

CATSKILL TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

November 18, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their committee meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 6:32 pm at Town Hall. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Joseph Leggio, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Pat Walsh, Councilman
Gary Carlson, Councilman
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Also Attending: Michael Smith, Town Attorney

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #114-2015 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson accepting the LED Streetlight Maintenance Program with Central Hudson for lighting districts in the Town of Catskill. Adopted 5 Yes

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the Town of Athens ambulance agreement. After discussion it was decided to table to the next meeting.

CONTUINING BUSINESS:

Mary Beth Bianconi presented a letter of engagement from Young Sommers LLC in regards to outstanding easements as they are unable to get in touch with some property owners and this is the next step. Mr. Smith stated he would like the opportunity to review the letter of engagement.

Ms. Bianconi next mentioned the draft sewer use law which incorporates a lot of the state sewer use law. The key parts are the Intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Catskill, billing and requirements for connection. A public hearing will have to be scheduled to adopt the sewer use law.

The grants the town applied for should be announced before Christmas.

Briefly discussed was an elimination of a pump station on South Jefferson Avenue. Ms. Bianconi referred any questions to Mr. Tavenner.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Giordiano stated the phone system has failed at Town Hall. He looked at state bid prices and those from other companies. There have been several proposals and the least expensive is from the Town's IT provider.

Supervisor Leggio asked if there was any other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Beers asked why an employee was eliminated at the Highway Department. Supervisor Leggio stated he would not be speaking about an employee issue in a public forum. Mr. Beers asked about charging blacktop to next year's budget. Supervisor Leggio stated he has no knowledge of it. Mr. Beers stated he spoke with Peckham and his concern is his budget next year.

Ms. Murced spoke about the Edward's property and the town's liability. Supervisor Leggio stated it is in front of the Planning Board. Everyone has attorneys and it is out of our hands. He stated he doesn't believe the Planning Board has made a decision and it will not be discussed any further.

Mr. Delvecchio approached the board regarding the elimination of the reimbursement of Part B for retirees and the change in insurance for retirees to pay for it. Supervisor Leggio stated it is being reviewed in our budget for this year. Councilman Carlson stated there were three to four public meetings where this was discussed.

Supervisor Leggio asked if there was any further comment. Jamie Beers asked if part time employees are not being offered insurance. Supervisor Leggio stated yes, all elected officials health insurance benefits are taken away. Without an increase in revenue, at some point, everyone is taking a hit.

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh. Meeting ended 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk