

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
December 15, 2010 6:31 pm

Attendance:	Pat Walsh,	Acting Supervisor
	Robert Antonelli,	Councilman
	Michael Smith,	Councilman
	Kevin Lennon,	Councilman
	Elizabeth Izzo,	Town Clerk

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

The following resolutions were reviewed:

RESOLUTION # 116-2010

APPOINTMENT OF EMT-I
PART-TIME

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board has authorized the filling of a part-time EMT-I for the Town of Catskill Ambulance Service; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Leibowitz, Ambulance Administrator, has recommended that Dave Clapp be appointed to said position; and

WHEREAS, Dave Clapp meets the minimum qualifications established for said position; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board appoints Dave Clapp to the position of EMT-I effective December 15, 2010. The rate of pay shall be \$14.58 per hour and said appointment shall be subject to a probationary period of twenty-six weeks.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

AMENDED RESOLUTION 126-2010

APPOINTMENT TOWN OF CATSKILL
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Resolution 126-2010 appointed John Cashin to Town of Catskill Code Enforcement Officer on a provisional basis; and

WHEREAS, the resolution should of stated “permanent appointment pending successful completion of the civil service probation period” as he already qualified on the civil service examination; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby amend Resolution 126-2010 to state “permanent appointment pending successful completion of the civil service probation period.”

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 3 Nays 1 (Antonelli) Absent 0

Motion Carried

Councilman Antonelli stated he is not voting no because of the person but because of the salary.

RESOLUTION # 127-2010

ADOPT LOCAL LAW 4 OF 2010
DOG LICENSING

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has amended Article 7 of the New York’s Agriculture and Market Law mandating dog licensing become a local government function effective January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board proposed a local law in regards to licensing of dogs within the Town of Catskill; and

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board held a Public Hearing #10-2010 on December 7, 2010 at Catskill Town Hall to hear public comments and concerns on proposed Local Law #4-2010; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby adopt Local Law #4-2010, Dog Licensing.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 128-2010

DOG LICENSING FEE
SCHEDULE FOR 2011

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board adopted Local Law #4-2010 in regards to licensing of dogs within the Town of Catskill; and

WHEREAS, the dog licensing fee schedule is to be set by the Town Board yearly; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby adopt the following fee schedule for dog licensing for the year 2011:

Altered Dog: \$5.00 plus \$1.00 mandatory State Fee for a total of \$6.00

Unaltered Dog: \$10.00 plus \$3.00 mandatory State Fee for a total of \$13.00.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 129-2010

REAPPOINTMENT TO
PLANNING BOARD

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Dan Howard's term of office on the Town of Catskill Planning Board will expire on December 31, 2010; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard has expressed an interest in being re-appointed as a member to such board; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board resolve to re-appoint Dan Howard to the Town of Catskill Planning Board to a term commencing January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2017.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 130-2010

COLUMBIA-GREENE HUMANE SOCIETY
& TOWN OF CATSKILL CONTRACT FOR 2011

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Columbia-Greene Humane Society and the Town of Catskill's contract is up for renewal for the year 2011; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the agreement specifies that the Town agrees to pay the Humane Society the amount of \$305.00 per dog, upon receipt of voucher each month, for the year 2011; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board approve the aforementioned contract and authorize the Acting Supervisor to sign such contract for the year 2011.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 131-2010 TRANSFER OF FUNDS-A FUND

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the following budget transfer for 2010 needs to be made to the following account for ambulance vehicle(s) from:

A4540.4 Ambulance Contractual \$30,000.00 to

5201883990 Ambulance Reserve Acct. \$30,000.00, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the transfer from A4540.4 Ambulance Contractual to 5201883990 Ambulance Reserve Acct. in the amount of \$30,000.00

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

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

RESOLUTION # 132-2010 TO GO OUT TO BID FOR LEAF BLOWER

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent has a need for a new leaf blower as the existing one is aging; and

WHEREAS, this new leaf blower would extend the life of the existing leaf blower; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board authorize the advertising of bids for a leaf blower.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0 Motion Carried

Bids will be received until January 12, 2011 at 2:00 pm at which time they will be opened and read aloud.

RESOLUTION #133-2010

SCHEDULE RE-ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill wishes to hold a Re-Organizational Meeting for 2011;
so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby schedule the Re-Organizational
meeting for January 4, 2011 at 6:00 pm at Catskill Town Hall.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 134-2010

AMEND LOCAL LAW TO INCREASE
AMOUNT OF INCOME FOR SENIOR
CITIZEN TAX EXEMPTION

Councilman Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board held a public hearing on December 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to hear public comment on increasing the Town of Catskill's Senior Citizen Income Exemption pursuant with Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over, who are owners of Real Property shall be exempt from Town taxes to the extent of fifty (50) percent of assessed valuation, and

WHEREAS, if said owners fulfill certain qualifications, including a limited income, which does not exceed an amount filed by this Board, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board, resolve that the income of the owner, or the combined income of the owners of Real property who are sixty-five (65) years of age or over must not exceed \$20,500, and

RESOLVED, that the "sliding scale" provision of Real Property Tax Law Section 467, paragraph 1 (b)(1) shall remain in effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that at the same public hearing, the proposition of whether or not the Town should adopt the provisions of Real Property Tax Law, Section 467, Paragraph 1(b)(2) and 1(b)(3), which is known as the "sliding scale" option be and hereby are adopted regarding Senior Citizen Tax Exemptions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this income amount shall be effective for the assessment rolls based on the taxable status date of March 1, 2011 and after.

Councilman Smith, seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent

Motion Carried

Roll Call Vote:

Acting Supervisor Walsh: Yes
Councilman Antonelli: Yes
Councilman O'Connor: Yes
Councilman Smith: Yes

RESOLUTION # 135-2010

AMEND LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE
EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES & LIMITED INCOME

Councilman Smith, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 459-c of the Real Property Law, and exemption can be granted to qualifying persons with disabilities and limited income; and

WHEREAS, each Town must authorize the exemption and set the maximum income limits; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board, resolve that the "Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes" be and is hereby authorized for qualifying persons within the Town of Catskill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the maximum income limit for the 50% exemption be \$20,500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the provisions of Real Property Tax Law Section 459-c, Paragraph 1(b), which is known as the "sliding scale" option, be and hereby adopted regarding this exemption.

Councilman Lennon & Councilman Antonelli, seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 136-2010

AGREEMENT PUBLIC SECTOR
HR CONSULTANTS, INC.

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill wishes to enter into a retainer agreement for professional human resource management services with Public Sector HR Consultants, LLC, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the retainer agreement for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 at a yearly cost of \$24,000 or \$2,000 per month for the services outlined in the proposed agreement. Services outside of the proposed agreement will be billed at \$140/hr.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0 Absent 0

Motion Carried

Acting Supervisor Walsh asked the board if they had any comments. With no comment he asked for a motion to enter into executive session to speak about the contract negotiations with the ambulance union.

Executive session began at 7:02 pm.

A motion to exit executive session and end the board meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Smith. Meeting ended 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk