

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
February 8, 2011 10:00 am

Attendance: Pat Walsh, Acting Supervisor
Michael Smith, Councilman
Kevin Lennon, Councilman
Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

Absent: Robert Antonelli, Councilman

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

The following minutes were accepted:

1/04/2011 Re-Organizational Meeting of 2011
Motion Councilman Smith
Second Councilman Lennon
Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Antonelli)

1/04/2011 Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Motion Councilman Smith
Second Councilman Lennon
Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Antonelli)

1/12/2011 Bid Opening #1 of 2011
Motion Councilman Smith
Second Councilman Lennon
Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Antonelli)

1/19/2010 Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Motion Councilman Smith
Second Councilman Lennon
Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Antonelli)

The following resolution was reviewed:

RESOLUTION # 11-2011 ASSESSMENT SETTLEMENT LEHIGH
NORTHEAST CEMENT COMPANY

Councilman Smith presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Lehigh Northeast Cement Company and the Town of Catskill are desirous of having certain assessment issues resolved as to property owned by Lehigh Northeast Cement Company in the Town of Catskill; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal resolving pending tax certiorari litigation was recommended by Daniel G. Vincelette, trial counsel to the Town of Catskill, and reviewed by the Catskill Town Board at its regular monthly meeting; and

WHEREAS, such a proposed settlement would present the parties with an expeditious and economic alternative to further litigation so as to resolve issues between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the proposed settlement is in the best interests of the Town; so

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby accept a proposed settlement for the 2010 tax certiorari proceeding filed by Lehigh Northeast Cement Company in which the proceeding shall be discontinued and the 2010 assessed values of the subject property shall remain fixed as follows without costs or refunds as to either party against the other:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Parcel No.</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
2010	213.00-2-3	18,758,800

and it is further

RESOLVED that the assessed values for the subject properties for the 2011, 2012 and 2013 final assessment roll be reduced as follows:

<u>Parcel No.</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
213.00-2-3	12,079,600	(6,499,200)

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt this resolution to end the litigation between Lehigh Northeast Cement Company and the Town of Catskill as to the above referenced assessment.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Antonelli) Motion Carried

Roll Call Vote:	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Acting Supervisor Walsh	x	
Councilman Smith	x	
Councilman Lennon	x	

RESOLUTION # 12-2011

APPOINTMENT PART TIME EMT
TOWN OF CATSKILL AMBULANCE

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board has authorized the filling of a part-time EMT for the Town of Catskill Ambulance Service; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Leibowitz, Ambulance Administrator, has recommended that Jonathan Walsh be appointed to said position; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Walsh meets the minimum qualifications established for said position; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board appoints Jonathan Walsh to the position of EMT effective February 9, 2011. The rate of pay shall be \$13.39 per hour and said appointment shall be subject to a probationary period of twenty-six weeks.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0 Absent 1 (Antonelli) Motion Carried

Acting Supervisor Walsh reviewed the County resolutions.

Acting Supervisor moved on to new business.

Linda Gentalen and Melissa Gavilanes of the Thomas Cole House spoke to the board regarding such. They opened in 2001 and will be celebrating their 10th anniversary this year. They have about 10,000 visitors annually. They are open May to October. They are preserving the whole site which is 4 acres. They are preserving the site from when Thomas Cole lived there. They have received funding from the National Park Service in 2010.

In regards to the construction of the wall and preservation of the site, they stated they are using local stone, local trees and local supplies. They are trying to use local people/businesses. They do not want the Town to believe that they do not use local resources.

They are reusing stone that was found buried at the site. They are also referencing photos taken from that time period. They stated the wall and fence is a beautiful addition to their site and they hope it will catch people's eyes. They are looking forward to a very busy season.

Paulette Barlette from Fraser, Weston & Sampson approached the Board. She wanted to introduce herself to the new members of the board. She stated her company (Fraser) merged with Weston & Sampson, a firm from Massachusetts. She stated she has been

working with the Town of Catskill for the last 10 years even though the activity in the Town has been dormant recently. Their firm was involved in the proposed Leeds sewer project.

She wanted to state with the merger, their firm now offers more services such as environmental, hazardous waste, landscape architectural division. They have more acute infrastructure development professionals on their staff. She stated they have a real interest in the Town of Catskill and they are ready and available to help us.

Acting Supervisor Walsh reviewed correspondence. There is an email from James Smith regarding highway/snow plows. He spoke with Alfie Beers, Highway Superintendent and he says it is a County road. Councilman Lennon stated he spoke with him too. He said we should send him a response to contact the Greene County Highway Department.

Councilman Lennon stated he reached out to the Town of Athens regarding the ambulance contract. He is awaiting a return phone call. He spoke with the Supervisor and they are looking for additional information.

He stated he has a meeting scheduled with Matt regarding the ambulance building and will advise all after that meeting.

Councilman Smith asked the time clocks were installed in the ambulance department yet. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated that will be postponed until Sandy returns from vacation. Councilman Lennon would like to have the hardware installed and wait to implement the program until Sandy returns from vacation.

Acting Supervisor next spoke about the memorandum of understanding from the IDA regarding a county wide water study. There is no commitment from the Town in regards to participation.

RESOLUTION # 12-2011

SUPPORT OF GREENE COUNTY
WATER STUDY

Councilman Smith presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Greene County Industrial Development Agency (“IDA”) has requested the Town of Catskill to participate in a study that will examine the issue of public water needs within the towns and villages of Greene County. This feasibility study will determine where opportunities to improve the efficiency of water service are within the County; and

WHEREAS, this study is premised on the successful grant application to the New York State Department of State. The New York State Department of State requires that the IDA demonstrate by Memorandum of Understanding that Towns and Villages have an interest in this study; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill is agreeing only to participate in this study to examine the need and viability of a county-wide water district or agency. This resolution does not obligate the Town of Catskill to participate in the potential results of the study; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board, hereby agree to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to conduct a feasibility study regarding the formation of a county-wide water district or agency and authorize the Acting Supervisor to sign such Memorandum.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Antonelli)

Motion Carried

Councilman Lennon would like to address the issue taking over the sewer pipe from the hospital down to the Village that the County owns and establish a sewer district. Acting Supervisor Walsh said the only way to do this is to get Leeds, who is mandated for sewer, to be involved. He stated Jefferson Heights is not mandated and the people who live in Jefferson have voted against a sewer district before.

Councilman Lennon wants to know if we can extend the sewer pipe through Jefferson to Leeds and not have the people in Jefferson hook into it. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated the first part is the income survey to see if we can qualify for the grant. We are short of the number we need. He is going door to door with Candace to see if they can get some more. Councilman Smith offered his services for such.

Councilman Lennon spoke about the bids for the leaf blower. He stated one meets the criteria.

RESOLUTION # 14-2011

AWARD BID LEAF BLOWER FOR
TOWN OF CATSKILL HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board advertised for bids for a leaf blower for the Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, two bids were received:

1. Loughberry Mfg. Corp.
Saratoga Springs, NY

Tarco Windy 100 Leaf Loader

\$17,803.00

2. Keil Equipment Company, Inc.
Hudson, NY

2011 ODB Vacuum Leaf model LCT650 \$21,499.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill Highway Superintendent reviewed said bids and found the bid from Keil Equipment Company met bid specifications and recommends awarding the bid to said company; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby award the bid to Keil Equipment Company in the amount not to exceed \$21,499.00.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0 Absent 1 (Antonelli) Motion Carried

With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Lennon. Meeting ended 10:59 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk