

TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING – December 21, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their committee meeting on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were in attendance:

Doreen Davis, Supervisor

Robert Antonelli, Councilman

Jared Giordiano, Councilman

Patrick McCulloch, Councilman

Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

Supervisor Davis stated the board is establishing an economic development committee to identify areas within the town to develop business, have a healthy tax base and enhance Catskill. She introduced Rene VanSchaack of the IDA who discussed what the IDA has been working in in regards to the CAT21 project. Their investment is near the thruway interchange. The IDA has acquired eight parcels and plan on removing the structures and combining into one lot and then as businesses come in, subdivide as needed.

Currently the IDA is undergoing the SEQRA process. The draft EIS will be given to the Town and Planning Board for their review around the end of the month. Mr. VanSchaack then gave the timeline for the review of the SEQRA with the process being completed in April.

The Town is putting in the sewer line and the IDA met with Central Hudson who is replacing the gas lines at the same time for them to replace with a six inch pipe instead of the planned four inch pipe. The IDA paid \$995,000 difference size pipe which will allow businesses to use natural gas.

Councilman Giordano entered the meeting at 6:42 pm.

The pipe is stopping near Austin Acres and to proceed to the thruway will cost \$875,000.

In 2017 the focus will be on the closings of the parcels, relocating the residents, demo the structures and will market the site. He stated the water park people are still in contact with the IDA. The SEQRA has four alternatives as it is a generic environmental impact statement. All plans include a hotel and chain restaurant with the alternatives being a retail/family center, truck stop and a small distribution center/business park.

Five hundred thousand has been allocated for design work and a topography survey, road intersection, permitting, gas line design, consolidation and demo. By the middle of 2017 the IDA will have invested \$4,000,000 in Catskill.

Mr. VanSchaack also mentioned vetting a proposal at the Holcim site but since he is under a NDA, will keep us posted.

He next mentioned the Quality Inn at the thruway interchange and the county has taken possession however they are in court with an appeal. The way the sight looks hurts any potential business coming in. Supervisor Davis stated the town applied for a grant from Restore NY for help in demolition of the property.

Supervisor Davis thanked Mr. VanSchaack for the update. There was question of Stewart's relocating and a PILOT program ensuing. Mr. VanSchaack stated there is no PILOT as they are restricted of giving a PILOT to a retail establishment. He stated if they relocate it would be favorable to us.

Next mentioned was the pump station on the Carl property. The issue is with the easement laterals of the homes. The same ROW bringing the force main back to the pump station needs to be pushed back. Marybeth Bianconi stated it should be doable and by relocating it will eliminate the need for a pipe. Mr. VanSchaack and Ms. Bianconi will sit down in the first of the year to discuss. If there are additional design costs, the IDA will pick up.

Supervisor Davis stated the committee is caught up and asked if there were any questions. She stated when we have more information, we will ask for input.

Ms. Bianconi stated the RestoreNY grant application hit all the buttons and believes the project will qualify. It is her understanding the announcements will be soon.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Ms. Bianconi gave an update to the sewer project. She stated the only people doing work are Mullen who is working for Central Hudson. Our contractor cannot advance due to weather and the project is shutting down December 22nd. If there are issues or repairs, we can call them for temporary repairs. There was a walk-thru of the site and there may be another scheduled. In writing, the contract has been suspended and collectively a decision as to when to begin in the spring will be made.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #146-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh to change the employment status of Chris Burton from AEMT to Paramedic. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution #147-2016 with motion by Councilman Vosburgh, seconded by Councilman Giordiano to change the employment status of Rick Vanderbeck from AEMT to Paramedic. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution #148-2016 with motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Giordiano to change the employment status of Kira Rouse from EMT to AEMT. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution #149-2016 with motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Giordiano to change the employment status to Amanda Rion from EMT to AEMT. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution #150-2016 with motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh to accept the request for annexation of territory by Philip Gjergji for tax map #156.16-11-1. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution #151-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh to schedule the organizational meeting for January 3, 2017. Adopted 5 Yes

Resolution #152-2016 with motion by Councilman Vosburgh, seconded by Councilman Giordiano to change the employment status of Timothy Leach from part time Paramedic to full-time Paramedic. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution #153-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh to change the employment status of Kevin McGhee from part time EMT to full time EMT. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Councilman McCulloch stated Shawn Beers received a quote under State Bid to purchase a backhoe loader and attachments as the one they have is no longer useable or able to be fixed. He has the money in his budget. *Resolution #154-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh authorizing the purchase of a 2016 CAT 420F2 Backhoe Loader and attachments under State Bid in the amount of \$87,220.00. Adopted Vote 5 Yes*

Next mentioned was the equipment needed for Central Garage. Jack Ormerod has three quotes for a wheel balancer, tire changer, and a/c reclainer. *Resolution #155-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh to accept the quote from Snap On for the tire changer in the amount of \$4,995.50 and the wheel balancer in the amount of \$4,995.50 and from Napa for the a/c reclainer in the amount of \$4,073.03. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Supervisor Davis stated the final item is the GCEMS contract. She met with the board last night and the calculation is based on removing the amount the county is paying for the town and using our assessment divided by the number of calls which equals \$522 per call. The pricing is less than the formula they use and it was a good and respectful discussion. The contract is being developed and counsel will review before the board passes next year.

With no other business, Supervisor Davis thanked all for an incredible year and everyone wished each other Merry Christmas. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh. Meeting ended 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo

Town Clerk

