

Catskill Town Board Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
March 3, 2009 6:30 pm

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

Absent: Michael Smith, Councilman

Supervisor Markou called the meeting to order and asked to be joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed all attending.

Supervisor Markou reviewed the following minutes:

2/03/2009 Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Motion Councilman Antonelli
Second Councilman Walsh
Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (C. Smith)

2/25/2009 Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Motion Councilman Antonelli
Second Councilman O'Connor
Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (C. Smith)

Supervisor Markou reviewed the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION #21-2009 DESIGNATION OF LEAD AGENCY
FOR SEQR FOR WASTEWATER
PROJECT (CEMENTON)

Councilman O'Connor, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, by resolution dated January 6, 2009, the Town Board sought lead agency status for a project to improve its wastewater system (hereafter, the "Project"), and

WHEREAS, each involved agencies were notified by letter of the Town's request and provided with copies of Part I of the environmental assessment form for the Project, and

WHEREAS, thirty days has passed since the notification and no agency has disputed the Town's lead agency status, so

NOT THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing:

1. The Town Board declares itself to be lead agency for the environmental review of the Project.
2. The Supervisor will cause all involved agencies to be notified of this resolution.
3. This resolution will take effect immediately.

Councilman Antonelli, seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Councilman Smith) Motion
Carried

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Markou	Voting Aye <u>x</u>	Voting Nay _____
Councilman Antonelli	Voting Aye <u>x</u>	Voting Nay _____
Councilman O'Connor	Voting Aye <u>x</u>	Voting Nay _____
Councilman Walsh	Voting Aye <u>x</u>	Voting Nay _____
Councilman Smith	Absent	

I certify that the above resolution adopted by the Catskill Town Board on March 3, 2009 is a true and correct transcript of the original now on file in this office.

Elizabeth C. Izzo
Catskill Town Clerk

Date

RESOLUTION #22-2009

ADOPTION OF SEQR NEGATIVE
DECLARATION FOR WASTEWATER
PROJECT (CEMENTON)

Councilman O'Connor, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, by resolution dated January 6, 2009, the Town Board sought lead agency status for a project to improve its wastewater system (hereafter, the "Project"), and

WHEREAS, by resolution dated March 3, 2009, the Town Board designated itself as lead agency for this, and

WHEREAS, the Town has conducted a review as required by Article 8, Part 617 of the Environmental Conservation Law (SEQR) as documented by the attached Negative Declaration, and

WHEREAS, based on this review, the Town has determined no adverse environmental impacts would result from this action, so

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing:

1. The Town Board declares itself to be lead agency for the environmental review of the Project.
2. The Supervisor will cause all involved agencies to be notified of this resolution.
3. This resolution will take effect immediately.
4. The Town Board adopts the SEQR Negative Declaration attached hereto.

Councilman Antonelli, seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Councilman Smith) Motion Carried

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Markou	Voting Aye <u>x</u>	Voting Nay _____
Councilman Antonelli	Voting Aye <u>x</u>	Voting Nay _____
Councilman O'Connor	Voting Aye <u>x</u>	Voting Nay _____
Councilman Walsh	Voting Aye <u>x</u>	Voting Nay _____
Councilman Smith	Absent	

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Elizabeth C. Izzo
Catskill Town Clerk

Date

RESOLUTION #23-2009

AMENDING MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Councilman Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town Board at its Reorganizational meeting, January 6, 2009, authorized Town Officials to be paid the rate of 50.5 cents/mile as directed by the Office for the State Comptroller for New York State for personal vehicle use in conjunction with Town business, and

WHEREAS, the Office of the State Comptroller has increased the mileage reimbursement to .55 cents/mile, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby increase the mileage reimbursement rate to be .55 cents/mile.

Councilman Walsh, seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Councilman Smith) Motion Carried

Supervisor Markou approached new business. He spoke about the Town of Catskill's Justice End of Year report. The total amount received by the Court was \$869,924.50. The Town's shares of fines collected were \$457,820. Supervisor Markou stated it was a fine job done by our courts.

Supervisor Markou asked the Catskill Little League to approach the board. Ed DuPont, President of the League approached the Board regarding the Ricky Kramer field. He stated the field is in apparently poor condition and doesn't feel that anyone will be playing on it this year, or it would be a very limited playing time. The Catskill Little League would like to try to make the field playable. He distributed photos to the Board of the field. These pictures were taken last year. He feels that the field is unsafe and no one should have been playing there last year.

The Little League has the funds to fix the field, but because the Catskill Babe Ruth league has the lease to the field, they are unwilling to partner with the Catskill Little League to use the field.

Mr. DuPont would like the Board look at the situation and hopefully come up with a resolution.

Councilman O'Connor stated we should contact the Babe Ruth League and have them attend a government operations meeting to see what their intentions are. He stated they are obligated to keep the field in working condition. Mr. DuPont stated that he was told they (Babe Ruth) do not have the funds to fix the field.

Mr. DuPont also stated that the school district may be playing at Columbia Greene Community College because of the conditions of the field.

Councilman Antonelli stated he spoke with Dana Hanusik who told him they have the players and they are going to play this year. He said the best thing would be to have representatives from Babe Ruth come to a meeting so they can get a straight record.

Councilman O'Connor reiterated that he feels an obligation to both parties. If the Babe Ruth doesn't have a full schedule, maybe they should consider working with the Little League. If they are not going to have a league, then as a Board, we should make a decision on the field. There are a lot of holes in the field.

Councilman Antonelli stated if the Town does take back the field, to make it into a Town park and the Town would specify who and when plays on it.

Supervisor Markou will invite the Babe Ruth League to attend the Government Operations meeting on Monday, March 9, 2009.

Supervisor Markou welcomed Alan Tavenner of Delaware Engineering. Supervisor Markou stated they passed the resolutions for lead agent and negative declaration for Cementon. Mr. Tavenner stated that he has filed the applications for clean water revolving fund for hardship. He stated he should have an answer around April.

Supervisor Markou stated he is sending out the income surveys by the end of week. Mr. Tavenner stressed how important it is that the surveys come back because for a hardship

fund, you need 95% response. It is a struggle to get responses back. The application is due at the end of April.

Supervisor Markou stated our grant writer will get that out. The issue is, do we qualify under the income survey. He is waiting to see before he proceeds further with the application.

Supervisor Markou stated he has a request from the Ambulance Department to attend the EMS Conference in Baltimore. The first request was for \$3000 now the request is for \$2200. He asked the Board for their opinion.

Councilman O'Connor wanted to know who was to attend. Supervisor Markou stated Matt and Kathy. He stated there is money in their budget. He stated they will pay their own driving expenses.

Councilman Antonelli stated he is not in favor. The Board did not allow people to go to the Association of Towns Conference. He also stated if someone is going to go, then why not the new person. The other two have been there before.

Councilman O'Connor wanted to know why two people. Supervisor Markou stated the advantage of two people going down is that they can cover more workshops.

Councilman Walsh stated it is important for them to go to keep everyone up to speed.

RESOLUTION # 24-2009 AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT EMS EXPO
CONFERENCE (Leibowitz & Seyforth)

Councilman Walsh, offered the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, there is a 3 day GEMS EMS Expo Conference, to be held in Baltimore, MD, on March 25 through March 29, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that attendance at said Expo will be of benefit to the Catskill Ambulance Service, so

THEREFORE, WE, the Catskill Town Board, hereby authorize the attendance of Ambulance Administrator Matthew Leibowitz and Operations Supervisor Kathleen Seyforth, to attend the EMS Expo Conference, at an expense of \$2200.

Councilman O'Connor, seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 1 (C. Antonelli), Absent 1, (C. Smith) Motion Carried

Councilman O'Connor stated he is getting in touch with Awnings Direct for them to install the awnings at the ambulance building. After that, and when the landscaping is done, the project should be completed.

Supervisor Markou opened the meeting to public comment. Mr. Burnett approached the Board regarding the noise ordinance and the fine system.

Councilman O'Connor stated that the Sheriff's Department has been out there and there needs to be a fine system established; first time warning, second time appearance ticket.

Supervisor Markou stated it will be visited at the next government operations meeting.

Supervisor Markou asked if anyone else would like to address the Board. With no further comment, a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Walsh. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk