Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
November 16, 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 and asked to join him in a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following resolutions were reviewed:

RESOLUTION # 88-2011 A FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, a budget amendment needs to be made for revenue received for the 2011 tax assessment certiorari fees received from the Catskill Central School Districts, as follows:

Increase Revenue A2770.1	Unclassified Revenues	$11,558.56
Increase Expenditure A1355.41	Appraisal Consultants	$11,558.56, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the budget amendment.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0 Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 89-2011 APPROVE CEMENTON SEWER BI-ANNUAL FEES FOR 2012

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the bi-annual Cementon Sewer User fees for the first half of 2012 will be due commencing January 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the user fee for the first half of the year will be $294.44 per unit; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board approve the Cementon Sewer User fee for January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 in the amount of $294.44 per unit.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 90-2011 ASSESSMENT SETTLEMENT LOWE'S HOME CENTER

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Lowe's Home Center, Inc. and the Town of Catskill are desirous of having certain assessment issues resolved as to property owned by Catskill Realty Associates LP, in the Town of Catskill; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal resolving pending tax certiorari litigation was recommended by Daniel G. Vincelette, trail counsel to the Town of Catskill, and reviewed by the Catskill Town Board at its regular monthly meeting; and

WHEREAS, such a proposed settlement would present the parties with an expeditious and economic alternative to further litigation so as to resolve issues between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the proposed settlement is in the best interests of the Town; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby accept a proposed settlement for the 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 tax certiorari proceedings filed by Lowe's Home Centers, Inc. in which the 2008, 2009 and 2010 assessed value of the subject property shall remain unchanged as follows:

Parcel No.	Assessed Value
171.12-8-1	7,099,500

RESOLVED that the assessed value for the subject property for the 2011, 2012, and 2013 final assessment roll shall be reduced as follows; with all refunds waived by Petitioner:

Parcel No.	Assessed Value	Reduction
171.12-8-1	6,949,500	(150,000)

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt this resolution to end the litigation between Lowe's Home Centers, Inc. and the Town of Catskill as to the above referenced assessment:

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0 Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

Roll Call Vote:	Ayes	Nays	Absent
Acting Supervisor Walsh	x		
Councilman Robert Antonelli	x		
Councilman Michael Smith		x	
Councilman Kevin Lennon	x		

Acting Supervisor Walsh mentioned the contract with Greene County EMS that needs to be accepted. Councilman Lennon asked that we speak with the person in charge there as some of our issues with the billing holdup are that ALS is not submitting their paperwork in a timely manner. He would like to put some type of clause in that if they failed to submit paperwork in a timely manner, there would be some sort of penalty enforced. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated we can open a dialogue with them. Councilman Antonelli stated it isn't just them; it's our own people too. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated we should pass the contract and have a dialogue with them. Councilman Antonelli stated all that has to be looked at. He agrees with Councilman Lennon. Councilman Lennon stated he asked Matt to see what additional cost it would be to put an ALS on board and what revenue would be generated. Councilman Antonelli stated it was spoken about once before and he agrees that maybe we should look at putting an ALS on board so we can do away with one EMS but everyone will get riled up as they will fold if we do that, except our job is to worry about our taxpayers.

RESOLUTION # 91-2011 GREENE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEMS ALS AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT FOR JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31 2014

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 three (3) year period commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorize the Acting 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 $164,008 for the year 2012 only. The new figure for 2013 and 2014 will be received by September 15th of that year.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

Acting Supervisor Walsh mentioned the reappointment to the ALS board.

RESOLUTION # 92-2011 GREENE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE FOR TOWN OF CATSKILL

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Greene County Emergency Medical System is governed by a Board of Directors, the County, the EMS Council, the Rural Health Network, and a Representative from each Town; and

WHEREAS, yearly appointments are made to this Board; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Leibowitz, the Town of Catskill Ambulance Administrator, has been the Representative for the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Catskill would like to re-appoint Matthew Leibowitz to such Board; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby re-appoint Matthew Leibowitz to the Greene County Emergency Medical System Board.

Councilman Antonelli seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

Acting Supervisor Walsh mentioned the letter of resignation from Judge Carl effective January 1, 2012.

RESOLUTION # 93-2011 ACCEPT RESIGNATION FOR TOWN JUDGE

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Robert Carl was first elected Town Judge in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Judge Carl has submitted his resignation to the Town Clerk effective January 1st, 2012; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby accept his resignation; and

FURTHERMORE, WE, the Catskill Town Board thank Judge Carl for his 21 years of selfless service to the residents of the Town of Catskill and wish him well on his future endeavors.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

Acting Supervisor Walsh mentioned needing a motion to adopt the 2012 budget.

RESOLUTION # 94-2011 ADOPTION OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS THE 2012 ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Catskill held a Public Hearing on the 2012 Preliminary Budget on November 1, 2011 at 6:15 pm, with all in attendance having an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board hereby approves the Preliminary Budget as the 2012 Annual Budget for the Town of Catskill and authorize the Town Clerk to present this approved 2012 Town Budget to the Acting Town Supervisor according to Town Law §109. The Acting Town Supervisor, within ten (10) days must submit said 2012 Annual Budget to the County Legislature as prescribed in Town Law §115.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 95-2011 CONTRACT BETWEEN TOWN OF CATSKILL AND LEEDS HOSE CO. NO. 1

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the contract between the Town of Catskill, the Town of Athens, and the Leeds Hose Company No. 1 for Leeds Fire Protection District No. 1 expires December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill held a joint public hearing on November 9, 2011 at 6:00 pm with the Town of Athens to enter into a contract for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2016; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby affirm the contract between the Town of Catskill and the Leeds Hose Company No. 1 for the Leeds Fire Protection District No. 1 for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2016 subject to the conditions as set forth in said contract.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 96-2011 SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR MALDEN WEST CAMP FIRE DISTRICT CONTRACT

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the contract with Malden West Camp Fire Department ends December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill wishes to renew the contract for fire protection in said district; and

WHEREAS, the Malden West Camp Fire Department proposed contract is for five (5) years at $5,000 per year; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board will hold a public hearing for comment on said fire contract at Town Hall, 439-441 Main Street, Catskill, NY on November 29, 2011 at 5:45 pm.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 97-2011 PURCHASE NEW LAWN MOWER FOR CEMETERY

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill Cemetery is in need of a new lawn mower; and

WHEREAS, the Town Cemetery Custodian received a price for a new John Deere 720 lawn mower that is under State Bid from Keil Equipment Co. Inc. in the amount of $7,174.00; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the purchase of a new lawn mower for the Town of Catskill Cemetery in the amount of $7,174.00.

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Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated Kirsten Bulich passed the civil service exam. He stated Sandy needs someone in that office. Elaine is talking about retiring in February. She would work part time in the Comptroller's office and part time in the Clerk's office. Councilman Antonelli stated she is smart and picks up things fast. We need someone in that office. Councilman Lennon stated he is comfortable because we need someone to help straighten out the ambulance billing.

RESOLUTION # 98-2011 APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME CLERK TO COMPTROLLERS OFFICE

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill's Comptroller's Office is in need of a part-time clerk; and

WHEREAS, there is a current civil service list for this position; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller has reviewed said list; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller is recommending Kirsten Bulich be appointed to this position; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board appoint Kirsten Bulich to the position of part-time clerk in the Comptroller's Office effective immediately.

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Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

Acting Supervisor Walsh mentioned the contract with ITS. Councilman Antonelli stated before we do anything, Joe needs to come to us and explain why the time clock system isn't in. It has been a year. The upgrades are done. Councilman Lennon said we should invite him to our first meeting in December. All were in agreement.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated Mike Sterthous wants to have a conference call next Monday morning to discuss the fire district contract with Catskill.

Acting Supervisor Walsh next mentioned a letter from Mary Beth Lange wanting reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

RESOLUTION # 99-2011 REAPPOINTMENT TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Mary Beth Lange's term of office on the Town of Catskill Zoning Board of Appeals will expire on December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Zoning Board, with consent of the full Zoning Board, recommended Ms. Lange be re-appointed as a member of the Town of Catskill Zoning Board; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lange has expressed an interest in being re-appointed; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby re-appoint Mary Beth Lange to the Town of Catskill Zoning Board to a term commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2016.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 100-2011 REAPPOINTMENT TO PLANNING BOARD

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Warren Sheridan's term of office on the Town of Catskill Planning Board will expire on December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Planning Board, with consent of the full Planning Board, recommended Mr. Sheridan be re-appointed as a member of the Town of Catskill Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sheridan has expressed an interest in being re-appointed; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby re-appoint Warren Sheridan to the Town of Catskill Planning Board to a term commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2018.

Councilman Antonelli seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 101-2011 APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBER TO PLANNING BOARD

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Allen Uhler has been a member of the Town of Catskill Planning Board until his retirement in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Uhler has expressed an interest in being an Alternate Member of the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill Planning Board is in need of Alternate Members; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board appoint Mr. Uhler as an Alternate Member to the Town of Catskill Planning Board.

Councilman Antonelli seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

Acting Supervisor Walsh mentioned a letter received from Clough Harbour regarding the bill for the cornice work. It was an itemized bill as asked. The letter states if you feel the invoice is extensive, pay what is comfortable. Acting Supervisor Walsh will draft a letter in return with our price which we seem is fair and reasonable.

Councilman Lennon stated we will need resolutions for two full time people to move to part time for ambulance. Acting Supervisor Walsh asked if Ronni was notified. Councilman Lennon stated yes. We can wait until the first meeting in December.

Councilman Lennon stated he met with Catskill School District and the Athletic Director regarding the contract for next year. He gave them the guidelines. He gave them a copy of the contract for Little League. They were favorable to the guidelines. Mr. DuPont sent a letter to all. The AD stated he was a little concerned with the tone of the letter. Councilman Lennon stated the town is in charge of the field. There are several contracts. If there is dialogue with the Little League it should go through the town and town to the school. The school district will get a list of everything that has been purchased for that field. He told them where we stand with the grant process for the field and asked if maybe there may be some fund available.

Councilman Lennon stated in his last meeting with Joe and the camera system at the Ambulance building and the Senior Center, he just received a proposal via email. Councilman Antonelli asked why we need all this stuff for. There are cameras at the ambulance building. Councilman Lennon stated the cameras are not picking up what they feel they should be. Councilman Antonelli stated he is sure that the one outside, that was put there for drug activities but not sure about the ones inside. Councilman Lennon stated the dvr that was recording, once the new server is up, it can download remotely. Councilman Antonelli stated if we decide to go with new cameras, we should go out to bid.

Councilman Lennon stated the grant has been submitted and all we have to do now is what and see what happens.

Councilman Lennon stated he spoke with Highway and Ed DuPont to see what can be done about the drainage for the field completed now before Merritt gets out of there. He will be working with them next week. The school district is ok to April 20th. They had to move two games. He is going to propose to Ed to talk to the Valley Cats to see if they can move the work to early March.

PACS & PALS team for grant reimbursement from FEMA going slow. Due to the damage, the towns have been broken up and we will have our own team members. He touched base with the team member for our town. IGA is to help mitigate pricing and issues that we have. A meeting will be scheduled with her so she can answer our concerns. Councilman Antonelli spoke about the billing and how Alfie stated the bills are outrageous and how Maggio added 20%. FEMA has a pricing guideline. We need to call these people and tell them to straighten out the bill because FEMA will not pay it. Councilman Lennon stated we have sat with them at the first kick off meeting and went over the bill. Patrick from State took it with him. It was faxed to his higher up because nothing was done. IGA is now involved. We want to make sure all the operators and equipment is in the ball frame and gas should be included in this figure. According to Patrick all they want to see is the bottom number and as long as that is in their ball park, it will be paid. To date, the companies have been paid half their invoice. Until the bills are correct, no more will be paid out.

Councilman Lennon stated Harold Rivenburg sent a history of the fire department. Councilman Antonelli asked to please tell Harold that he doesn't have access to our attorney and every time he calls him it cost us. Councilman Antonelli stated he wants to make sure that what is done is best for the Town's taxpayers. He stated he can't understand how Vinny can sit there and say he is signing over to the fire company the building, the equipment, etc. He is giving away an asset of the Village. He stated then there is debt. Councilman Lennon stated it is the same thing when they did the consolidation. Everything was just rolled in. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated then they will come up with a balance sheet. It says will say they owe this and it will balance with their assets.

With no further business a motion to enter into an executive session was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Lennon. Executive session began 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

Motion to exit executive session and end the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Lennon. Meeting ended 7:25 pm.