

TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

December 17, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their committee meeting on December 17, 2014 at 6:30 pm at Catskill Town Hall. The meeting was opened with a moment of silent prayer 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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 130-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Giordiano to schedule a public hearing for Local Law 1 & 2 of 2015 Senior Citizen & Disability Low Income Tax Exemptions for January 6, 2015 at 5:45 pm at Catskill Town Hall. Adopted 5 Yes

Resolution # 131-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to schedule the organizational meeting of the Town Board for January 6, 2015 at 6:00 pm at Catskill Town Hall. Adopted 5 Yes

Resolution # 132-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson to approve the Cementon Sewer Bi-Annual Fee for 2015 in the amount of \$297.75 per unit. Adopted 5 Yes

Resolution # 133-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Giordiano to change the employment status of Sean Hotaling, Wendy Hejnal and David Marsh from part-time paramedic to full-time paramedic effective January 1, 2015. Adopted 5 Yes

Resolution # 134-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh for the municipal consulting agreement with Clough Harbor for engineering/GIS services for the period November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015 in the amount of \$3,200. Adopted 4 Yes 1 Nay (Carlson)

Resolution # 135-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to accept the assessment settlement with HD Development of Maryland Inc (Home Depot). Adopted 5 Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rich Pilatich of Misbehavin' Fireworks presented to the board a bill that was recently passed where it will be legal to own and possess novelty fireworks. The law will require municipalities to affirmatively enact a local law to be covered by this legislation.

Supervisor Leggio stated we will need a public hearing to vote for or against it and it will be given to the town's attorney for his review.

Kevin Lennon, Greene County Legislator, informed the board at tonight's County meeting a resolution was passed to give the Town ownership of the sewer line. He also asked the Supervisor to sign the ski contract with the school district.

SUPERVISOR COMMENT:

Supervisor Leggio stated the security service for the computers is up for renewal. Currently we use WatchGuard and if we stay it will cost approximately \$2-3,500 a year for three years. If we upgrade to FortiGate, it is better protection and will cost \$1,200 per year for three years. We will be saving money to change. Councilman Giordiano stated the biggest upgrade is securing our information and we will also be receiving new equipment. Councilman Walsh stated it sounds like a no brainer. *Resolution # 136-2014 with motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Walsh to switch to FortiGate. Adopted 5 Yes*

Supervisor Leggio stated the fuel tanks at the Highway Department need to be emptied and removed. The quote from Albany Tank Service is \$3,650 without removing or disposal of the tanks. *Resolution # 137-2014 to accept the quote from Albany Tank Service to clean the fuel tanks at the Highway Department in the amount of \$3,650. Adopted 5 Yes*

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Alan Tavenner of Delaware Engineering was present to give a progress report on the Leeds Jefferson Heights Sewer Project. He stated the survey data has been completed and it is being reviewed. Sitings of the pump stations were discussed: Gilfeather's, golf course, Elks Club (small forced main with 5 grinders), Upper Austin Acres (easements into the back lots/met with Joan Waldron's son who gave a verbal ok for a pump station), South Jefferson (met with HO who doesn't want them to look ugly and decrease the property value; working on it), Park Lane (have not been able to reach Mr. Able) and Forest Lane (behind gas station, will need a survey to figure out exactly who owns the property).

The application for funding has been submitted but will need for completion: the comptroller to sign off, the bond resolution and SHPO to sign off. The field work has been done and a letter will be sent from Hartgen. Some arrowheads were found and dug up.

Mr. Tavenner presented a table of easements that will be needed from property owners. The easements will be needed because we can't get close to all the other lines that are buried and if we go down the center of the street it will be an additional \$500,000. Letters will be sent out the first week in January along with an easement form. Michael Smith has reviewed the easements and will be meeting with the Planning Board. Once we have the easements they will be recorded on the deed so it forever goes with the property.

John Brust has someone lobbying CHGE for gas service to Leeds.

Supervisor Leggio asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue and stated no further business will be discussed. Motion to enter into executive session was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Antonelli. Executive session began 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

As told by Supervisor Leggio, motion to exit executive session was made by Councilman Carlson second by Councilman Giordiano. Meeting ended 8:15 pm.