

TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING – November 20, 2019

Catskill Town Hall 6:30 pm

Attendance:	Doreen Davis,	Supervisor
	Jared Giordiano,	Councilman
	Patrick McCulloch,	Councilman
	Dawn Scannapieco,	Councilman
	Paul Vosburgh,	Councilman

Supervisor Davis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. She first advised the board she lost the election by 41 votes and has spoken with the staff and department heads. She is committed to a seamless transition.

She asked the clerk to read the notice of the public hearing:

NOTICE AND ORDER OF PUBLIC HEARING

By order of the Town Board, the Town of Catskill will conduct a Public Hearing on the proposal to increase by \$690,154.00 the maximum amount to be expended, from \$13,409,846.00 to \$14,100,000.00, on the improvements in the Leeds and Jefferson Heights Sewer District on November 20, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Town of Catskill Town Hall, 439 Main Street, Catskill, New York. The Leeds and Jefferson Heights Sewer District encompasses the area from the Town/Village of Catskill line the eastern most extent of the district; proceeding with a southern boundary along the north side of Snake Road, the southern extent of the Wildwing Park Subdivision and along the northern side of the Catskill Creek in Jefferson Heights to the west side of the crossing of Route 23B and Route 23; continuing west along the north side of Route 23 in the vicinity of the Exit 21 Thruway Interchange proceeding west past the crossing of Route 23 over the Thruway to the crossing of Route 23 over the Catskill Creek; following the north side of the Catskill Creek to the eastern approach to the Stone Bridge on Route 23B in Leeds being the furthest extent of the district to the west; continuing north along the east side of the Catskill Creek to the Town of Catskill/Town of Athens line; proceeding east along the town line to the west side of the Thruway property at the Exit 21 Interchange; following the Thruway parcel boundary around the Exit 21 Interchange and including the parcel abutting the Thruway property to the east of the Exit 21 Interchange; continuing east to the west side of Brooks Lane and following the west side of Brooks Lane south to the parcel boundaries abutting the north side of James Place proceeding to the east; crossing Route 23 at the eastern terminus of James Place and following the south side of Route 23 east encompassing the lands to the south of Route 23 in Jefferson Heights to the Town/Village of Catskill line the eastern extent of the district. The improvements associated with the proposed district include approximately 31,900 LF of gravity sewers and 11,750 LF of force main, five pump stations, upgrades to the Village of Catskill Allen Street Pump Station and a sanitary and storm sewer separation project in the Village of Catskill sewer collection system. The estimated total cost of the improvements, after the proposed increase, including costs incidental and preliminary thereto, is \$14,100,000.00 and the maximum amount that may be expended is \$14,100,000.00. The Town of Catskill does not propose to charge any hook-up fees; the cost of connection to the sewer mains will be

borne by property owners directly. The estimated cost of the district to the typical property, a single family home, is \$670.00 per year, which is less than the 2019 Special District Average Estimated Cost Threshold listed by the New York State Office of the State Comptroller. The method of financing the improvements, including costs incidental and preliminary thereto, on a long term basis is the issuance of a bond or bonds by the Town of Catskill to secure a 30-year zero interest loan from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Properties within the proposed district will be assessed costs on a benefit basis. A Second Amended Map, Plan and Report describing the improvements, the increase in the maximum amount to expended for such improvements as well as detailed explanation of the cost to the typical property is on file in the Town Clerk's office, Catskill Town Hall, 439 Main Street, Catskill, New York where it may be inspected during regular Town Hall business hours.

Supervisor Davis stated the town reviewed the purpose and has reached into the bank which will add to the current bond and pay off in the same fashion as the other. She asked if there was any public comment.

Mr. Izzo commended the board on the finishing the project. It started when he was Supervisor and never had any support so he wished to congratulate all here.

Public hearing was closed 6:37 pm.

The regular meeting convened.

RESOLUTIONS:

#84-2019 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilwoman Scannapieco to change the HRA amounts for non-union eligible employees. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

#85-2019 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Giordiano for budget transfers to the Highway Department in the amount of \$46,114 from HEO 3 to MEO 5. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

#86-2019 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Giordiano ordering the increase in the maximum amount to be proposed to be expended to acquire and construct the improvements in the Leeds/Jefferson Heights Sewer District. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

#87-2019 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman McCulloch approving the first half of the Cementon Sewer billing \$297.75 per unit. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Planning Board – Mr. Izzo informed the board of their agenda for November 26th and Peckham will be on the agenda to give an overview of the proposed project. A letter was sent to DEC indicating they have no interest in being lead agency but interest in being an involved party in

the review. He also stated the Lantern Festival LLC is on the agenda. There will be only one meeting in December due to their second meeting falling on Christmas Eve.

Supervisor Davis asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a pending legal issue. Town Attorney Smith and Town Clerk Izzo were invited in. No further business will be conducted once the board exits executive session. Motion by Councilman McCulloch second by Councilwoman Scannapieco. Executive session began 6:44 pm.

Motion to exit executive session and end the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman McCulloch. Meeting ended 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk