

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
April 20, 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 opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following resolutions were reviewed:

RESOLUTION # 26-2011

TOWN OF CATSKILL CLEAN
UP DAY 2011

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill wishes to have a Town-wide Clean-Up Day on Saturday, June 11, 2011, from 7:00 am to 2:30 pm for the Town of Catskill residents at the Cauterskill Road site, so

THEREFORE, WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve June 11, 2011 as Town Clean-Up Day, and authorize the Town Highway Superintendent to perform such clean-up services as he deems necessary to complete the town-wide clean-up day.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 27-2011

APPOINTMENT DEPUTY
TOWN CLERK

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill Clerk, Elizabeth Izzo, desires to appoint Kirsten Bulich as Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby concur with the appointment of Kirsten Bulich to the position of Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion

Ayes 4, Nays 0 Absent 0

Motion Carried

Acting Supervisor Walsh then introduced Dianne Presti of the Healthcare Consortium who was present to speak to the board. Ms. Presti stated the Healthcare Consortium is a not-for-profit organization based in Hudson. Through a grant they have received, some Greene County residents will have access to free or low cost prescription(s) called the Prescription Access Program.

This program is for residents who are having trouble paying for prescriptions. These people have no health insurance, are underinsured or may fall into the “insurance gap”. The Consortium will meet with individuals at Community Action in Jefferson Heights to access their needs and see how the program can help them. Ms. Presti left literature for the public.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated he received notice from Mike Sterthous that Judge Pulver dismissed the Article 78 proceeding against the Planning Board regarding the DeSantis subdivision.

He also mentioned the cornice on the façade of Town Hall broke off over the weekend. It has been looked at by a local contractor and he suggested having an engineer look at it for a structural study as the whole cornice seems to have water/freeze damage. Mike Bianchino of Clough Harbour was contacted and he will have an engineer view it.

Acting Supervisor Walsh next mentioned the proposal from Time Clocks Plus. This is for web based training and yearly support. The cost is \$1,900. After discussion, Councilman Antonelli or Councilman Lennon will contact our IT provider to see if the technical support can be extended.

Acting Supervisor Walsh polled the board. Councilman Lennon would like to look into enacting a local law for nuisance fire calls. The Town Attorney will be notified. He also stated he would like the Human Resource manager review the application for the EMT position at the Ambulance. He also stated the Ambulance needs two new pieces of equipment for the fifth ambulance. All were in agreement with the purchase.

Councilman Lennon stated the Highway Department submitted an expenditure of monies form for Porto Road and Mossy Hill Road. This is CHIPS money.

Councilman Lennon mentioned the ball field in Jefferson. He stated the lights have been turned on as has the water and the garbage is being collected. He is working with our attorneys to develop a contract for Little League. He also contacted Fraser Engineering to see if a second field could be put in and to develop a town park in phases. He stated Fraser submitted a letter. The first phase would cost \$1,500.

Councilman Antonelli stated the town has no money. Councilman Smith stated that town employees as well as themselves as councilman never received an increase in salary. He stated he has a problem spending \$1,500 on a proposal to see what would be recommended. He also stated whatever the proposal would say, how would we raise the money for it. He stated grant money for towns is limited. He mentioned the town highway department and the village highway department have skills that could be utilized to get the fields ready to play.

Councilman Antonelli stated we need the proposal because we need to know what we are going to do with that property there. We need a concept. Do we want to put another field in or a walking trail around the cemetery? What he meant before when he said we have no money was that we have no money in that account. This may take five years to get this finished. He has no problems going forward with the first phase.

Councilman Lennon stated he has worked with the Village DPW and the Highway Department on that field already. He also stated he has been working with the Little League and the High School. He stated there was a meeting with the Albany Valley Cats for restoration of the field. They have committed to work on the field in September. He also stated, since the buildings there need to be repainted, and to stand behind our students, to see if we could paint the buildings the school colors; blue and orange. He stated we have volunteers ready to go.

Councilman Lennon mentioned Merritt, a company being used for the County's Jefferson Heights Project, to place some trailers on the property. It was decided to contact Jimmy Wagman, Town Attorney, to draw an agreement for the use of the site.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated he will speak with Sandy to see if there is any money available for us to look into the proposal from Fraser.

Acting Supervisor Walsh asked for public comment. Dianne Presti stated it was great to hear the board discuss the Babe Ruth field and improving the field. She said when her children were growing up; they were there all the time.

With no further public comment, a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personal issue was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Smith. Executive session began at 7:31 pm.

Motion to exit executive session and end the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Smith. Meeting ended 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Catskill Town Clerk