

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
September 21, 2011 6:30 pm

Attendance: Pat Walsh, Acting Supervisor; Robert Antonelli, Councilman; Michael Smith, Councilman; Kevin Lennon, Councilman; Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

Acting Supervisor Walsh opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following resolution was reviewed:

RESOLUTION #69-2011

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency was declared in Greene County by the County Executive effective August 28, 2011 at 8:43 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the State of Emergency has been declared due to Hurricane conditions throughout the County which threatens public safety; and

WHEREAS, this State of Emergency will remain in effect until rescinded by a subsequent order; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill wishes to follow suite and declare a State of Emergency for the Town of Catskill effective August 28, 2011; and

WHEREAS, as Acting Town Supervisor, Pat Walsh exercises the authority given to him under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law to preserve the public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to security, well being, and the health of the Town by directing all departments of the Town of Catskill to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill Procurement Policy will be suspended until the State of Emergency has been rescinded or otherwise directed; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby accept the authority given to the Acting Supervisor under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law to preserve the public safety of the residents of the Town of Catskill.

Councilman Smith & Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Pat Walsh, Acting Supervisor

Date

Acting Supervisor Walsh mentioned the proposal from Dimensions North to finish the repair work to the façade of Town Hall from when the cornice fell off. Councilman Antonelli stated the price reflects prevailing wage. Acting Supervisor Walsh mentioned not painting at this point. Councilman Antonelli was ok to remove as was Councilman Lennon.

RESOLUTION # 70-2011

ACCEPT PROPOSAL TOWN
HALL FAÇADE

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, part of the cement cornice that spans the length of the façade of Town Hall had deteriorated and fell off; and

WHEREAS, Dimension's North was contacted under Emergency Repair to fix said cornice; and

WHEREAS, this proposal is to complete said work (flashing and roof coating of said cornice); so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board approve the proposal minus the painting of said cornice.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Acting Supervisor Walsh next mentioned he received a letter from North Shore Towers looking for property to place a cell tower on. He will look into it. He next polled the board.

Councilman Lennon gave a flood update stating the major debris from the creek has been removed. Two hundred eighty trees were pulled out. There were a total of 72 truckloads of debris to the Town brush dump. Aerial pictures were taken and we are now waiting on FEMA. To date, \$160 to 180,000 was spent but the price doesn't reflect prevailing wage so it will be higher. He stated he reached out to Praetorious to survey and rebuild Woodstock Avenue wall from the Tannery Bridge to Mills Road. He stated he met with Greene County Highway

Superintendent Gary Harvey and laid out the projects and permits so FEMA will cover. He stated five culverts were damaged. Mossy Hill is repaired and White's road will be repaired tomorrow. We are proposing box culverts but need to wait from ok from FEMA. The highway department is going through the billing and projects. Seven roads were damaged. There are project worksheets for each road. He stated everything is documented well and the highway department did a great job.

He stated he looked at Leeds & Cauterskill Road. There will be some work to remove buildings and the Code Enforcement Officer has a list of all calls from the fire departments so he can check out each structure and separate as condemned etc.

He stated there is a possible health concern at Father & Sons where the storage buildings where damaged and thirty-five people did not open their units or remove their belongings.

He stated he has a dialogue with Fraser & Assoc. regarding the Ricky Cramer field plans and funding. He has scheduled a meeting to go over the details of the billing. All the board members would like to participate in the meeting so it will be scheduled as a government operations meeting.

Councilman Lennon next addressed the Catskill Little League agreement. He is proposing for a five year license agreement so they won't lose the Valley Cats funding. He stated he will be sitting down and looking at the guidelines so everyone is clear on the interpretation so we can move forward. Acting Supervisor Walsh asked if this is the contract we already looked at. Councilman Antonelli asked if any of the suggestions he made will be used. Councilman Lennon stated yes. He stated before he (Ed Dupont) signs the agreement he needs to sign the guidelines. These need to be posed to them but he wants the agreement signed so the Valley Cats will come down and to get donations for piping to fix the drainage and sprinkling system.

Councilman Antonelli asked if a new agreement was drawn up. Councilman Lennon stated it is the original one but he needs to draft the guidelines and amend the contract to have a statement saying all the guidelines will be followed. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated amend it to that; proposed lease with attached guidelines. Councilman Lennon stated he can have Mike Sterthous amend to put the guidelines in. Acting Supervisor Walsh asked if there was a second. Councilman Antonelli stated he will second if what he wants is in there. Councilman Smith wants a complete document before him before he votes on it. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated the guidelines will be written up and have a government operations meeting scheduled. Councilman Lennon wanted the contract signed so he can give it to Little League so the Valley Cats will get down here. Councilman Antonelli stated that is another thing, the Valley Cats never came down to talk to us. Councilman Lennon stated he tried to set up a meeting with that but was waiting for the contract to be done. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated we need a complete

document before we can pass it. Councilman Antonelli stated he will be back Thursday afternoon. Councilman Lennon stated he has a meeting tomorrow with the board to go over the guideline aspect of things. No vote was taken.

Councilman Lennon next proposed the following two resolutions for the Ambulance Department. He has spoken with Ronnie.

RESOLUTION # 71-2011

APPOINTMENT FULL TIME EMT
TOWN OF CATSKILL AMBULANCE

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

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

WHEREAS, Matthew Leibowitz, Ambulance Administrator, has recommended that Jonathan Walsh be appointed to said position; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Walsh meets the minimum qualifications established for said position; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board appoints Jonathan Walsh to the position of Full-time EMT from Part-time effective September 21, 2011.

Councilman Antonelli seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0,

Motion Carried

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Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

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

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

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

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board appoints John Greco to the position of Full-time EMT from Part-time effective September 21, 2011.

Councilman Antonelli seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0, Motion Carried

Councilman Lennon next mentioned the contracts that are coming up. There is the ambulance contract with the Town of Athens and there are the fire district contracts with Leeds who sent a proposal in. There is the Catskill Fire Department contract in which the board would like to schedule a meeting with us in executive session. The Town Clerk stated you cannot schedule an executive session meeting. Councilman Lennon asked you can't do that and Acting Supervisor Walsh stated no. A government operations meeting will be scheduled. Councilman Lennon also mentioned the contract with the Malden Fire Company and a meeting needs to be scheduled with the Town of Athens for the Leeds Fire contract.

Acting Supervisor Walsh spoke with Sandy and stated he does not see how we can go above 2%. Councilman Antonelli stated we need to settle the old contract with Athens for the ambulance too. Councilman Antonelli stated our certificate expires in December. Councilman Lennon asked about an audit of the ambulance service. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated Michael Richardson and he are meeting with the ambulance union next Tuesday at 10:30. Councilman Smith stated he would like to attend.

Councilman Antonelli asked about the time clocks. Councilman Lennon stated he had a conversation with Joe and told him it is high priority. He stated he has a tentative meeting with him Friday morning. He stated we need to direct Ronni to draw up the procedure for the time clocks. Councilman Antonelli stated we need to give Joe a time limit that this needs to be done by.

Councilman Lennon wanted to enter into executive session to discuss ambulance personnel. Councilman Antonelli made the motion and Councilman Smith seconded. Executive session started 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

Motion to exit executive session and end the meeting made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Smith. Meeting ended 7:45 pm.

