Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
October 21, 2008 6:30 pm

Attendance:	Peter Markou,	Supervisor
	Robert Antonelli,	Councilman
	Lewis O'Connor,	Councilman
	Patrick Walsh,	Councilman
	Michael Smith,	Councilman
	Elizabeth Izzo,	Town Clerk
	Linda Speckman,	Linda Speckman

Supervisor Markou opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following resolutions were passed:

Linda Speckman spoke about the Sterritt property. She stated in June he was sent a violation because his property has three structures on it that are falling down. He has yet to comply. She is requesting that the Town Board order to have the buildings removed at the expense of the property owner. Councilman O'Connor wanted a motion to remove the buildings. Supervisor Markou wanted the public hearing first.

RESOLUTION #121-2008 TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING #21-2008 FOR UNSAFE STRUCTURE (STERRITT PROPERTY)

Councilman O'Connor, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, there is a structure, on property located at 285 Hamburg Rd., Tax Map #156.02-2-12, owned by Jerome Sterritt, which has been declared an unsafe structure, under Chapter 90, Unsafe Buildings Law, L.L. #2-1982, and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer, Linda Speckman, has declared the addition and accessory structures unsafe, and

WHEREAS, there has been no remediation, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board, do hereby schedule a Public Hearing, to be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 6:00 pm, Catskill Town Hall, 439-441 Main Street, Catskill, NY to hear comments and concerns regarding the demolition of the aforementioned unsafe structure.

Councilman Walsh, seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Motion Carried

Linda Speckman stated this person was given to July 15, 2008 to remove the vehicles. He phoned her office and requested more time and was given an additional three weeks. He is now adding more vehicles instead of removing them.

Councilman Smith stated that when this gentleman first came before the Board he was inclined to accommodate this person with either removing the vehicles or placing them in a warehouse. Since he is not responding, it has become an insult to the Town.

RESOLUTION # 122-2008 — REMOVAL OF JUNK AT DLM GROUP, 140 PAUL SAXE RD, CATSKILL, NY

Councilman O'Connor, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, existing violations of the Code of the Town of Catskill-Junk, Chapter 15, Article 2, Section 115-19, exist at 140 Paul Saxe Rd, Catskill, NY, Tax Map # 169-00-5-6, and

WHEREAS, an Order to remedy #80-2008 was issued by the Code Enforcement Office and has not been compiled with, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing #15-2008 was held on May 21, 2008 at 5:30 pm at Catskill Town Hall, 439-441 Main Street, Catskill NY to hear comments and concerns on the aforementioned property, and

WHEREAS, the violations continue to exits, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board, will authorize a business, yet to be named, to remove said violations and costs to be assessed to the property tax roll for the 2008 taxable year.

Councilman Smith, seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Motion Carried

Supervisor Markou reviewed the County resolutions:

Resolution #401-08	Approving Reimbursement to Community College (Catskill's share is $19,944.57)
Resolution #402-08	Establishing Equalization Rates (Catskill's is 58.00)

Resolution #403-08	Authorizing Chargeback of Assessment Roll Related Services & Materials (Catskill's share is $1,500)
Resolution #404-08	Authorizing Obtaining & Furnishing of Election Related Services and Materials

Supervisor Markou polled the Board.

Councilman O'Connor, last meeting, stated had some people come and speak, and was wondering when we should have an answer. Supervisor Markou stated we should have an answer by next week. He had wanted some clarification.

Councilman Smith asked what there were speaking about.

Councilman O'Connor stated it is about the Code Enforcement Office responding to a call and this is about passing a resolution making them respond to calls.

Councilman Smith wanted to know if this was for fire and unsafe facilities. Councilman O'Connor stated no. It is in reference for when the office needs to respond to a scene. He stated this was a concern from Kiskatom Fire Department as well as the two other fire departments in the Town of Catskill that was present the other night in regards to structural damage or malfunction furnace.

Supervisor Markou scheduled a Government Operations Meeting for October 29, 2008 at 5 pm.

Supervisor Markou opened the floor to public comment.

John Carroll approached the Board regarding the status of the resolution that was passed regarding Mr. Fallik's property.

Linda Speckman stated she spoke with Mr. Fallik and he has agreed to register the motor homes.

Mr. Fallik stated he tried to register the one motor home, however, he discovered that he owed $600 in fines from Yonkers and can't pay the fine. He also discovered that he does not have the paperwork stating he owns the other motor home. This is going to take him time to get that in order. He is going down to exit 18 where the person lives, who sold the vehicle, to get the registration, but states he didn't own the vehicle and it wasn't his to sell. He believes the gentleman who has the title lives in Florida.

He stated he lives peacefully on the block and he is not bothering anyone. He didn't know what was happening until he received paperwork, contempt of court, from Monica Agosto. Mr. Carroll stated he is hurting everyone's property values.

Linda Speckman stated that when the complaint first came in, there were four unregistered vehicles on the property. One ended up being impounded and never returned, one he had a plate put on, and that left two motor homes. If one of the motor homes is registered, under NYS Property Code, it allows one unregistered motor vehicle on the property.

Councilman Smith asked what her recommendation is. Her recommendation is for Mr. Fallik is to register one of the vehicles.

Supervisor Markou advised Mr. Fallik to appear in Court as his papers ordered him to do.

Councilman O'Connor, who stated he has been hearing about this case for quite some time, wants to make a motion to give him 30 days to register the vehicle or remove it from the property.

Councilman Smith asked in relation to the motion, where does the Town stand relative to criminal issues. Supervisor Markou wants to have Mike Sterthous at the Government Operations meeting.

Councilman O'Connor withdrew his motion until after council's advice.

Councilman Smith urged Mr. Fallik to attend the Government Operations Meeting on the 29th . Mr. Fallik stated he will attend to give an update.

Supervisor Markou asked if anyone else would like to address the Board. With no further comment, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman O'Connor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk