

## **TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING**

**OCTOBER 15, 2014**

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their committee meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at Catskill Town Hall at 6:30 pm. The meeting was opened with a moment of silent prayer 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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Gary Harvey of the Greene County Highway Department approached the board regarding a federally aided project for preservation of three bridges in Greene County, one bridge being the Leeds Bridge. This is a locally administered rehab project.

The person administering the project spoke of its scope. Repairs include repointing stone masonry, resetting the sidewalk stones in a bed of concrete and concrete patch repair to the stone arches. The roadway will be milled and resurfaced. There will be new single-rail galvanized steel box beam guide rail installed on the west side of the bridge and an addition of a concrete pylon with stone facing to look like the parapet that is currently there. The contractors will access the site near the dry hydrant and easements will be obtained for construction access. The traffic pattern will be an alternating one-way lane using a temporary traffic signal.

Since this a historic bridge a package has been submitted to SHPO for their review. State DOT issued their finding that there will be no adverse impact. After SHPO's review, the project will be bid on in May or June of 2015 and construction will occur in 2016.

### **EXISTING BUSINESS:**

Allen Tavenner of Delaware Engineering submitted a first draft of the sewer alignment. Two more walk throughs will be done before it is final. He reviewed the preliminary map of the pump stations. The town will need to discuss who owns the grinder pumps. It is his recommendation that the town own them as otherwise pumps may not be taken care of as they should.

The funding application was discussed. The hardship application needs to be signed and submitted. The sooner the application is in the sooner we will know if there is zero percent

interest. The bond resolution will need to be done by February. We will also need clear title to the pump stations/easements and the attorney will need to sign off on that.

We will need an agreement with the NYS Thruway. Their engineer is expected to inspect the tunnel. He doesn't expect it to be a problem as the Village has an easement for water. We will need elevation surveys of all houses, drainage structures and location of water and other utilities. They requested proposals and received two. His recommendation is H2H. We also will need title work done and his recommendation is to hire Santos Assoc. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

The VOC, if willing, the work for the I & I can be done by them through a forced account where they would do the work with Village employees and are reimbursed labor and material up to \$200,000.

Residents have expressed an interest in a gas line. Central Hudson was contacted and they are interested with the streets being open to run service to approx. 100 homes. They do not think it is worth it for them to run a line north of Route 23 into Leeds. His recommendation is to have a line put in as a benefit to the town. Supervisor Leggio feels it would be a benefit to run a gas line out to 23. A letter will be written to CHG&E.

Mr. Tavenner stated the easements may be an issue so the sooner addressed the better. They will have the final design plans and approval. Supervisor Leggio asked to have a meeting with the Supervisor in Athens as residents on McGovern Lane have expressed an interest to connect to the system. Councilman Antonelli stated that is fine but he doesn't want that to hold up the project.

*Resolution #94-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Giordiano to hire H2H to complete a detailed survey of the elevations of each home, drainage structures and location of water and other utilities in the district in an amount not to exceed \$46,230. Adopted 5 Yes*

*Resolution #95-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to have Santos Associates perform title work for easements and land and titles in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Adopted 5 Yes*

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution #93-2014 with motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Carlson to change the highway budget to add back a mechanic. Adopted 3 Yes 2 No (Leggio & Antonelli)

## DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE:

A memo from Ed Ferratto, CEO, asking the board schedule a public hearing for a junk violation. *Resolution #96-2014 with motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Walsh to schedule a public hearing for violation of the junk law on property owned by Jacqueline Wells, 188 Stony Brook Rd., Catskill, on November 4, 2014 at 6:15 pm at Town Hall. Adopted 5 Yes*

Supervisor Leggio asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue regarding disciplinary action with no other business conducted after. Motion by Councilman Walsh second by Councilman Giordiano to enter into executive session. Executive session began 7:50 pm.

As told by Supervisor Leggio, motion to exit executive session was made by Councilman Walsh seconded by Councilman Carlson. Executive session ended 8:20 pm. The following resolution was passed: *Resolution #97-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to change the employment status of Kathy Seyfarth to 32 hours of employment per week effective October 20, 2014. Adopted 3 Yes 2 No (Carlson & Giordiano)*

With no further business a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Walsh seconded by Councilman Carlson. Meeting ended 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo  
Town Clerk