

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
March 1, 2011 6:31 pm

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

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

The following minutes were reviewed:

2/08/2011	Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
	Motion Councilman Antonelli
	Second Councilman Smith
	Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 0

2/16/2010	Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
	Motion Councilman Antonelli
	Second Councilman Smith & Lennon
	Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 0

The following resolutions were reviewed:

RESOLUTION # 18-2011	A-FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT
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Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, a budget amendment needs to be made for the 2011 tax assessment certiorari fees revenue received from the Catskill Central School District, as follows:

Increase Revenue	A2770.1	Unclassified Revenue \$17,426.88
Increase Expend.	A1355.41	Appraisal Consultants \$17,426.88; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the budget amendment.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #19-2011

JUSTICE COURT EXAM

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Acting Town Supervisor and the Town Comptroller have examined the Town of Catskill Justice Court records and dockets for the year ending December 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, this examination was performed with the guidelines set forth by the New York State Comptroller; and

WHEREAS, this examination indicated that the court records and dockets were maintained within those guidelines; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board acknowledge that the Town Supervisor and Town Comptroller have completed the required examination of the Town of Catskill Justice Court records for the year ending December 31, 2010.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 20-2011

NAMING A PRIVATE ROAD-
ACORN DRIVE

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Charles Quinn has applied to the Greene County Department of Emergency Services for a private road name; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Quinn has requested this private road be name "Acorn Drive"; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill Highway Superintendent has reviewed this request and finds the name Acorn Drive to be acceptable; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve this private road be named Acorn Drive, located off Pennsylvania Avenue.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 0

Motion Carried

The following county resolutions were reviewed:

Res 78-11 Approving Reimbursement to Comm Colleges
(Catskill's share \$398.63)

Res 79-11 Approving Apportionment of Dog License Monies
(Catskill's share \$216.58)

Acting Supervisor Walsh spoke about our accounting firm, Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci perform an external audit of the Town Clerk, Receiver of Tax, and Justice offices. This is on their recommendation as the State is looking for audits completed because of the high incidence of embezzlements throughout the State. These are required.

Councilman Smith asked the cost. AC Walsh stated it will be between \$1,500 and \$2,500 for the first year. After that it should be about \$1,000.

Councilman Antonelli stated we have no choice and we should have it done. It also protects the Supervisor as he is the Chief Fiscal Officer for the Town. Councilman Smith stated we have been transparent and we should continue to be so.

RESOLUTION # 21-2011

AUTHORIZE PATTISON, KOSKEY,
HOWE & BUCCI TO AUDIT
DEPARTMENTS

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board has been advised by our accountant (Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci) to have an audit completed for the Town Clerk, Receiver of Tax, and Justice Court; and

WHEREAS, this audit is required to be done by the State of New York; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the audit of those departments by our accounting firm.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Acting Supervisor Walsh next mentioned creating a policy for ambulance write offs. One needs to be established. Our accounting firm will advise and a policy will be forthcoming for our review.

Councilman Antonelli stated we do need a policy but need to be careful that we do not age discriminate. He stated we should have a committee established with the Supervisor, a Town board member, Comptroller and Ambulance Administrator to discuss who should be written off. He stated we soft bill as it is and since 75 to 80% of our calls are Medicare/Medicaid, we should have a procedure in place.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated we will have a policy established and then form a committee.

Acting Supervisor Walsh pulled board.

Councilman Lennon stated our attorney sent a letter to the Babe Ruth League. They have three days to respond to it. At this point in time, the field is now the Towns. He called a locksmith to have the locks changed. He also had the driveway plowed for fire protection.

Councilman Lennon stated he met with Matt regarding the insurance audits and the deficiencies found there. He stated a list was generated and he will get a quote to protect the chemicals and solvents there. Once he has that, he will bring it to the Town Board.

He stated he spoke with Scott Dutton to see when the air conditioner will be repaired. This is to happen sometime this week.

He reached out to the Highway Department to discuss the snow removal problems and will continue with that.

He stated he, and he asked the Town Clerk to, is looking into noise ordinances in regards to campgrounds. Councilman Antonelli stated to speak to Mike Sterthous because he has all that information. Councilman Lennon stated private and State campgrounds have their own rules and regulations.

Councilman Smith stated this is the third time that the noise ordinance has been addressed. He stated the current law has sufficient capability in the law itself to be enforced but requires law enforcement to enforce it. The current law does not need to be changed.

Acting Supervisor Walsh asked if anyone would like to address the Board. Mr. Burnett spoke about the noise ordinance. He stated commercial properties have a higher noise level than residential per the property owner.

Mr. Burnett stated you can call the Sheriff and call the Troopers and when they get there and leave you have to call them back. He stated the noise is still going on at 5 o'clock in the morning. This is why he is here to try to get something done.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated we will try everything that is legal. We need to be careful of people's civil liberties. Councilman Smith stated we should sit down with the Sheriff and the State Police to have a discussion.

Joe Leggio asked what was happening with the sewage treatment plant in Leeds. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated we are still in the process of getting the income surveys for the grant. This will be to run a line into the Catskill Village plant.

Councilman Antonelli would like Delaware Engineering to come to the board and give an update. He stated if a line is going to be run to tie into the line at the hospital, and it is going to go through Jefferson Heights, then we should have a referendum to see if the residents in Jefferson Heights want to become part of it.

Councilman Lennon stated the County is looking into giving the sewer pipe to either the Town or the Village. Councilman Antonelli stated sewer needs to be looked at in Jefferson Heights.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated right now Leeds is mandated for sewer and Jefferson isn't. Councilman Antonelli stated he understands that but if a pipe is going to be laid, then we should check out all avenues. Councilman Lennon also said we have to worry about the shape of the Village because the sewer plant may be coming to the Town. Councilman Antonelli stated the Village may sell the plant to a private individual to pay the Village's debt.

Councilman Lennon stated maybe we should have a plant built in Leeds. Councilman Antonelli concurred. He understands we are under a consent order but the only parcels left to develop are the parcels going towards Leeds; Carl's, Winter's etc.

Councilman Smith stated we should have Delaware Engineering come to the board as it has been a long time since we have had any discussion regarding Leeds.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated the only way the people could afford a sewer plant would be if the government paid for it. Councilman Smith stated even if we have the mandate, if we don't have the money, how do we address it.

Councilman Lennon stated there is an opportunity to discuss a pipe going through Jefferson Heights as that corridor is the only one left for development.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated he will ask Delaware Engineering to come and address the board.

With no further comment a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Antonelli.

Meeting ended at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk