

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
February 5, 2008 6:30 pm

Attendance: Supervisor, Peter Markou
Councilman, Robert Antonelli
Councilman, Lewis O'Connor
Councilman, Patrick Walsh
Councilman, Michael Smith
Clerk, Elizabeth Izzo

Supervisor Markou opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Markou reviewed the minutes:

01/02/2008	Re-Organizational Meeting Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0
01/02/2008	Public Hearing #1-2008 Junk D'Angelo Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman O'Connor Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0
01/02/2008	Monthly Town Board Meeting Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0
01/16/2008	Public Hearing #2-2008-JUNK Frelich/Lucas Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Smith Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0
01/16/2008	Public Hearing #3-2008-JUNK Thorpe/John's Grocery Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Smith Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0
01/16/2008	Public Hearing #4-2008-Joint T/V Comp Plan Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Smith Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

01/16/2008 Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
 Motion Councilman Antonelli
 Second Councilman Smith & O'Connor
 Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

01/17/2008 Special Meeting #1-2008-Invitation to Bid Ambulance
 Motion Councilman Antonelli
 Second Councilman Walsh
 Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent

01/30/2008 Bid Opening #1-2008 New Ambulance
 Motion Councilman Antonelli
 Second Councilman Smith & O'Connor
 Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Supervisor Markou reviewed the Resolutions:

RESOLUTION # 17-2008

2007 GENERAL FUND A
 BUDGET TRANSFERS
 FOR YEAR END

Councilman, Robert Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the following budget transfers for 2007 need to be made to the following accounts, and

GENERAL A FUND

A1315.1	Comptroller PS	\$ 591.00
A1315.11	Comptroller Clerk	\$ 657.00
A1315.4	Comptroller Cont.	\$ 372.00
A1330.1	Tax Collector PS	\$ 0.02
A1330.4	Tax Collector Cont	\$ 140.00
A1355.1	Assessor PS	\$ 923.00
A1355.11	Assessor Clerk	\$ 744.00
A1620.5	Town Hall Reno	\$23,159.00
A4540.4	Ambulance Cont.	\$29,159.00
A4540.44	Ambulance Billing	\$ 6,009.00
A5010.4	Hwy Super PS	\$ 0.08
A6772.1	Senior Center Dir. PS	\$ 1,379.00
A6772.11	Sen. Ctr. Employees PS	\$ 529.00
A772.4	Program for Aging	\$ 709.00
A7550.4	Celebrations	\$ 1,944.00
A8160.4	Landfill Cont	\$ 2,746.00
A8810.11	Cemetery Workers PS	<u>\$11,580.00</u>

Total Transfer \$80,641.10

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the following transfers from the following accounts:

GENERAL A FUND

A4540.35	Ambulance EMS	\$78,755.00
A7510.4	Historian	<u>\$ 1,885.10</u>
Total Transfer		\$80,641.18

Councilmen, O'Connor and Walsh, seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION # 18-2008

2007 GENERAL FUND B
BUDGET TRANSFERS
FOR YEAR END

Councilman, Robert Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the following budget transfers for 2007 need to be made to the following accounts, so

B FUND

B8020.1	Code Enf PS	\$ 1,597.00
B8020.12	Code Enf Asst Off PS	\$ 3,475.00
B8020.1	Code Enf Clerk PS	\$ 1,505.00
B8010.4	Zon/Plan Cont	\$13,775.00
B9030.8	Social Security	<u>\$ 1,032.00</u>

Total \$21,384.00

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the following transfers from the following account:

B FUND

B7310.1	Youth Prog PS	\$ 714.00
B3650.4	Demo of Unsafe Bldg	\$ 4,791.00
B8020.44	Engineering Code	\$ 5,000.00
B8020.4	Code Enf Cont	\$ 1,472.78
B8010.4	Zoning Clerk	\$ 970.00

B9010.8	State Retirement	\$ 788.00
PB Escrow Accts		<u>\$ 7,648.22</u>
Total		<u>\$21,384.00</u>

Councilman, Patrick Walsh, seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 19-2008

2007 DB FUND
BUDGET TRANSFERS
FOR YEAR END

Councilman, Robert Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the following budget transfers for 2007 need to be made to the following accounts, so

DB FUND

DB 5130.1	Mechanic PS	\$2,355.00
DB 5142.1.65	Foreman PS	<u>\$ 194.00</u>
Total		\$2,549.00

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the following transfers from the following accounts:

DB FUND

DB 5130.4	Mechanic Cont	\$2,355.00
DB 5142.4	Snow Removal Cont	<u>\$ 194.00</u>
Total		\$2,549.00

Councilman, Lewis O' Connor, seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0.

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 20-2008

BUDGET AMENDMENT
FOR DB FUND

Councilman, Robert Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the following budget transfers for 2007 need to be made to the following accounts, so

<u>DB FUND</u>	<u>Increase</u>
DB 5112.2 Chips	\$21,137.63
Total	\$21,173.63

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the following transfers from the following account:

<u>DB FUND</u>		
DB 3501	State Aid-Chips	\$21,137.63
Total		\$21,137.63

Councilman, Lewis O'Connor, seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0, Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION # 21-2008

REQUESTING NEW YORK
STATE RESCIND ITS POSITION
REGARDING CLOSURE OF THE
HUDSON CORRECTIONAL
FACILITY

Councilmen, Antonelli and O'Connor, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board has been advised that it is the intention of New York State Department of Correctional Services to close the Hudson Correctional Facility, located in the City of Hudson, Columbia County, New York, and

WHEREAS, the Hudson Correctional Facility employs approximately 270 individuals, with an estimated annual payroll of nearly \$13 million, said employees living and contributing to the local economy of both Columbia and Greene Counties, and

WHEREAS, the Hudson Correctional Facility and its employees provide valuable community support, labor, and services to both the Town of Catskill and the County of Greene, and

WHEREAS, the closing of the facility, the resultant loss of local jobs and loss of local business support and patronage is anticipated by the Board to have a drastic effect on the

local economy of both Columbia and Greene Counties, the City of Hudson, and the Town of Catskill, and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Town Board that such a closure and the related impacts should be more thoroughly analyzed prior to taking any action with such a potentially large detrimental community effect, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board recognize the importance of the Hudson Correctional Facility to local jobs, businesses, and the overall community, finding that a closure of the facility will have a detrimental impact upon the local community and economy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that based upon the foregoing, the Catskill Town Board does hereby support the City of Hudson and the Columbia County Board of Supervisors in its opposition to the proposed closure, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Catskill Town Board does hereby request that the Governor and Commissioner of the NYS Department of Correctional Services rescind the decision based on the financial and community impacts of said proposed closure of the Hudson Correctional Facility on the residents of the Village of Catskill and County of Greene, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the New York State Commissioner of Correction Services, Governor Eliot Spitzer, Senator Stephen M. Soland, Senator Michael F. Nozzolio, Senator James Seward, Assemblyman Jeffrion L. Aubry, Assemblyman Tim Gordon, Assemblyman Marcus Molinaro, Assemblyman Peter Lopez, and Chairman of the Greene County Legislature Wayne Speenburgh.

Councilman, Patrick Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0.

Motion Carried.

The above is a true and exact copy of a resolution passed by the Catskill Town Board at a regular meeting on February 5, 2008.

