Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
February 1, 2022 6:30 pm

Attendance:	Dale Finch,	Supervisor
	Jared Giordiano,	Councilman
	Patrick McCulloch,	Councilman
	Paul Vosburgh,	Councilman

Also Attending: Theodore Hilscher, Town Attorney

Supervisor Finch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

January 4, 2022	Organizational Meeting
January 4, 2022	Monthly Meeting
January 19, 2022	Committee Meeting

Motion: Councilman Vosburgh, second Councilman Giordiano; carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

2021 Bridge Inspection report from NYS Thruway Authority (Brick School House road over the Thruway).

Dog Control Inspector report of satisfactory from NYS Dept Agriculture and Markets.

Copy of letter sent to Catskill Police Dept re NYSDOT Municipality Partnership Dark Signal Initiative for 3 color traffic signals along NYS highways in our town and use of generator transfer switches, installation of and responsibility of town to provide, store and maintain.

Copy of letter from NYSDOH regarding Catskill Water District No. 1 all 2021 sampling has been completed.

CONTINUINING BUSINESS:

Frances Sparks re: Summer Recreation Program. *Ms. Sparks informed the board the Community Center will no longer be running programs and is present tonight in hopes to find a solution for another entity to take over the Summer Recreation program. Jeff Friedman stated Catskill Wheelhouse has an interest but is concerned regarding the budget as they are not in the financial situation to cover the gap. The Community Center has created an endowment and will grant monies to organizations in the town and village who have programs with the same mission as was theirs. The goal is for the endowment to grow so the town benefits in perpetuity. They would like to work with the town to find a new operator for the program. Ms. Sparks stated the question is what is right for the program. After discussion, Ms. Sparks, Mr. Friedman and Councilwoman Scannapieco will approach the school as all felt the school running the program will be a good fit.*

Zoning Code Changes – *Mr. Hilscher presented the changes incorporated from the last discussion.*

Signs – Councilman Vosburgh and Giordiano have issue with limiting new signs and not allowing businesses to advertise and property owners to make extra money. Councilman McCulloch stated you cannot have new signs in residential areas. Mr. Hilscher stated signs in commercial need site plan review. The law will remain the same. No changes will be made.

Streets & Sidewalks – New private roads will be changed to 24 feet in length and 30 feet including shoulders. All were ok with. Councilman Vosburgh would like a sentence added clarifying grandfathered roads.

Solar Energy Systems – The change was 15 kilowatt. Supervisor Finch stated it is 20 kilowatt. Site plan review will be needed for 20 or greater for large or small ground mounted systems. If it is a roof, no site plan. A roof system will be no more than a foot off the roof and extend at peak of roof.

Short Term Rentals – Adjusted the date the permit expires. The board will need to establish the permit fees.

Zoning Law – Condos and Town Homes have been added to the table with definitions for. Same as multi-family dwellings. Town Home units are individually owned. Section 160.19, the table is yard and lot requirements. Town Homes are exempt from lot size and setbacks.

Councilman Vosburgh asked about mobile homes as the state is saying they are allowed anywhere. Mr. Hilscher stated manufactured homes have a fixed foundation and are treated as a one family house whereas mobile homes do not have a fixed foundation. Will review the definition in the code and change.

The board briefly discussed grinder pumps and who pays, easements needed and district extensions. This will be discussed March meeting.

Councilman Giordiano asked about dispensaries and where they will be located. Mr. Hilscher stated in the Highway Commercial and Industrial zones.

Mr. Hilscher stated the zoning map will be changed in Jefferson Heights to have the commercial zone extend and end at the liquor store.

Senior Center Awning Quotes – *Supervisor Finch stated three quotes were received, those being Awnings Direct $3,300 if no arch $2,300; Sausbier's $3,600 and 4th Generation $4,700. After discussion about the awning and the specifications changing, Supervisor Finch will get revised quotes from Sausbiers and 4th Generation to quote without the awning. Will be discussed at the next meeting.*

Central Garage Truck – Supervisor Finch is not in favor of buying a truck and adding two boxes. Will wait.

RFP Town Hall – Supervisor Finch will research a muni bid from the Town of Greece to help with the scope of work for the RVP.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nicholas Pray, a scout from HBO, came before the board regarding a film shoot at the Senior Center. There was discussion about the number of days needed, parking, the meals program, fee, and COVID safety protocols. Mr. Pray will send a draft agreement to the board and the Town Attorney. Dates are to be determined but need to be locked in. *Resolution # 13-2022 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh authoring use of the Robert C. Antonelli Senior Center for a film shoot by HBO Productions. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)*

With no further business a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Giordiano. Meeting ended 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk