

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
September 18, 2024 6:30 pm

PRESENT:	Patrick McCulloch,	Supervisor
	Jared Giordiano,	Councilman
	Dawn Scannapieco,	Councilwoman
	Steven Espel,	Councilman
	Brian Kozloski,	Councilman

Supervisor McCulloch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed all in attendance.

Public Hearing – Village of Catskill Fire Contract: Supervisor McCulloch asked the Clerk to read the notice.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON FIRE PROTECTION IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Catskill, Greene County, New York, at Catskill Town Hall, 439 Main St., Catskill, NY on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 6:30 pm for the purpose of considering the contract with the Village of Catskill for fire protection to be furnished by said Village of Catskill Fire Department to the protection district established in said Town of Catskill upon the following terms to wit: a) The Fire Department shall answer and attend to all calls in said Town of Catskill; b) For such service said district shall receive and the Town shall pay the sum of \$195,000.00; c) The said District shall procure sufficient insurance and will cause the policy to be endorsed in such manner as to protect the Town and Fire Protection District; d) This contract shall remain in effect from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; e) Such other incidental terms as may be necessary or proper in connection with such contracting. All people interested in the matter shall be heard at such time and place. By Order of the Catskill Town Board, Elizabeth C. Izzo, Catskill Town Clerk

Supervisor McCulloch asked if there was any comment from either the public or the board. Chief Dolan thanked the board for establishing the contract so quickly. Supervisor McCulloch stated talks will take place in June of next year for 2026. With no further comment a motion was made by Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco to end the public meeting. The public meeting ended at 6:32 pm.

Regular meeting convened 6:32 pm.

Supervisor McCulloch asked for a motion to approve the contract with the Village of Catskill for fire protection is said protection district. *Resolution # 108-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second by Councilman Kozloski approving the contract with the Village of Catskill for fire protection by the Village of Catskill Fire Department for said protection district established in the Town of Catskill for the year 2025 in the amount of \$195,000. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Ambulance: Supervisor McCulloch stated the board received a memo from George June, Ambulance Administrator, recommending the change of classification of three employees.

Resolution # 109-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordano, second Councilman Espel to change the employment status of Bethany Sterritt from AEMT to Paramedic effective October 6, 2024 and Power Kemmy from EMT to AEMT effective October 5, 2024. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 110-2024 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco second Councilman Kozloski reinstating Karen Pignataro as EMT effective October 5, 2024. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Highway: Shawn Beers, Highway Superintendent, has received the bids for the auction items and he would like the board to accept them. *Resolution # 111-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordano, second Councilman Espel to accept the bids for the surplus highway equipment from Auctions International. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Ambulance & Senior Center Buildings: Councilman Giordano would like to request quotes to replace the HVAC at the Ambulance Building and the Senior Center. *Resolution # 112 on motion of Councilman Kozloski, second Councilman Espel to request quotes to replace the HVAC at the Ambulance Building and the Senior Center. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Leeds Fire Company Contract: Supervisor Pirrone of the Town of Athens was present to discuss scheduling a public hearing for the joint fire contract. Both towns and the fire company agree with the terms of the contract. *Resolution # 113-2024 on motion of Councilman Kozloski, second Councilwoman Scannapieco to schedule a joint public hearing with the Town of Athens for the fire contract with Leeds Hose Company No. 1 for October 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm at Catskill Town Hall. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Game Farm Road Culvert: Supervisor McCulloch gave a small update on the progress of this project. Construction bids will be advertised with construction of the project to begin in spring of 25. The engineer is optimistic the project will be under budget. We will have to coordinate with the Town of Cairo regarding the use of Polly Rock Road.

Highway: Jack Ormerod received three quotes to replace the heating and furnace at the highway garage. Those quotes were Nolan Propane \$78,500, Henderson Oil & Propane \$45,500, and Huber Enterprises \$34,600. The quotes were reviewed. *Resolution # 114-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco to accept the quote from Huber Enterprises in the amount of \$34,600 to replace the heating at the highway garage with funding from ARPA monies. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Public Comment: Three gentlemen approached the board regarding a road hazard on Route 9W near Cementon. On July 23rd, there was a serious car accident in which the driver was killed in a horrific manner. They would like the town to write a letter to NYSDOT to install guardrails, hazard lights on this section of road known as dead man's curve so there will not be another car accident like the one on the 23rd. They tried to speak with NYSDOT directly and were told to contact the town.

Supervisor McCulloch expressed his sorry for their loss. He is requesting the board to send a formal letter to the State DOT and have them do a formal inquiry into this section of road to improve it. After discussion about sending letters to state and local representatives, the town will send a letter requesting a safety barrier be installed.

Supervisor McCulloch stated we will be in contact when we hear from the state.

Board Comments: Councilman Giordiano discussed the needed upgrade to the elevator at Town Hall and the quote from Otis Elevator. All agreed the elevator needed to be upgraded. *Resolution # 115-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski to accept the quote from Otis Elevator, who maintains the elevator at Town Hall, to install the necessary upgrades for modernization in an amount not to exceed \$160,000 using ARPA monies. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Councilman Giordiano stated we are waiting on a quote to upgrade the phone system at Ambulance to tie in with the phone system at Town Hall.

Supervisor McCulloch asked the board if they wished to schedule budget workshop meetings. The tentative budget will be presented at the October 1st meeting. *Resolution # 116-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco to schedule budget workshop meetings for October 7, 8, 15 at 6:15 pm, October 16 at 6:30 pm and October 21st at 6:15 pm. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Supervisor McCulloch stated we will need to discuss allocating ARPA monies same time we will be discussing the tentative budget.

Councilwoman Scannapieco reminded all the breakfast at the Senior Center Friday. Councilman Kozloski of the Cat Auction Saturday. Supervisor McCulloch of Homecoming this weekend.

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Espel, second Councilwoman Scannapieco. Meeting ended 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk