

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
February 7, 2023 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Dale Finch, Supervisor
 Jared Giordiano, Councilman
 Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
 Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman

Also Attending: Ted Hilscher, Town Attorney

Supervisor Finch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

January 3, 2023 Organizational Meeting
 Monthly Board Meeting

January 18, 2023 Committee Meeting

Motion: Councilman Giordiano Second: Councilman McCulloch; carried.

Councilwoman Scannapieco entered meeting 6:32 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NYSDOH monitoring report Catskill Water District No. 1

NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets Shelter Inspection reports for Dec. 2022, Jan 2023
and Dog Control Inspection Report Jan 2023. All satisfactory.

Pest Control quote – pump stations. *Supervisor Finch stated there are a few issues. He would like to try other remedies before signing a contract with professionals. Councilmen McCulloch and Giordiano would like to contract with professionals. After discussion, it was decided to try natural remedies as we are half way through winter and if it doesn't work, will hire out. All were ok with this.*

Central Hudson meter testing for location in the town: 791 Route 23B and 439 Main St and line clearance letters for locations 23A; Old Kings Rd.; 360 Tool House Rd., Palenville Lgtg Dist; 82 W Bridge, 439 Main St.

Email from Charles Gadol regarding Manitou's Revenge Ultramarathon taking place June 24, 2023.

Email from Elliott Matos regarding proposed Clean Slate resolution. *Councilman McCulloch stated he received a phone call from Elliott and asked if we would like a professional lawyer come and talk to the board about it. Councilwoman Scannapieco stated she is good with it would help other people understand it. Councilman McCulloch stated we will have them at the meeting on the 15th.*

County Resolution No. 410-22 As amended, SEQRA declaration and approving recommendations for including land into Agricultural District No. 124

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Appointment to fill FT Paramedic position and PT EMT per recommendation of George June. *Supervisor Finch discussed George's memo. Resolution # 10 and 11-2023 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco second by Councilman Giordiano to change the employment status of Justin Ball from PT Paramedic to FT Paramedic effective February 26, 2023 and to hire Nicholas Teslenko as PT EMT effective February 7, 2023. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Vosburgh)*

NEW BUSINESS:

Recreational Development Plan – Ted Hilscher, Town Attorney, stated the issue came up with Planning Board ("PB") and the provisions in town law for a subdivision to set aside land for recreational purposes or if not land, the PB can require a payment to a town recreational fund, which we do not currently have. The law, section 277, requires the town identify a need for recreational plan and then the PB can make a finding. If the resolution is adopted it does not mean every subdivision would have this condition. Mr. Hilscher has reviewed the town's comprehensive plan and parks are identified in the plan.

Councilman Giordiano stated it is important to get this set up. Supervisor Finch stated we need to offer something for everyone, for example a dog park with a track around it. Councilman McCulloch agreed it is a great idea to implement.

Resolution # 12-2023 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco second by Councilman Giordiano to adopt the Recreational Development Plan. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Vosburgh)

Road Name Application – this is a private road in an old subdivision. *Resolution # 13-2023 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilwoman Scannapieco approving the name Old Underhill Road as a private road in the Town of Catskill. Adopted Vote: 3 Yes 2 Absent (Giordiano/Vosburgh)*

ARPA funding – this amount is for fiber internet installation. *Resolution # 14-2023 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilwoman Scannapieco to use \$449.72 of ARPA funds for fiber internet for town hall. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Vosburgh)*

EAP Renewal Agreement – the renewal agreement is for employee assistance programs as needed. *Resolution # 15-2023 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilwoman Scannapieco authorizing the Supervisor sign the renewal agreement with EAP Services of the Mid-Hudson Valley. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Vosburgh)*

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Supervisor Finch stated there may be a business out of Kingston who will add fiber in the Town of Catskill.

He asked if the board had any comments.

The proposed local law for the volunteer fire tax exemption was discussed. Supervisor Finch stated we need some clarification on some items. Ted will talk with Audre Higbee. Councilman McCulloch stated the residency is a big issue. Supervisor Finch stated anything to help recruitment and retention and recognition of service is good.

He asked if there were any other concerns. With none being heard he asked for a motion to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations. The Town Attorney was included. Motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilwoman Scannapieco to enter executive session. No business will be discussed at the end of the executive session. The executive session began at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk