

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting  
Catskill Town Hall  
December 21, 2011 6:30 pm

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

Acting Supervisor Walsh called the meeting to order. A moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. He thanked all for coming tonight.

The following resolutions were reviewed and passed:

RESOLUTION # 112-2011

INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION FOR THE  
EVALUATION OF SEWER SERVICES  
IN THE HAMLET OF LEEDS & JEFFERSON  
HEIGHTS IN THE TOWN OF CATSKILL

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Hamlet of Leeds in the Town of Catskill is characterized by dense land use served by on-lot septic systems which have been identified by the New York State Department of Health and Department of Environmental Conservation as inadequate or with high potential for failure resulting in a threat to public health and environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Heights corridor in the Town of Catskill is also characterized by dense land use with the eastern portion provided with public sewer services via a Greene County owned sewer line connected to the Village of Catskill sewerage system while the western portions relies on on-lot septic systems for wastewater disposal; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Catskill owns, operates and maintains a wastewater system consisting of a conveyance system and a treatment plant which is subject to an Order on Consent executed by the Village with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation that requires the Village to implement capital improvements to the sewer system to separate sanitary and storm sewers among other improvements; and

WHEREAS, a feasibility study has been conducted to evaluate a sewer system in the Hamlet of Leeds which indicates that a sewer system is feasible and that a number of alternatives to the provision of sewer services exist including the potential to construct a collection and conveyance system in Leeds that would pass through Jefferson Heights and connect to the County-owned

sewer line in Jefferson Heights that directs wastewater to the Village of Catskill sewer system;  
and

WHEREAS, preliminary review of the consolidation of wastewater services between the Town of Catskill hamlet of Leeds and Jefferson Heights with the Village of Catskill sewer system indicates that there could be benefits to all parties from this approach thus it should be explored in more detail; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. The Town of Catskill pledges to work cooperatively with the Village of Catskill to evaluate the potential that wastewater collected in the Hamlet of Leeds and Jefferson Heights corridor could be directed to and treated by the Village of Catskill sewer system.
2. The scope of the evaluation includes but is not limited to:
  - a. Evaluation of consolidation with the Village of Catskill including coordination with the Village DPW, wastewater operators and consulting engineer.
  - b. Evaluation of sewer service in the Jefferson Heights corridor in addition to Leeds including evaluation of engineering studies and reports prepared for the water system and other infrastructure.
  - c. Coordination with RCAP to combine income surveys in Leeds and Jefferson Heights to develop a blended income survey.
  - d. Initiation of data gathering for the SEQR process based on publicly available data regarding soils/geology, hydrology, cultural resources/archaeology, wetlands, rare/threatened/endangered species.
  - e. Preparation of a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) to be used for seeking funding.
  - f. Listing of project on the CWSRF IUP.
  - g. Development of an Agreement in Principle between the Village and Town that can be used as the basis for the formation of special districts and the future execution of an Intermunicipal Agreement.
3. The Town of Catskill shall engage a consultant to conduct the evaluation and pledges to consult openly with the Village of Catskill regarding analysis and provide copies of the final study/report prepared as a result of this effort to the Village of Catskill.
4. The Town of Catskill pledges to provide a funding contribution to the cost of the evaluation preliminarily valued at \$5,000 with the intent to secure additional funding in the range of \$40,000 from other sources.
5. It is understood by the Town of Catskill that the Village of Catskill is not obligated to finance or expend Village funds in the conduct of this cooperative evaluation.
6. This resolution does not bind the Town of Catskill to any action including the execution of an intermunicipal agreement.
7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Ayes 4,      Nays 0,      Absent 0      Motion Carried

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4,      Nays 0,      Absent 0      Motion Carried

Councilman Smith presented the following for consideration and adoption,

Councilman Antonelli seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0 Motion Carried

Acting Supervisor Walsh mentioned the Court offices will close at noon on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. He then asked if we should close Town Hall. He stated we close early on Christmas Eve but it falls on a Saturday this year. His first feeling was to not close early on Friday. Councilman Antonelli prefers to stay open but if someone wants to leave, as long as the office is open, they can take their PL time. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated the employees have not received a raise in 2 years. Councilman Lennon mentioned in the spirit of Christmas to allow a half day Friday. Councilman Antonelli stated then we are setting a precedent. The County offices are open all day. Councilman Smith stated we should consider the people we serve. Councilman Lennon stated he was in favor as long as everyone was across the board and that the court clerks have to

take a personal day. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated as long as the office is open, with the exclusion of the court, then people can take time off using personal time.

Acting Supervisor Walsh polled the board. Councilman Smith expressed his gratitude in terms of being a participant of board for the last 4 years. Throughout his professional career he has served boards throughout his years. He stated to be a first generation American and parents of people who are immigrants, with the opportunity to grow professionally and personally, a gift that has no words for. Becoming a public servant is a way he tries to payback for that gift. He is gifted that he served and gifted the voters allowed him to serve and hopes in the future there will be opportunities to serve again.

Councilman Antonelli congratulated Mike and thanked him for being able to work with him these last four years. He asked Councilman Lennon about the work Merritt is to do at the Babe Ruth field. Councilman Lennon stated he needs to follow up with them but a sizable amount of gravel was spread out over the parking lot.

Councilman Lennon mentioned the time clocks. He stated he was able to touch base with the sales representative who sent us a quote for the remaining hardware/software equipment. If purchased before the end of the year there is a 7% discount on the hardware and a 20% discount on the software. Councilman Antonelli asked if this was on State bid. Councilman Lennon stated yes. He stated these are the same prices Joe got. He wants to move forward with this project. Councilman Antonelli stated there are three palm and two thumb readers. Acting Supervisor Walsh asked about the funding. Councilman Lennon stated originally it was to be taken out of the landfill account but then Irene depleted it.

#### RESOLUTION # 115-2011 PURCHASE TIME CLOCK HARDWARE/SOFTWARE

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill implemented a time and attendance system in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the updates to the Town's computer infrastructure has been completed; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board authorize the purchase of the remainder hardware and software for the system, the quote being under State bid from Time Clock Plus.

Councilman Antonelli seconded this motion.

Ayes 4,        Nays 0,        Absent 0

Motion Carried

Councilman Lennon stated he spoke with the State Representative for FEMA and because of the holidays no business will be discussed until next year. He stated though when he spoke with him last, they will probably have another team brought in January. He spoke with Pratorius today on

where we are with the specs. Over the last three or four meetings with the PACS & PALS teams he wants to start moving the first of January. We may need to borrow the money and right now there is zero percent financing. He stated though it seems we keep getting the run around. He called the State and he is waiting on a phone call back from Janet who is customer advocacy for storm related damage.

Acting Supervisor Walsh thanked Michael for his time the last 4 years. He stated he kept it interesting at times and on our toes and thanked him for all his support.

Councilman Lennon stated it was a pleasure working with Mike over the last 2 years and that his focus was on what was best for the Town of Catskill

A motion to enter into an executive session to discuss the Ambulance contract was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Lennon. Executive session began at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo  
Town Clerk

Motion to exit executive session and end the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Smith. Meeting ended 7:32 pm.