

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
December 19, 2012 6:30 pm

Attendance: Joseph Leggio, Supervisor; Robert Antonelli, Councilman; Pat Walsh, Councilman; Gary Carlson, Councilman; Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

Absent: Kevin Lennon, Councilman

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

Supervisor Leggio stated we need to set a public hearing for the Whateley property. The Town Clerk stated the board needs to amend Resolution 144-2012 to change the date. Supervisor Leggio stated the public hearing will be January 16th at 6 pm. He asked for a motion. Councilman Carlson made the motion with a second by Councilman Antonelli. Vote: 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Lennon) Motion accepted.

Supervisor Leggio stated we need a resolution to authorize the Cementon Sewer bi-yearly billing. Councilman Antonelli made the motion bi-yearly billing at \$294.44 with Councilman Walsh seconding. Vote: 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Lennon) Motion accepted.

Supervisor Leggio stated we need a resolution to set the organizational meeting. Councilman Antonelli made the motion to have the organizational meeting on January 2nd at 6pm with the regular meeting immediately following. Councilman Walsh & Carlson seconded. Vote: 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Lennon) Motion accepted.

Supervisor Leggio stated the bids went out to purchase the ambulances. They were reviewed by the Attorney. He stated they are fine. The bid can be awarded to NorthEastern. Supervisor Leggio stated there are two ways to go to purchase the ambulances. We can lease purchase and the rate is 2.25% for five years and 1.63% for three years. Councilman Antonelli stated the payment is too high on the three year rate. He recommends doing the five year deal. Supervisor Leggio stated we can purchase them from First Niagara with a lease purchase or purchase them through the Bank of Greene County with a bond. We would need bond counsel and a public hearing. The savings would be \$2,500 for the three year and a little more on the five year bond. It depends on how the board would like to proceed.

Councilman Carlson stated if there is an issue with the vehicles would it be covered by the lease. Councilman Antonelli stated they are ours. Councilman Antonelli stated the bids we have, the chasses need to be secured, and we need to let them now by December 31st. If we bond, we can't

use those prices. He stated it is his understanding you cannot award a bid until the bond has passed and that takes 20 days. Supervisor Leggio stated he spoke with bond counsel and he said we can award the bid and go through the bonding process at the next meeting. It is a matter how the board wants to do it. We will save a couple of thousand dollars going through the bond thing. Councilman Carlson asked how much the bonding process costs. Supervisor Leggio stated \$1,700 to \$1,800. Councilman Carlson questioned if we save anything. Supervisor Leggio stated yes. Councilman Antonelli stated the interest rate is lower. Councilman Carlson stated from an economical point of view, it makes sense to lock the vehicles in before the chasses are changed. If we need to do the first proposal then that is what we have to do before the end of the year but if we are going to save money with the bonding and we can lock in and do the bonding after the first of the year that makes sense. He asked which we have to do. Supervisor Leggio stated bond counsel said we can do that after the fact. Councilman Antonelli stated we have always had to have a public hearing before purchase. Councilman Walsh stated we can go with the bonding because either way we are going to order the trucks and if we can't bond it we will go to First Niagara. Supervisor Leggio stated we can start the bonding process providing it meets the guidelines for ordering the truck and if it doesn't then we will go to plan b which is to finance through First Niagara. Councilman Carlson stated everybody is in agreement we don't want to lose the opportunity to get these vehicles. Councilman Antonelli stated if we don't sign an order by December 31st the prices will be higher. Supervisor Leggio stated we can clarify and have a special meeting Friday morning. Councilman Walsh stated we can approve tonight with a contingency. Councilman Antonelli stated we need to do it legally. Supervisor Leggio stated counsel told him we can award the bid tonight and then start the bonding process.

Councilman Walsh made a motion to award the bid to NorthEastern Rescue Vehicles Inc. seconded by Councilman Carlson. Vote: 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Lennon) Motion accepted. Supervisor Leggio stated he will clarify the financing for the next meeting.

Supervisor Leggio asked for a motion to pass resolutions for Local Law 1 and 2 of 2013 Senior Citizen Tax Exemption and Low Income & Disabilities Exemption. Motion made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Walsh respectfully. Vote: 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Lennon) Motion accepted.

Supervisor Leggio polled the board. With no comment he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year echoed by all Councilmen. Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Walsh. Meeting ended 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