Elizabeth C. Izzo
Catskill Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 22-2008

SEQRA DETERMINATION AND
APPROVAL JOINT
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Councilman, Robert Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Joint Comprehensive Plan Committee has delivered to the Town of Catskill Town Board ("Town Board") the proposed Joint Comprehensive Plan for review and adoption; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the proposed Joint Comprehensive Plan, the Town Board has determined that the subdivision approval required is subject to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (ECL, Article 8) and its implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617) (collectively, "SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has completed a Long Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has compared the application to the thresholds for classifying this action as set forth in 6 NYCRR §§ 617.4 and 617.5, and determined that the project constitutes a Type I action under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, as the agency responsible for adopting the Comprehensive Plan, established itself as the lead agency for purposes of this SEQRA review; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2008, the Town Board completed the Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board carefully considered the environmental impacts associated with this action, including reviewing and evaluating the EAF and the criteria for determining significance contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c) and has set forth its determination of significance in a written reasoned elaboration, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the project will have no significant adverse environmental impacts, and accordingly has decided to issue a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance under SEQRA; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Town Board certifies that the requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 617 have been met.
2. The Town Board hereby declares and adopts the written Negative Declaration annexed hereto.
3. Based upon the Negative Declaration, the Town Board hereby declares that the Joint Comprehensive Plan will have no significant adverse environmental impact, and hereby issues a Negative Declaration under SEQRA, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to:

1. place on file the Negative Declaration (copy attached) and a copy of this resolution;

2. mail copies of the Negative Declaration (copy attached) and this resolution to the SEQRA involved agencies, if any;
3. make the Negative Declaration and a copy of this resolution available for inspection and copying by the public; and
4. publish notice of the Negative Declaration in the Environmental Notice Bulletin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilman, Lewis O'Connor, seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0. Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman O'Connor,	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Walsh,	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Antonelli,	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Smith,	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Markou,	<u>Aye</u>

RESOLUTION # 23-2008

ADOPTION OF JOINT
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Councilman, Robert Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Catskill entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for the purposes of creating a Joint Comprehensive Plan Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Comprehensive Plan Committee, with the assistance of Saratoga Associates, solicited local input for the purposes of creating a Joint Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Comprehensive Plan Committee has delivered to the Town of Catskill Town Board ("Town Board") the proposed Joint Comprehensive Plan for review and adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the proposed Joint Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2007, the Town Board declared itself as the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR 617, et. seq., as the agency responsible for adopting Comprehensive Plans in the Town of Catskill; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Joint Comprehensive Plan constitutes a Type I action under SEQRA and the Town Board has since determined that the adoption of the Joint Comprehensive Plan will have no significant adverse environmental impacts and, accordingly, issued a Negative Declaration under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Greene County Planning Board has reviewed and commented on the proposed Comprehensive Plan in accordance with Section 239-m of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2007 the Town Board contemporaneously scheduled a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007 the public hearing was held; and

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2008 the Town Board contemporaneously scheduled a second public hearing; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2008 the second public hearing was closed and the Town Board has since reviewed and considered the written and oral comments received;

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill cooperated in the creation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan with the Village of Catskill because each municipality recognizes that working together makes it easier to achieve the goals of both; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this Joint Comprehensive Plan does not give the Town of Catskill jurisdiction in the Village of Catskill; and

WHEREAS, each municipality is responsible for adopting the Joint Comprehensive Plan within its own municipality and implementing its own recommendations; and

WHEREAS, any joint recommendations need not be completed simultaneously, though both municipalities recognize that these joint recommendations are excellent avenues for encouraging greater cooperation between the Town and the Village, so

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town Board adopts the Joint Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Catskill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to:

1. file a true copy of this resolution within no more than five (5) days hereof;
2. file a report of the action taken by the Town Board with the Greene County Planning Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilmen Smith and Walsh, seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0.

Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman O'Connor Aye

Councilman Walsh Aye

Supervisor Markou Aye

Councilman Antonelli Aye

Councilman Smith Aye

RESOLUTION #24-2008

AWARD BID FOR NEW
AMBULANCE

Councilman, Robert Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board has received one (1) bid for the purchase of a new ambulance for the Town of Catskill Ambulance Service, and

WHEREAS, the one (1) bid has been reviewed by the Town Ambulance Administrator and the Town Attorney, so

1. North East Rescue Vehicles \$86,190.00

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby award the contract to North East Rescue Vehicles in the amount of \$86,190.00 as they have met all the bid specifications that were required by the Town.

Councilman, Lewis O'Connor, seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION # 25-2008

AMEND LOCAL LAW TO
INCREASE AMOUNT OF
INCOME FOR SENIOR CITIZEN
TAX EXEMPTION

Councilman, Robert Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board held a public hearing on February 5, 2008 at 6:00 pm to hear public comment on increasing the Town of Catskill's Senior Citizen Income Exemption pursuant with Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over, who are owners of Real Property shall be exempt from Town taxes to the extent of fifty (50) percent of Assessed valuation, and

WHEREAS, if said owners fulfill certain qualifications, including a limited income, which does not exceed an amount filed by this Board, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board, resolve that the income of the owner, or the combined income of the owners of Real property who are sixty-five (65) years of age or over must not exceed \$18,500, and

RESOLVED, that the “sliding scale” provision of Real Property Tax Law Section 467, paragraph 1 (b) (1) shall remain in effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that at the same public hearing, the proposition of whether or not the Town should adopt the provisions of Real Property Tax Law, Section 467, paragraph 1 (b) (2) and 1 (b) (3), which is known as the “sliding scale” option be and hereby are adopted regarding senior citizen tax exemptions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this income amount shall be effective for the assessment rolls based on the taxable status date March 1, 2008 and after.

Councilman, Lewis O'Connor, seconded this motion..

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0.

Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Markou	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman O'Connor	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Walsh	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Antonelli	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Smith	<u>Aye</u>

TOWN OF CATSKILL LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZEN & LOW INCOME DISABILITY EXEMPTIONS FOR 2008

MAXIMUM INCOME LIMIT	\$18,500.00	50%
	\$18,500.00	\$19,499.99 45%
	\$19,500.00	\$20,499.99 40%
	\$20,500.00	\$21,499.99 35%
	\$21,500.00	\$22,399.99 30%
	\$22,400.00	\$23,299.99 25%
	\$23,300.00	\$24,199.99 20%
	\$24,200.00	\$25,099.99 15%
	\$25,100.00	\$25,999.99 10%
	\$26,000.00	\$26,899.99 5%

RESOLUTION # 26-2008

AMEND LOCAL LAW TO
PROVIDE EXEMPTION FOR
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
AND LIMITED INCOME

Councilman, Robert Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 459-c of the Real Property Law, an exemption can be granted to qualifying persons with disabilities and limited income; and

WHEREAS, each Town must authorize the exemption and set the maximum income limits; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board, resolve that the “Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes” be and is hereby authorized for qualifying persons within the Town of Catskill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the maximum income limit for the 50% exemption be \$18,500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the provisions of Real Property Tax Law Section 459-c, paragraph 1 (b), which is known as the “sliding scale” option, be and hereby adopted regarding this exemption.

Councilman Robert Smith, seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION # 27-2008

TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW # 3-2008
EXEMPTION OF “COLD WAR”
VETERAN’S

Councilman Lewis O’Connor, , presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board proposed a local law to provide for “Cold War” Veteran’s Property Tax Exemption, and

WHEREAS, this exemption is permitted under Section 458 (B) of the Real Property Tax Law, and

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board held a public hearing # 6-2008 on February 5, 2008 at Catskill Town Hall to hear comments and concerns regarding proposed Local Law #3-2008, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby adopt Local Law #3-2008, establishing "Cold War" Veterans Property Tax Exemptions, and

WE FURTHER RESOLVE, that any such real property tax exemption will apply on assessment rolls completed, based on the taxable status date of March 1, 2008 and after.

Councilman, Robert Antonelli, seconded this motion.

Aye 5, Nays 0, Absent 0.

Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman O'Connor	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Walsh	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Markou	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Antonelli	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Smith	<u>Aye</u>

RESOLUTION # 28-2008

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT
AMBULANCE SUPERVISOR

Councilman, Robert Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the position of Ambulance Supervisor for the Town of Catskill is a full-time competitive Civil Service position, and

WHEREAS, Mary Kathleen Seyfarth has successfully passed the required Civil Service Test effective January 24, 2008, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board does hereby appoint Mary Kathleen Seyfarth to the position of Ambulance Supervisor for the Town of Catskill Ambulance Service effective January 24, 2008.

Councilman, Lewis O'Connor, seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0.

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Markou reviewed the County Resolution:

Resolution # 41-08	Approving Reimbursement to Community College (Catskill's share \$1,146.00)
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Supervisor Markou spoke about the EMS Contract and asked that the Board allow him to sign the contract. The amount is \$119,086. The Contract period is for January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009.

A motion was made to have the Supervisor sign the contract but after discussion from Councilman O'Connor, who was to second the resolution on the table, he withdrew because he wanted to know what our share was and the County's share was. Matt stated that the County pays two thirds of the cost. Councilman Walsh questioned if it is a one year or two year contract. Councilman O'Connor stated that that amount is for this year but wondered if next year's share would be the same amount since it is a two year contract.

RESOLUTION # 29-2008

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN
OF CATSKILL AND GREENE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF THE AGING

Councilman Robert Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill wishes to enter into an agreement with the Greene County Department of the Aging, January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 to assist the Senior Citizens of Greene County in hosting community-centered events and Home Bound Meals program at the Washington Irving Senior Center, and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the relationship created by this agreement shall be of independent contractor and contractee, and

WHEREAS, the Greene County Department of the Aging will pay rent in the sum of \$1,300.00 per month for the use of the facilities in 2008, and

WHEREAS, each signatory to the agreement understands the terms outlined and agrees to execute their responsibilities, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the aforementioned agreement with the Greene County Department of the Aging.

Councilman Lewis O'Connor, seconded this motion

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Supervisor Markou asked the Catskill Community Center to present their year end report.

Rich Ahlberg presented the Board with their report. He gave a brief overview of their agenda. He stated their major objectives for 2007.

He reviewed their 2007 budget and their 2008 budget. They will be trying to hire an executive director to ease the burden on the members of the Board as they have full time jobs and the Community Center is growing.

He reviewed their revenue for 2007 and the proposed revenue for 2008. The group is very optimistic about 2008 in pursuing grants because the Town Board has backed the Community Center and it is easier to pursue grants with support. They have contracted with a grant writer to improve the process.

Hudson Talbott reviewed their marketing program. In general, groups are using the Community Center for sign-ups, education programs, etc. They have established a “nerve center”.

Rich Ahlberg touched upon the Summer Recreation Proposal. The full proposal will be presented to the Board on the 20th. He verified that the Town is looking to establish a single point of contact, leveraging funds for grants and best practices, and to establish sustainable programs for the youth.

Councilman Antonelli stated that having all youth services going through the Community Center will help them receive the funding, i.e., grants, that they will need. The Community Center would still be accountable to the Board. Councilman Antonelli spoke with our grant writer, Steve Kirk, to see if the Town and Village can apply for a grant for the Community Center to aid in construction etc. Councilman Antonelli also stated that eventually the money given to the Center will need to cease, but not before they can sustain themselves.

Councilman O’Connor re-iterated that the Board is asking the Community Center to administer the Summer Recreation program. The money is in the Town’s budget every year, but the money should be spent on the Recreation program only.

Councilman Antonelli stated that a contract will be drawn up. Councilman Smith stated that it is a sound process to centralize the Recreation programs but stated that the danger is in the details. This is the first venture and tolerance will be required. For it to be successful, a careful analysis will need to be done on both sides.

Rich Ahlberg stated that the Community Center is doing a thorough analysis and has a 10-12 page due diligence document. They will be meeting with the Recreation Commission on Monday, February 11, 2008 and the Town Board on February 20th.

Larry Federman stated that the Recreation Commission is working collaboratively with the Community Center. What the Recreation Commission is concerned about is that the Summer Recreation Program run at the same quality that it has been.

Supervisor Markou stated that Judge Margolius has appointed Jean Close as Court clerk for a 2 year term commencing January 1, 2008.

He also stated that he had the end of year Town Court financial report. Last year’s total of fines and fees is \$777,199.50 and the Town’s share is \$393,886.

Gary Kisting, Vice President of the Heart of Catskill Association, approached the Board and thanked them for their continuing support and introduced the business directory that was recently mailed.

Supervisor Markou reviewed the Correspondence and monthly reports:

Letter from Mid-Hudson Cable with an update on cable service and channel offerings.

Letter from Rockland Community College with regards to the Third Annual Hudson Valley Regional Economic Summit on March 18, 2008. The strategies to be focused on this year will Transportation in the region. Representatives from the MTA, NYS Thruway Authority, Port Authority and NYS & United States Department of Transportation have been invited to attend.

Letter from Kay Stamer the Executive Director of the Greene County Council on the Arts enclosing the Audited Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007, and the Balance sheet for Profit & Loss for the 2nd. Quarter ending December 31, 2007.

Letter from Time Warner Cable with the addition of two new channels.

Letter from Time Warner Cable regarding channel drops.

Supervisor Markou asked the Board if there was anything they wanted to share. Councilman O'Connor stated the Ambulance building is now occupied and questioned when, or if, an open house will be scheduled.

Supervisor Markou opened the meeting to public comment. Barbara Buono, a resident of LaCorte road approached the Board regarding signage. LaCorte road is a private road off of Paradise Lake Road which is off of Bethel Ridge Road. After discussion, it was decided that Ms. Buono needs to contact the Highway Superintendent to have a sign ordered to be added to the Bethel Ridge/Paradise Lake Road sign so people will know how to access LaCorte Road since the entrance to LaCourte Road off of Cairo Junction Road is blocked.

Officer Wallace Keller thanked the Board for passing a resolution stating their opinion on the Hudson Correctional Facility closure.

Lynn Zwickel, Recreation commission member, urged the Board to proceed with caution regarding the Community Center overseeing the Summer Recreation program. She wants to maintain the quality of the program and thought the idea of the Summer Recreation program being run through the Community Center would have been a slower process than what seems to be.

She also approached the Board regarding the removal of trees in the Town of Catskill Cemetery. The Board stated that once the weather has turned, the stumps of the trees will be removed and the trees will be replaced and/or a fence will be erected.

Chris Sutherland approached the Board regarding his neighbor's property, Vincent Granatella. He has spoken with the Code Enforcement Officer in the past regarding possible code violations on this property. He believes he is bringing "stuff" up from the City and dumping it on his property in these large drums. Councilman Antonelli stated he will speak with the Code Enforcement Officer.

Barbara Erceg voiced her concerns regarding the Summer Recreation and the Community Center rumors she has heard. She wanted the Board to know just how important the program is to the children of our community and how much it has grown over the years.

A gentleman approached the Board regarding the noise ordinance. Councilman Smith stated he is concerned about neighbor quality of life and that there is a noise ordinance in place. He stated the current ordinance will be investigated and an analysis will be done. He stated he also will address enforcement of the law. A presentation will be made but that it will require a public hearing. Supervisor Markou stated that he has spoken with the Sheriff Department about enforcement and when they go 24/7, it will be enforced.

Dan Howard, Planning Board Chair, thanked the Board for adopting the Comprehensive Plan. As an aside, he is also a neighbor of the gentlemen Chris Sutherland is referring to, and stated that the Code Enforcement Office can use his property if needed. He stated that the property is a mess.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilman O'Connor and seconded by Councilman Walsh. Meeting ended at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

