

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
October 16, 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.

Public Hearing – Leeds Fire Contract

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 and the Town Board of the Town of Athens, Greene County, New York, at Catskill Town Hall, 439 Main St., Catskill, NY on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm for the purpose of considering the contract with the Leeds Hose Co. #1 for fire protection to be furnished by said Leeds Hose Co. #1 to the protection district established in said Town of Catskill and Town of Athens upon the following terms to wit: a) The Fire Department shall answer and attend to all calls in said Town of Catskill and Town of Athens; b) For such service said district shall receive and the Towns shall pay the sum of \$200,634.00 with the Town of Catskill paying \$150,476.00 and the Town of Athens paying \$50,158.00 for the calendar year 2025; \$220,696.00 with the Town of Catskill paying \$165,522.00 and the Town of Athens paying \$55,174.00 for the calendar year 2026; \$242,766.00 with the Town of Catskill paying \$182,074.00 and the Town of Athens paying \$60,692.00 for the calendar year 2027; c) The said District shall procure sufficient insurance and will cause the policy to be endorsed in such manner as to protect the Towns and Fire Protection Districts; d) This contract shall remain in effect from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027; 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 anyone had any comment. With no comment being heard a motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski. The public hearing ended at 6:33 pm.

Regular meeting reconvened 6:33 pm.

Resolution # 120-24 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski to approve the fire contract with Leeds Hose Co. #1 beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2027. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Supervisor McCulloch asked the Greene County Sheriff and Lt. Tracy Quinn to speak to the board about animal control in the county. Lt. Quinn spoke to the board about the need for broader animal control and the need for training and responsiveness to calls throughout the county. The Sheriff's Office is trying to develop an ACO position in their office to provide 24-hour services and they will be polling the other towns to see if there would be any interest in this program.

Councilman Giordiano stated every town has difficulty finding dog control officers. Supervisor McCulloch stated the town would be interesting and offered to be the lead. Lt. Quinn appreciated the input and stated they may need one other town and proceed from there. She stated this is exciting because there is a need for proper education and training and responsiveness.

2024 Tentative Budget – Supervisor McCulloch stated we are \$8,995.00 under the tax levy.
Resolution # 121-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski to adopt the 2025 Tentative Budget as the 2025 Preliminary Budget and schedule a public hearing on said 2025 Preliminary Budget for November 5, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

The following items were discussed and resolutions adopted:

Resolution # 122-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel scheduling a public hearing for Local Law 3 of 2024 Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2025 for November 5, 2024 at 6:35 pm. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 123-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco authorizing the Supervisor cancel the contract with I-Solved for COBRA services and use Marshall Sterling Insurance at no charge to the town. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 124-2024 on motion of Councilman Espel, second Councilwoman Scannapieco to offer employees a third option for health insurance coverage (HMO) with CDPHP. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 125-2024 on motion Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco renewing Benistar, Highmark and CDPHP insurance plans for town employees and retirees for the year 2025. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 126-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski accepting the IRS FSA approved limits for the year 2025. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 127-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco accepting the proposal from Story's Nursey for landscaping at the Ambulance Building in the amount of \$7,345.75 to be paid from ARPA funds. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 128-2024 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Giordiano accepting the proposal from Huber Enterprises for hearting updates to the Ambulance and Senior Center Buildings with funding from the NYSEDA Grant with the remaining being used with ARPA funds. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 129-2024 on motion of Councilman Espel, second Councilwoman Scannapieco to purchase six benches for the pocket park in Palenville using ARPA funds. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 130-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco to purchase one 30-foot flagpole, one 20-foot flagpole, and 2 8-foot flagpoles for the Ambulance Building, Ricky Cramer Field and Town Hall using ARPA funds. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 131-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel to accept the bid from Huber Enterprises to replace the heating and air conditioning at the Highway Building in the amount of \$49,000 using ARPA funds. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 132-2024 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Giordiano to accept the proposal from Doyle Security for a new camera system at Town Hall in the amount of \$8,140 using ARPA funds. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 133-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel to accept the new contract with County Waste for the Ricky Cramer Field in the amount of \$75 per month for garbage removal for the year 2025. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 134-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel authorizing the Supervisor sign the agreement with Greene County Human Services for use of the Senior Center for the Meals on Wheels Program for 2025. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 135-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco to purchase a Gravely Zero Turn Mower and a Kubota RTV-X1100 for the Cemetery Department with funding from the equipment line and interest from perpetual care. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 136-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco appointing Kirsten Bulich as Budget Officer for the year 2024. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 137-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski appointing Evan Matthews as PT EMT effective October 21, 2024. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 138-2024 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Giordiano to purchase seven (7) Dell Optiplex computers and seven (7) monitors to upgrade the computers at Town Hall in the amount of \$9,180.57 using ARPA funds. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 139-2024 on motion of Councilman Espel, second Councilman Kozloski authorizing the Town Supervisor and Town Clerk attend the 2025 Association of Towns Conference. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 140-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel accepting the quote from Z & S Creations to replace the flooring at the Ambulance Building in the amount of \$5,847.14 using funds from the Ambulance maintenance line. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 141-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco to accept the quote from Webjogger to upgrade the phone system at the Ambulance Building in the amount of \$2,309.62 using Ambulance building maintenance funds. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Supervisor McCulloch asked if the board had any comment. He asked if the public had any comment. With no comment being heard, a motion to enter executive session was made by Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Giordiano to discuss pending litigation with the Town Attorney. No further business will be conducted at the end of the executive session. The executive session began at 7:20 pm.

As told by Supervisor McCulloch, the executive session and meeting ended at 8:04 pm on motion of Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Espel.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk