TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING – October 18, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their committee meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 6:33 pm at Town Hall. The following members were present:

Doreen Davis, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

Supervisor Davis asked for a moment of silence in recognition of Judge Peter Margolius' passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the members of his family.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #96-2017 for the adoption of Local Law 6 of 2017 Cold War Veteran Exemption with motion by Councilman McCulloch, second by Councilman Giordiano. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution #97-2017 for the bond authorizing the acquisition and construction of a water distribution system in the Leeds and Jefferson Heights Water District at a cost not to exceed $424,500; appropriating said sum therefor and authorizing the issuance of up to $212,950 serial bonds of the town to finance a portion of said appropriation. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Discussion ensued regarding the term of length for said bond. The term will be five years.

Resolution #98-2017 scheduling a public hearing for Local Law 7 of 2017 to override the tax levy limit for the fiscal year 2018 for Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Supervisor Davis spoke of signing a letter to the Public Service Commission regarding reducing utility fixed charges by Central Hudson. Councilman Giordiano made a motion to have the Supervisor sign the letter on behalf of the Town Board with Councilman McCulloch seconding.

LEEDS JEFFERSON HEIGHTS SEWER DISTRICT

Mr. Smigel gave a brief update. At the end of the week, paving of the roads in Leeds will begin and restoration will begin after that. Grinder pumps will start to be installed next week. There are some minor issues with Jefferson Heights being worked on.

He asked for a cut-off date of November 1st for installations. Councilman McCulloch stated he would like to keep people connecting. Mr. Smigel stated there is a coordination issue given the volume. Supervisor Davis stated that is problem solving and to not shut down. This needs to be transitioned and we will figure it out. There will be a teleconference with Code and DE.

Phase III will be designed over the winter with work to commence early spring/summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Giordiano had a request for the Girl Scouts to use the Senior Center bimonthly (Sunday's). This will be looked into.

Supervisor Davis moved directly into the Budget Workshop Meeting.

The last time they met there was a significant gap. After meeting with PKHB, it has been reduced.

Councilman McCulloch stated it is pretty cut and dry and reviewed the changes from the last meeting.

Mr. Beers asked to have $2,000 moved back into seasonal.

Supervisor Davis spoke about the workmen's comp cases and the move to settlement. Discussion was had regarding looking at other companies.

Discussion regarding the code transition.
Discussion of how the gap was closed. Took $40,000 from A Fund and $100,000 from DB Fund. Monies moved from Cementon Sewer. Increased Ambulance Revenue $200,000. Reduced Justice Revenues as they are trending under.

Discussion regarding building repair/window replacement at Town Hall.

Ambulance – there was an extra EMT FT2 in the budget. It was removed. All were good in removing funds for replacement of the Ambulance Administrator's vehicle as Jack recommended it can be kept for another year.

Supervisor Davis asked for a motion to enter executive session to discuss ambulance contract negotiations. Motion by Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Vosburgh. Ms. Bulich and Ms. Izzo are to stay. Executive session began 7:31 pm.

Motion to exit executive session and continue with the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh. Meeting resumed 7:46 pm.

Supervisor Davis stated we will need the renewal number from Webjogger.
Code revenue was reviewed.
An email was sent from DEC regarding the landfill. They will put together a report for use after the landfill sunsets.

Supervisor Davis stated the next steps enter the changes and talk about increasing tax 2%. Last year we reduced taxes. The next meeting is October 24th at 6:30 pm.

With no further business a motion to adjourn the committee meeting was made by Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Giordiano. Meeting ended

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk