskill Standard Work Day & Reporting. Adopted 5 Yes

Res #82-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Giordiano to accept the bid for the 1999 Ford Expedition in the amount of \$3,100. Adopted 5 Yes

Board Discussion:

Councilman Giordiano stated Highway needs to replace a chipper. He would like to go out to bid. He consulted with the Highway Superintendent about the specifications. *Resolution #83-2014 with motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Walsh to go out to bid for a chipper for the Highway Department. Adopted 4 Yes 1 No (Antonelli)*

The security system was mentioned next. *Resolution #84-2014 with motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Walsh to go out to bid for a security system for the Highway Department. Adopted 5 Yes*

Ambulance Department:

George June stated he submitted a purchase order request for their security system. There is an ongoing issue with patients entering the ambulance station seeking assistance; some of these patients have a known psychiatric issue. It is unsafe to allow people to come into the building. The first price is to add a camera in the lobby. The second is to install an intercom system as part of the existing phone system and the third is the addition of a third outside camera. Mr. June stated the first is a must have but the second and third can wait. Supervisor Leggio asked if done at the same time it would cost less. Mr. June stated it is the cost of technician time. Supervisor Leggio stated it falls under the procurement guidelines. *Resolution #85-2014 to install said security equipment at the Ambulance Building in the amount of \$2980.00. Adopted 5 Yes*

Public Comment:

Ed Synan from the Palenville Fire Department spoke regarding their hosting of the 2015 Firemen's Convention and Parade and their request for financial support. This will also be Palenville's 75th Anniversary. Supervisor Leggio stated Catskill had the year prior and at that time we stated we would allot \$2,000 for each fire company. The amount has been budgeted.

Mr. Garrison is to confirm the meeting with the Code Department, Town Board and the Palenville Fire District tentatively scheduled for October 1st at 6:30 pm at PFD.

John Hanzl approached the board. His house is on Penn Ave and he would like to know when the bridge will be repaired. Supervisor Leggio stated Rich Praetorius looked at it. He did a primary design. The undermining of the abutment is storm related. Paperwork has been sent to the State eight or nine months ago and there has been no word. The Highway Superintendent

states a box culvert can be put in but our engineer states other. We are waiting to hear back from the State.

Supervisor Leggio stated he, Bob Antonelli, and George June met with Sean Groden and members of GCEMS as well as Greene County Legislators about the ALS service and the Town's willingness to remain in the system.

Mr. June spoke of the letter sent from Kevin Lewis. He has had many meetings with all parties. He stated the County will agree to increase their funding to allow the system to continue with no increase to us or other towns. His recommendation is for the TOC to sign for the current rate. This will not preclude us from moving forward with our plan. The burden is on the County Legislature to take action. There will be change to EMS in Greene County. The mountaintop is looking to form a mountaintop EMS. Greenville is looking to form EMS. It is contentious throughout the county, not just in Catskill.

Councilman Carlson stated from the start we believe EMS should be a county-wide system and it is encouraging to see the legislature looking along the same lines but is hesitant to make an overture to stop the process on the cusp of our implementing. Mr. June stated he is not sure if the county will take over but it may be an option for Catskill if the county doesn't take the responsibility.

Vincent Seeley stated the task force has good momentum to push forward and he is still confused to this day how it got to this point. Councilman Carlson stated we have always looked forward and this is the next progression in our ambulance service. Mr. June stated continuing with EMS does not stop us from doing what we need to do. The timeframe is not as important as doing it right. Councilman Carlson stated what Mr. June recommends we will go with that recommendation.

Supervisor Leggio stated the meeting was brought up by a letter from Kevin Lewis. The consensus was they wanted a commitment from TOC. He intimated staying in for another year. He doesn't believe waiting six months will impede us. He stated a number of legislators are present tonight and hope the conversation doesn't fall on deaf ears and the county will continue to move forward to push the project to fruition.

Councilman Giordiano asked if we would be Para ready by June as this would give the county another six to eight months. He is not comfortable giving them a year. Councilman Carlson stated we can still opt out of the system and the timeframe should be up to George. Mr. June stated the county is looking for a one year commitment. GCEMS contracts are to be sent next week. Councilman Antonelli stated if the figures don't change no problem. Mr. June stated it was agreed our cost would be the same. Supervisor Leggio asked for further comment.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Carlson second by Councilman Giordiano. Meeting ended 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk