

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
December 17, 2025 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Patrick McCulloch, Supervisor
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman
Steven Espel, Councilman
Brian Kozloski, Councilman

Supervisor McCulloch welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Attorney Ted Hilscher updated the board regarding the letter received from the Village Attorney and the agreement between the Village and Town and the water line taxes paid by the Village. There was a settlement in 1995 between the municipalities over assessment of the water lines and it was agreed there would be no tax. The agreement automatically renews every five years. The Village has been paying the taxes. This is a correction that needs to be made on the county's part and the Town cannot change it. Apparently, it was never filed with the County Clerk.

Councilman Giordiano asked about the taxes the town paid on the hydrant fees from the 1986 agreement. Mr. Hilscher stated in the 1995 agreement, the Village pays the tax directly to the county who keeps it and Audre explained the record keeping on the County side.

Supervisor McCulloch stated the town does not receive a check as the levy is reduced. There is no action to be taken by the town as it is up to the county.

Mr. Hilscher stated all grievances the town and village may have, we should consider dealing with all at once. There is work to be done on the Village Fire District and he believes the Town has been overpaying the Village. It should be addressed next year.

MINUTES:

November 4, 2025 Town Board Monthly Meeting
November 13, 2025 Town Board 2-26 Preliminary Budget
November 19, 2025 Town Board Committee Meeting

Motion: Councilman Espel, second Councilwoman Scannapieco, carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 135-25 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel authorizing the Supervisor sign the 2026 agreement with CGHS/SPCA. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 136-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco authorizing the Supervisor sign the renewal agreement with EAP of the Mid-Hudson Valley. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 137-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel authorizing the solicitation of bids for a 2026 or new truck for the Highway Department and Central Garage. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 138-2025 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Espel authorizing the Cementon Sewer Fee for January to June 2026 in the amount of \$294.44 per unit to be collected. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 139-2025 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Giordiano scheduling the Organizational Meeting for Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 6:00 pm at Catskill Town Hall with the monthly board meeting to follow. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 140-2025 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman espel authorizing year end budget transfers. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 141-2025 on motion of Councilman Kozloski, second Councilwoman Scannapieco approving the hire of Ronald Young as Temporary MEO for the Highway Department pending pre-employment screening at the rate of pay as outline in the collective bargaining agreement. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 142-2025 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Espel approving the hire of Emily Jane Beechert as PT Clerk for the Town Court up to 25 hours per week at the part-time rate of pay pending pre-employment background checks. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 143-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski ratifying the contract with UPSEU and the Town of Catskill and authorizing the Supervisor to sign the agreement. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE:

Greene County Resolution No. 355-25 Authorizing the Distribution of Mortgage Tax (Catskill \$87,173.24)

Greene County Resolution No. 369-25 Changing, Altering or Revising the Tentative Budget following a Public Hearing – Emergency Medical Services

Request for monetary support from Thomas Cole Board of Trustees

Letter from Laberge Group for municipal engineering and funding services.

Letter from Department of Public Service on affordability of winter bills.

Award notice from Greene County Human Services for the Summer Recreation Program in the amount of \$8,599.51 from NYS Office of Children, Youth and Families.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Purchase Ambulance/power load system/stretchers in 2026. Supervisor McCulloch stated the town has the funding to purchase an ambulance. *Resolution # 144-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco authorizing the advertisement of bids for the purchase and/or bid under state contract through NERV Inc. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Cemetery Fee Structure – Supervisor McCulloch reviewed the new fee structure and asked if there were any questions. A new fee was added for an additional cost for dual interment. *Resolution # 145-2025 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Giordiano changing the fee schedule for the Town of Catskill Cemetery effective January 1, 2026. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Mr. Harvey stated the Palenville Cemetery follows the Town Cemetery fees, not in its entirety as they do not have a sliding scale option for non-residents as theirs is a private cemetery and they have a flat rate as required by state law.

Planning and Zoning Board Member Education – Supervisor McCulloch stated an email was sent to the members of both boards regarding their continuing education requirements. In the past, members were able to roll over credit hours. Councilman Giordiano stated this eliminates any updates they may need to know about changes to the laws and such as it is constantly changing. *Resolution # 146-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski to eliminate the rollover provision of hours exceeding 4 hours of continuing education and require all members of both boards to have at least 4 hours of continuing education/training each year. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Webjogger – Webjogger presented the board with quotes during the budget meetings and the board wishes the Supervisor to sign the quote for Office 365 and Datto Cloud, quote 2965 and 2966, respectively. *Resolution # 147-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski authorizing the Supervisor sign Quotes 2965 and 2966 as presented by the Town's IT, Webjogger for the year 2026. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

NEW BUSINESS:

Erection of No Parking Signs – Woodstock Avenue. Supervisor McCulloch stated NYSDOH can erect a no overnight parking sign from 8 pm to 6 am on Woodstock Avenue near the Veterans Monument if everyone agrees with it. *Resolution # 148-2025 on motion of Councilman Espel, second Councilman Kozloski requesting NYSDOT issue a Notice of*

Order implementing a parking restriction for no overnight parking between the hours of 8 pm and 6 am in the DOT right of way on Woodstock Avenue in the hamlet of Palenville.
Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Marshall & Sterling Insurance Renewal Quote – Supervisor McCulloch stated it is a 5.8% increase. *Resolution # 151-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski authorizing the Supervisor to sign the premium policy to bind coverage with Marshall & Sterling NYMIR Insurance policy for 2026 in the amount of \$117,809.94.*
Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

BAR Appointment – Town Assessor Audre Higbee received a letter of interest from Robert Newton to serve on the Board of Assessment Review. *Resolution # 152-2025 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Giordiano appointing Robert Newton to the Board of Assessment Review effective December 17, 2025 to September 30, 2030.*
Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Supervisor McCulloch stated he was contacted by GC Administrator Shaun Groden to see if we can add a fourth rig with a Paramedic to our service for service to Greene County. The hope is if two rigs were added it will help with some of the backlog in the county. It is a step in the right direction. If he is serious about the proposal, we should have him attend a meeting and speak about it in public.

Councilman Espel presented the quotes for the playground equipment for the pocket park in Palenville. He and Patrick met with Leor of Parkertech at the site. The mulch will be on the backburner as it is too expensive right now, but the quote is for musical stands at the park. The funding would come from the Capital P Fund and if ordered it will be here in time for spring. *Resolution # 149-2025 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Giordano accepting the quote from Pro Playgrounds in the amount of \$6,4999.00 for the purchase and delivery of one (1) flower ensemble play equipment.*
Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Izzo asked if Webjogger quotes were one or separate. Supervisor McCulloch stated separate. He then asked if the board if they would audit the county as they collect the water transmission line taxes and if they have the authority to collect this tax and since they do collect the tax, to have them show the town how much is collected and what is actually done with the money collected. How is it distributed?

He then asked if the town were to consider the counties request for a fourth rig and if they would need to extend their certificate of need. Supervisor McCulloch stated not as it falls under the mutual aid agreement.

Mr. Izzo then thanked Councilman Giordiano and Councilwoman Scannapieco for their services on the Town Board. He understands it is bittersweet to leave. Councilwoman Scannapieco thanked Mr. Izzo for his wealth of knowledge of town government.

Supervisor McCulloch pulled the board. Councilwoman Scannapieco thanked all and stated Liz, unbelievable.

Councilman Espel thanked them for their services as board members.

Supervisor McCulloch thanked Dawn for her service and stated to Councilman Giordiano, he does not even know where to begin and thanked him for all he has done.

Councilman Giordiano stated he has a list of items to button up and has given it to Liz. He stated it is not about politics at a town level and it has been a pleasure to serve on this board.

With no further comment, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel. The meeting ended at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk