

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
October 21, 2009 6:30 pm

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

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

The following resolutions were reviewed and passed:

Jessica, the Assistant Assessor, has resigned her position. Carol had been helping out and Nancy would like to keep her.

RESOLUTION # 113-2009

APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR
CLERK TO ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill Assessor's office has a vacancy due to the resignation of the Assistant Assessor, effective October 15, 2009, and

WHEREAS, Carol Kenyan, as Senior Clerk in the Comptroller's office, has been assisting the Assessor during the family leave of the Assistant Assessor, and

WHEREAS, Nancy McCoy, Town of Catskill Assessor has recommended that Ms. Kenyan continue in this capacity, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board authorize the repositioning of the Senior Clerk for the Comptroller's Office to the Senior Clerk for the Assessor's Office with no change in job title or salary.

Councilman O'Connor seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #114-2009

TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON
SUBDIVISION OF LAND & STREETS
AND SIDEWALKS

Councilman Walsh presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Subdivision Task Force and Planning Board have met to review the current Town of Catskill's Subdivision Law, Chapter 140 (Subdivision of Land) (§140-1, §140-21) and Chapter 138 (Streets and Sidewalks) of the Code of the Town of Catskill, and

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board wishes to hold a Public Hearing on amending the current subdivision law initially adopted January 17, 2007 by Local Law No. 1-2007, and amending streets and sidewalks adopted February 2, 1991 and amended by resolution no. 65-93 (9-7-93) and Local Law 1-1999, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on November 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm at Catskill Town Hall for the purpose of amending the aforementioned Local Law(s), and

WE FURTHER RESOLVE, to hear local resident's comments and concerns for the amendment of Chapter 140, Subdivision of Land, Code of the Town of Catskill and amendment of Chapter 138, Streets and Sidewalks of the Code of the Town of Catskill.

Councilman O'Connor seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0 Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 115-2009

TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR
SIGN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
TOC & GREENE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF AGING

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill wishes to enter into an agreement with the Greene County Department of Aging, January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, to assist the Senior Citizens of Greene County in hosting community centered events and Home Bound Meals program at the Washington Irving Senior Center, and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the relationship created by this agreement shall be of independent contractor and contractee, and

WHEREAS, the Greene County Department of the Aging will pay rent in the sum of \$1,450 a month for use of the facilities and show proof of necessary Workman's Compensation insurance and liability insurance and will add the Town of Catskill as an additional insured for \$1,000,000 under this liability insurance, and

WHEREAS, each signatory to the agreement understands the terms outlined and agrees to execute their responsibilities, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the aforementioned agreement with the Greene County Department of the Aging.

Councilman O'Connor seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0 Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 116-2009

GREENE COUNTY EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SYSTEMS ALS
AMBULANCE SERVICE
CONTRACT FOR JANUARY 1,
2010 THROUGH DECEMBER
31, 2011

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill would like to renew the agreement with Greene County Emergency Medical System, Inc. for Emergency Medical Services through an Advanced Life Support Program (“ALS”), for the Town of Catskill, and

WHEREAS, the “ALS” service will be a two (2) year period commencing January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011 for the Town of Catskill, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the agreement with Greene County Emergency Medical Systems, Inc., to supply “ALS” service to the Town of Catskill for a total cost of \$146,131 for the year 2010 only. The new figure for 2011 will be received by September 15th of 2010.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0 Absent 0

Motion Carried

Councilman Antonelli stated before the following resolution was passed that this is a dump truck with a salter and plow for the Cemetery to help salt the roads for funerals. It will also be used for the Senior Center if needed.

Councilman O'Connor stated he checked out the State contract and they only have 350's. He wondered if it would be large enough. Councilman Smith asked if the use warranted a new truck.

Councilman Antonelli and Councilman O'Connor both concurred that the use warrants a new truck. They stated that this vehicle will last 20 years. The Cemetery only has a pick

up now and they need a dump body. It will be less cost prohibitive purchasing new than in parts.

RESOLUTION # 117-2009

NEW TRUCK PURCHASE FOR
CEMETERY

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board wishes to purchase a 2010 Ford F350, DRW, 4x4 Regular Cab with additional factory options, as attached, and

WHEREAS, this truck purchase will be made under New York State Office of General Services Contract # PC63527, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board authorizes the purchase of a 2010 Ford F350 DRW, 4x4 Regular cab with factory options for the total price of \$41,767.83.

Councilman O'Connor seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0 Absent 0

Motion Carried

Supervisor Markou, under new business, stated that the Town of Athens would like to meet with the full board regarding the ambulance service contract. The date will be Monday, November 16th at Athens Town Hall.

Supervisor Markou spoke about fees for the certiorari cases and had asked Nancy (Town Assessor) to run a list because he thought the expense was generated mostly from attorney fees and found that they are not. They are mostly from appraisals. He stated that mostly all of the businesses with a Section 485 are appealing their appraisals. He stated that the Town will go to court and fight and that we have been successful in the past. He stated a letter will be sent to Dr. Farrell, Superintendent of CSD, to see if the district will participate and help offset the cost of litigation. He stated he has been told the district would.

Councilman Smith stated a large reason why there are so many cases is that in certiorari cases, the law firm is only paid if they get a favorable result. There are no upfront fees which make it enticing for those businesses who want to appeal their assessments.

Supervisor Markou stated he will start to negotiate the new pilot program for Autumn Grove.

There was no correspondence.

Councilman O'Connor stated even though they hadn't started the second budget workshop meeting he has looked it over fairly close. He wanted to ask for some cuts but believes he would not be supported so won't bother to raise the subject. He is asking that

the Board listen to what is unfolding in Albany. He would like the Town to look at HOCA and the Community Center and to have their funding dispersed in installments. This way, the Town can continue to collect interest on the money and if needed, stop payment if funds run short.

Supervisor Markou attended the HOCA meeting last night in regards to their proceeds from the cat auction and stated to their Board that the Town and Village cannot continue to be a source of funding and the money that was raised needs to be distributed to them first. HOCA's board agreed.

Councilman O'Connor stated he did not like how the Community Center implemented a registration fee this year for Summer Recreation. He stated the program is already funded by taxes and they shouldn't have to pay a registration fee and wondered if they could. He stated no one told him of a fee being initiated. Supervisor Markou stated he wasn't told either, though he heard he was. Councilman Antonelli stated he wasn't told either and Sandy wasn't told. Councilman O'Connor stated he would like it checked out and Supervisor Markou stated he is in the process.

Supervisor Markou stated the Community Center had a surplus and believes that should come back to the Town and is waiting on the accountant's recommendation.

Supervisor Markou asked the Board if they had any further comment. There was no public present so there was no public comment. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Walsh. Meeting ended at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk