

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall 6:30 pm

February 4, 2020

Present: Supervisor Dale Finch
Council - Jared Giordiano
Patrick McCulloch
Dawn Scannapieco
Paul Vosburgh

Supervisor Finch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. First order of business was the public hearing for Local Laws 1 and 2 of 2020 in which the clerk read the notice:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised there will be a Public Hearing held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:30 pm at Catskill Town Hall, 439-441 Main Street, Catskill, NY to hear public comment concerning Local Law 1 and 2 of 2020 increasing the Town of Catskill's Senior Citizen & Low Income Disabled Tax Exemption maximum limit sliding scale from \$28,500 to \$29,000 in accordance with Real Property Tax Law Section 459-c and Section 467. By Order of the Catskill Town Board, Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

Councilman McCulloch stated this follows the recommendation of the county. Supervisor Finch asked if there was further comment. With no comment the public hearing was closed at 6:32 pm on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Giordiano.

The regular meeting resumed.

MINUTES:

January 7, 2020	Organizational Meeting
	Monthly Town Board Meeting
January 15, 2020	Committee Meeting
January 24, 2020	Bid Opening #1-2020

Motion to accept Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Vosburgh; carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Notice of Public Hearing Eight Year and Annual Review of Agriculture District No. 124 from GC Economic Development. Scheduled for February 19th at 6:25 pm, 411 Main St.

NYSDOH Monitoring Notice Catskill Water District No. 1.

Email from Monica Kenny-Keff complaining of Shop & Find publications littering Jefferson Heights.

RESOLUTIONS:

4-2020 Adopt LL 1 & 2-2020 Senior Citizen Low Income Tax Exemption on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman Giordiano. Adopted Vote: 3 Ayes 2 Absent (Finch/Scannapieco)

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Carroll approached the board about a dog park at the Ricky Cramer Field. He believes it would be nice for families and would work on collecting donations for the installation. Supervisor Finch had a concern regarding the proximity of the dog park with the kids who use the space for ball games and the playground. Councilman Giordiano stated it is a good idea but wishes to check with our insurance company first.

Councilwoman Scannapieco entered meeting 6:44 pm.

Councilman Vosburgh believes the ballfield may not be the correct fit for the park. Supervisor Finch is concerned regarding drug paraphernalia and security. He stated the board will investigate and see if it is viable.

RESOLUTIONS:

3-2020 Third Supplemental Bond Resolution on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman Giordiano. Adopted Roll Call Vote: All in favor

5-2020 Change in Employment Status (Zmiyarch) on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Giordiano. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

6-2020 Change in Employment Status (Deleo) on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco second by Councilman Giordiano. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

7-2020 Renewal Services EAP on motion of Councilman McCulloch second Councilman Vosburgh. Adopted 5 Yes

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Awarding the bid for the VOC Wastewater Screen Project was postponed until the Department Head meeting as there was a discrepancy in the resolution submitted by Delaware Engineering.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman McCulloch spoke of the purchase of two large snow plows for the highway department. The large plows are needed for Mossy Hill Road and Vedder Mountain. The last payment on the current loan will be in March. He would like to bond \$450,000 over a seven year term for the purchase of the equipment. Councilman Giordiano would like a five year term. Councilman Vosburgh stated we can pay it off early and to remain with the seven year term. Liz is to contact Bond Counsel to start the process.

SUPERVISOR COMMENT:

Supervisor Finch stated Town Attorney Smith requested to attend the AOT meeting in February for continuing education. This was not budgeted. After discussion, *Resolution # 8-20 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco second by Councilman McCulloch authorizing the registration expense for continuing education. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

DEPARTMENTS:

George June Ambulance Administrator stated he has been approached to move into a director's role as EMS Chief for the NYS Fire District Association. There are bimonthly board meetings on Friday and he is asking the board to not have to use his time to attend these meetings. Supervisor Finch stated when he knows more, to email the board and it will be discussed further.

Supervisor Finch asked if there was any further comment. Councilman Giordiano broached the subject of enacting a local law so town elected officials cannot hold any other elected office. Councilman Vosburgh stated there is an issue filling seats. Supervisor Finch stated there is a difference between compatible and no compatible positions. We should seek legal counsel to see if we can impose.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilwoman Scannapieco. Meeting ended 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk