

TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING-February 2, 2016

The Catskill Town Board held their monthly meeting, Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Catskill Town Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members were present:

Doreen Davis, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman
Also Attending, Michael Smith, Town Attorney

MINUTES:

Motion made by Councilman Antonelli, second by Councilman Vosburgh to approve the minutes of Work Session meeting January 4, 2016; Organization meeting January 5, 2016; Monthly meeting January 5, 2016; Department Head meeting January 7, 2016; and Committee meeting January 20, 2016, carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Annual Audit from Town of Catskill Justice Court

RESOLUTIONS

Res 17-2016 for Senior Citizen & Low Income/Disability Tax Exemptions with motion by Councilman Antonelli, second by Councilman Giordiano. Vote: Adopted 5-Yes

COUNTY RESOLUTIONS:

Res 44-16 Approving Reimbursement Community Colleges (Catskill \$0.00)
Res 46-16 Authorizing Obtaining & Furnishing of Election Related Materials & Services

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Homeland Security & Emergency Services stating the Pennsylvania Ave Bridge proposal is ineligible for funding for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Letter from New York Environmental Facilities Corp. regrettably informing the Town the Leeds Jefferson Heights Sewer Construction is ineligible for a NYS Water Grant based on the criteria in the Round 1 Grant Application Package.

Copy of letter sent to Shaun Groden, County Administrator, from DOS denying a grant for a Countywide Ambulance System.

Greene County Planning Board Meeting Notice

Postcard from NYSDEC regarding Arbor Day funding opportunity

Letter from Village of Catskill authorizing the Supervisor execute documents regarding the TOC Landfill Closure fund.

Letter from Town of New Paltz sent to NYSDEC Acting Commissioner regarding opposing co-lead agency status for the Pilgrim Pipeline Project.

Central Hudson correspondence regarding pipeline safety when excavation occurs and their Dig Safely program.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Delaware Engineering: Mary Beth Bianconi updated the board regarding the project. The last easement for the pump station has been redrafted and execution will be this week. The design has been changed to accommodate property concerns. The collection system contract is under review by Encon. Central Hudson will replace existing steel lines in Jefferson Heights but will not run new lines to Leeds as they say it is not economical.

An engineering amendment was given to the board to cover costs of easement work and final building costs and final design work for the board's review. The costs are already established in the budget.

The collections system easements we are working with the attorney as some people are very difficult to get in touch with.

We received the letter we did not qualify for the grant as we didn't meet the families in poverty and employment criteria. The roll out of the next phase will be earlier this year and we can reapply.

Ms. Bianconi stated she is meeting with the IDA regarding Central Hudson. She then answered a resident's question.

Supervisor Davis stated any additional questions can be directed to Travis at Delaware Engineering.

Supervisor Davis asked for a motion to schedule a public hearing for proposed local law for the sewer use law. *Resolution # 17-2016 with motion by Councilman Antonelli, second by Councilman McCulloch to schedule a public hearing for local law #1-2016 sewer use law for Wednesday, February 17th at 6:00 pm at Town Hall. Vote: Adopted 5-Yes*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Len Signoretti thanked Councilman Antonelli and outgoing Supervisor Leggio for personally sponsoring the Cub Scouts spaghetti dinner on November 7th. They raised \$965 and a portion of the proceeds sends the scouts to camp. Supervisor Davis stated she looks forward to working with the Cub Scouts in the near future.

Martina Merced approached the board regarding the ongoing issue in Palenville. The Town should step forward and do something. Property values have decreased, there are issues with their health though she is not sure it is related but there is concern. She has been forced to hire an attorney and it is the town's responsibility to make sure all residents are safe and she doesn't believe that is the case here.

Supervisor Davis stated she is aware each of you have obtained counsel and has been advised not to exchange comment.

Stella Martin stated she is concerned about the code of ethics for the Town of Catskill as the Greene County Highway Supervisor conducted a survey. She is putting the effort forth to protect her children and the wetlands and feels persecuted that she has code violations.

Mr. Smith stated this has been an ongoing controversy and counsel has been retained. The town has addressed the issues to this day. We have received correspondence from a law firm as to your representation. Since counsel has been retained all further communication will be addressed through counsel.

With no further comment Supervisor Davis asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss hiring in the finance office and posting for the senior center. No further business will occur. Motion made by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Vosburgh. Executive session began 7:25 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion ensued regarding account clerk positions. All were in favor of hiring 2 part time people in the Finance office with no benefits.

The position at the Senior Center will be posted after the Supervisor meets with the seniors.

With no further discussion, motion to exit executive session and end the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Giordiano and Vosburgh. Meeting ended 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk