Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Palenville Fire House
September 18, 2013 6:30 pm

Attendance: Joseph Leggio, Supervisor; Pat Walsh, Councilman; Gary Carlson, Councilman; Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk
Absent: Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Also Attending: Rich Praetorius, Engineer; Mary Beth Bianconi, Delaware Engineer

Supervisor Leggio opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced Mr. Praetorius who gave a brief synopsis of the Woodstock Bridge Project. The contractor finished pouring the last portion of the main wall. Backfill will be on the agenda tomorrow. Sheet piles have been cut off and installed in front of fittings so they are flush with the stream side. The other side will have backfill. They are hoping to be out of the stream by September 30th. This is questionable and an extension may need to be filed. DEC has been contacted and they stated to wait to nearer the expiration date to file an extension if need be. Mr. Praetorius and the contractor understands there is a major event for Halloween and they are pushing for completion of the road by the 31st. Mr. Harvey stated the Rag-a-Muffin Parade is on the 27th. Mr. Praetorius will inform the contractor.

Supervisor Leggio asked Mr. Praetorius about the bridge on Penn Ave. Mr. Praetorius stated that will need to start in the spring. Supervisor Leggio asked if any work needs to be done before winter. Mr. Praetorius stated he will contact Alfie. Supervisor Leggio thanked him for coming.

Supervisor Leggio introduced Mary Beth Bianconi of Delaware Engineering who was present to discuss the Leeds Wastewater Project. She stated she had two topics to discuss. One was the MS4 waiver application. A Federal program to separate municipal storm sewers was passed down to the States to implement. Where there are urbanized areas there are impervious surfaces and storm water goes into drainage ditches, catch basins etc which leads to dedregation of the environment. There is a series of storm water projects to prevent contamination. In a nutshell, there needs to be a separate storm water system. According to the 2010 census, the population of Cementon was comingled with Saugerties which qualified the Town to be urbanized. There is an opportunity to apply for a waiver on the MS4 designation. Delaware Engineering met with DEC who believes the waiver to be appropriate.

Councilman Walsh stated there is no choice but to obtain the waiver. *Motion by Councilman Walsh to enter into an agreement with Delaware Engineering in an amount not to exceed $6,500 to prepare the waiver on behalf of the Town second by Councilman Carlson. Adopted: 3 Yes 1 Absent (Antonelli).*

Ms. Bianconi moved on to the SEQR review. The board had adopted a resolution stating the project was a Type I Action under SEQR and wished to be lead agent. The involved agencies were notified more than the 30 day requirement and two letters were returned. The next step is to adopt a bond resolution but Part II and a negative declaration need to be done first. Ms. Bianconi reviewed the SEQR determination of significance negative declaration with the board and with *motion by Councilman Walsh second by Councilman Carlson the Town of Catskill approved the SEQR determination and negative declaration for the Leeds Wastewater Project. Adopted: 3 Yes 1 Absent (Antonelli).*

Ms. Bianconi stated at the October 1st meeting she will have the letter of engagement for the bond resolution ready.

Supervisor Leggio discussed the final version of the fitness test as sent by George June, Ambulance Administrator. It has been worked out with the union and administration and we need to adopt. *Motion by Councilman Walsh second by Councilman Carlson to adopt the Fitness Test for the Town of Catskill Ambulance Service. Adopted 3 Yes 1 Absent (Antonelli)*

Supervisor Leggio stated Worker's Comp will increase $50,000 next year. He asked Sandy to look for a better price. He stated he is not sure if one relates to the other but the Ambulance Service is where most comp injuries occur and implementing this fitness test may reduce those.

He stated Greene EMS sent their 2014 budget and the Town's share increased $22,000 as they are proposing twenty more calls. The Town has been thinking about implementing a paramedic service and if fees keep increasing it leaves no other choice but to move forward at a faster pace to implement our paramedic service.

Supervisor Leggio discussed the bill and subsequent collection from Trane. They did repairs at the Ambulance building but they didn't repair and we didn't pay and they sent us to collections. We offered to pay a third of the bill and they agreed to accept $900 out of a $3,000 bill. Attorney will handle.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the memo from Code to schedule a public hearing for violation of the Junk Law at property owned by Eddie Wilkins. *Motion by Councilman Walsh second by Councilman Carlson to schedule a public hearing for violation of the Junk Law at property owned by Eddie Wilkins for October 16th at 6:15 pm. Adopted 3 Yes 1 Absent (Antonelli)*

Supervisor Leggio asked if the board had anything to comment. Supervisor Leggio asked if the public had any comment. An audience member stated the Village of Catskill had recently put a ban on using fracking fluids on the roads (de-icing). She would like the town to pass the same resolution.

Supervisor Leggio doesn't believe the Town will use nor does it have the equipment to place liquid on roadways; only sand and salt and believes it is a non issue. The audience member still wished to have a resolution passed as they are concerned in Palenville as everyone has a well. Supervisor Leggio stated he will address with the Highway Superintendent. He stated it is a non-issue. He lives in Palenville too and the boards pass resolutions all the time, on the books, and don't abide by them. If someone starts to do you put a stop to it. There is no intent on the Town's part to use fracking fluid.

Larry Federman stated it is a matter of getting ahead of the curve. It has been used in parts of the State without the knowledge of the citizens. This is a grass roots effort to show the County the Towns and Villages won't use so we can show the State how we feel. Mr. Harvey stated it is illegal to put fracking brine on the roads. Mr. Federman stated it is not. It has been done in Shandaken and when DEC found out they stopped it as their community is part of the NYC Watershed. Supervisor Leggio reiterated it is a non issue. He stated if you want the Town to entertain a ban then come to the board with a presentation at the next meeting.

An audience member, who is part of the Maetrum of Cybele, stated if the Town is so worried about money then why they spent $250,000 opposing their property tax exemption. She stated she is going Federal on us eventually and you are all bigots. Councilman Carlson stated this discussion goes beyond the scope of what we are handling here. This person stated the town is spending an awful lot of money and where is the proper forum to talk about this; in courts.

Gary Harvey stated a petition is being circulated in Palenville to resurrect the sidewalks and it will be brought to the next board meeting. Supervisor Leggio asked the corridor of the sidewalk. Mr. Harvey stated it would be from the church next to us, to the intersection, to the post office only on one side. Mr. Harvey stated the State has a right of way. Supervisor Leggio stated to come up with a plan. Mr. Federman asked if the State is amenable. Mr. Harvey stated it has to be taken up with the DOT. An audience member stated the sidewalk is an extension of the road. They tried to put a sidewalk in on Woodstock and it was too expensive and black topped instead.

With no further business motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Walsh seconded by Councilman Carlson. Meeting ended 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk