

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
October 19, 2011 6:30 pm

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

Absent: Michael Smith, Councilman

Acting Supervisor Walsh called the meeting to order. He asked everyone to observe a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acting Supervisor Walsh mentioned the public hearing for the VOC Fire Contract.

RESOLUTION # 79-2011	SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CONTRACT WITH VILLAGE OF CATSKILL
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Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the contract for the Catskill Fire Protection District will expire on December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to the safety and interests of the residents of the district to have adequate fire protection; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby resolve to hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 pm on October 31, 2011 at Catskill Town Hall to hear comments and concerns regarding the contract for District No. 1.

Councilman Antonelli seconded this motion.

Ayes 3,	Nays 0,	Absent 1 (Smith)	Motion Carried
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RESOLUTION # 80-2011	TO CHANGE THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING FROM NOVEMBER 1 ST TO OCTOBER 31, 2011
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WHEREAS, the board wishes to have a majority at this meeting; so

Councilman Antonelli stated when the Town was speaking with the Village regarding consolidation he would like the Town to have their own representation in this venture.

Councilman Lennon stated he would like Mike Sterthous. Councilman Antonelli stated he does not know if he has any speciality. Councilman Lennon stated he can make contact with Mike.

Councilman Lennon stated there was a secondary meeting with FEMA in regards to debris removal. He stated we should have the representative assigned to the Town of Catskill shortly and they can view the work that was done to the stream and what will need to be done in the future to protect the land and homes. He stated with the last rain storms that we have had, the work that was done in the creek has held and there has been no further damage to property at this time.

Acting Supervisor Walsh opened the meeting to public comment. A man approached the board regarding his property in Palenville along the Kaaterskill Creek; 15 Old Kaaterskill Avenue. He stated his friend who owns the property is a doctor in the city and he wasn't able to take care of this so he is. He stated they have been adversely affected by the remediation. He stated they split the property and where he was about to build his house he can no longer. He stated he saw Scott Lane and now the property is no value to them as it is pretty limited where the house can be sited. He stated what was done offers no protection to their property but certainly protects downstream. He stated he would like it all removed or if the Town of Catskill needs this then to buy the property. He is meeting with Mike Esslie an attorney tomorrow. He wanted to meet with us to see if there is a much simpler way to solve this. He showed pictures of the property and where his friend is to build. He stated there is a gulley in there and DEC needs to be called. He showed what is to be removed. He stated now there is a 1.6 acre lot that is unusable that he spent \$80,000 on. He stated he built a boat house and showed that. He stated you can see the drain that was put in and slopes in. HE stated is 25 feet high. He stated if you look further down, the Catskill Motor Lodge now has a beach like you get in the South of France in Catskill terms. He stated they are left with a big problem and wants the easiest solution. He showed what they want moved and they would be thrilled. He wants to know how to fix this.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated we don't really know how to fix this. He stated Councilman Lennon has been speaking with you and a lot of things have to happen. He stated Encon needs to get involved and the State. He stated because of the need for mitigation before the next storm was to come, which saved a lot of property, the whole stream needs to be looked at to see what can be done. He stated FEMA comes in and they will assess the whole thing. Councilman Lennon stated they can come in and all the material has to be moved out of there. He stated Catskill does not have enough trucks or manpower to do that or the funds. The man stated and there isn't anything he would like more. Councilman Lennon stated his comment where it goes back down hill, that is an overflow and we can't go into an overflow where there are trees and

stuff. The reason why it was built up higher it gives access if the water does overflow it will be able to come out that stream area. The man said but as you know it creates a basin which means there will be a swamp in there. Councilman Lennon stated as it fills it doesn't allow the water to back into that area. That is why the provision was made there as it was on three or four different areas of the stream bank. He stated as he mentioned to him last night, it is not finished. The Army Corps of Engineers needs to get in there as does DEC, Soil and Conservation for the State and County, and once we have that and the pac team from FEMA, they will give us direction and see what kind of reimbursement we may have. It is not finished yet but we have to wait for more guidance. The man stated he understands but the best thing for him to pursue is a legal route.

Councilman Antonelli stated a lot of this work was done as an emergency and trying to take care of it before winter came. The man stated he understands that but ummm...Councilman Lennon stated we protected him upstream and the man stated he doesn't feel he was protected in any way shape or form. He stated he was damaged and the one way he could have been protected was to go and block what you are calling a drain. He wants to find out from DEC that if anyone fills any kind of gulley or anything like that that water if flowing through is a felon. He stated there are a lot of small details in here that where they asked for fill and things to be protected it wasn't filled. The one place where they could of protected them. He stated it is contempt. He stated well anyway we will figure it out.

Acting Supervisor Walsh asked if anyone else would like to speak before the board. Joe Leggio asked if the restrictions are now back in effect from DEC. Councilman Lennon stated yes. He stated we have permits to get reimbursed by FEMA. He stated we have until 2012 to be able to get into the stream bank but we need a plan.

Acting Supervisor Walsh asked if there was any further comment. With no further comment a motion to enter into executive session for contract negotiations and personnel matters was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Lennon. Executive session began at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

Motion to exit executive session and end the meeting was made by Councilman Lennon and seconded by Councilman Antonelli. Meeting ended 8:00 pm.