

TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 4, 2014

The Town Board meeting of the Catskill Town Board took place on March 4, 2014 at 6:30 pm at Catskill Town Hall. The meeting was opened with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Joseph Leggio, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Pat Walsh, Councilman
Gary Carlson, Councilman
Jared Giordiano, Councilman

Also Attending: Michael Smith, Town Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing #3-2014 February 4, 2014; carried.

Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to approve the minutes of the Town Board Meeting February 4, 2014; carried.

Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Giordiano to approve the minutes of the Town Board Committee meeting February 19, 2014; carried.

COUNTY RESOLUTIONS:

Res 51-14 Approving Reimbursement to Comm Colleges Intermission & Winter Semester 2014 (Catskill's share \$223.20)

Res 50-14 Approving Reimbursement to Comm Colleges Fall 2013 Semester Catskill's share \$459.99)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Email from Audre Higbee regarding First Niagara certiorari case for the parcel now owned by the Bank of Greene County.

Email from George June regarding expense to repair/upgrade Toughbook computers the ambulance department uses for patient care documentation. Cost from Web Jogger not to exceed \$2,000.

Letter from Alfie Beers, Highway Superintendent, requesting meeting with board regarding certain issues at the Highway Dept.

Letter to Hon. Wootton from NYS Unified Court System stating they Town Court has been awarded a grant under the 2013-14 JCAP cycle in the amount of \$1,975.43.

Letter from Board of Elections regarding a Poll Site Agreement for use of the Senior Center for Village, Federal Primary, Primary, and General Elections.

Letter from Anthem Sports seeking resolution from the Town for the 7th Annual Tour of the Catskills bike race being held August 1-3.

Flyer from AVTT (American Veteran's Traveling Tribute) for information about a permanent replica of the Vietnam Wall in our community.

Thank you letter from RUPCO for our letter of support for their grant application. NYSEDA flyer for assisted home performance with Energy Star.

Letter from Virtual Towns & Schools thanking us for past business.

Letter from NYSDOH monitoring notice for 2014 for the Catskill Water District No. 1 stating all sampling from 2013 has been completed.

Memo Joint Columbia & Greene County Civil Service One Day Seminar, March 17th.

Letter from Central Hudson accepting grant applications as part of its Main Street Revitalization economic development program.

Memo from Cornell University for training for local highway and public works departments.

Letter from NYS Ag & Markets for the Dog Control Officer Inspection Report for 2013 was satisfactory.

Letter from Town of Saugerties Highway Department stating the Saugerties Town Board extended the "contract of shared services agreement" with the Town of an additional five years to expire December 2018.

Letter from Dax Law Firm regarding the West Point Partners, LLC System Reliability Impact Study.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Supervisor Leggio stated Department Heads are here this evening.

Assessor: March 1st is the final date to renew/apply for exemptions. There was a newspaper ad to let the public know. The assessment information is available for the public to review during office hours. The tentative equalization rate is 59%. Supervisor Leggio stated there is a resolution for First Niagara and asked to give the board an update. Ms. Higbee stated the certiorari case was negotiated for the value in 11, 12, and 13 at \$460,000. The school district has their attorney involved. They received the schedule as well as the potential refund liability. Supervisor Leggio asked about the impact for the Town, Village and School. Ms. Higbee stated all three years, the County is plus or minus \$8,500; Town \$2,675; Village \$29,429; School \$35,442.

Ambulance: Information was given regarding the upgrades to the computers. They are operating under Windows XP which will no longer be supported by Microsoft after this year. The computers have two more years of serviceable life. We own them outright and the cost to repair is not to exceed \$2,000. The Ambulance Task Force had their third public hearing and it was fairly well attended. He appreciates Councilman Antonelli coming. They are set to meet again in two weeks. Mr. June stated he is working with the Town Attorney regarding the collection policy for delinquent accounts.

Cemetery: Mr. Dushane stated he has received the prices for the equipment the board wanted. Supervisor Leggio asked how much frost is in the ground. Mr. Dushane stated two and a half feet.

Code: Mr. Cashin discussed pools. Any pool higher than 24 inches requires a building permit and zoning setbacks. It is a two month process to obtain a building permit for a pool. In regards to the Catskill Resort Properties their 60 days is up March 16th and we can go out to bid after that. For the property on Hamburg Road, we have to wait until March 17th to act. For the Power's property, it is between the contractor and insurance company. For the Wilkinson property, we received one bid but we will need to revisit once the snow melts.

Supervisor Leggio asked Mr. Cashin to look into assessing a fee when after a public hearing is scheduled and the property owner has remedied the situation before the public hearing, can a fee be assessed. Councilman Antonelli asked about the complaint on the stove. Mr. Cashin stated the owner didn't realize he needed a building permit. It was inspected and it's legal. He was asked to extend the chimney four feet and we sent him information on catalytic converters. Councilman Antonelli asked about contacting ENCON. Mr. Cashin stated ENCON is not interested in getting between neighbors. His hope is the extra appliance will cut down on the

smell. Supervisor Leggio stated this is a densely populated area. Mr. Cashin stated if it was an outdoor wood boiler, he wouldn't be able to have but since it is designed to be in the house....Councilman Antonelli stated the neighbor has health issues.

Senior Center-Ms. Moran stated there is nothing new to report but asked about the phone situation. Supervisor Leggio stated he has not had a chance to get an answer from the county and he will call the DOA tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Leggio stated we need a resolution to amend the procurement policy to include a policy for CDBG funding. *Resolution #23-2014 motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to amend the procurement policy to include Section 53.10 NYS CDBG Projects and Addendum A. Adopted 5 Yes*

Supervisor Leggio stated we need a resolution to accept the certiorari proposal for First Niagara. *Resolution #24-2014 motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to accept the certiorari proposal for First Niagara. Roll Call Vote: Councilman Giordiano-Yes; Councilman Walsh-Yes; Councilman Carlson-Yes, Councilman Antonelli-Yes; Supervisor Leggio-Yes. Adopted 5 Yes*

Supervisor Leggio stated we need a resolution to upgrade the Toughbooks for the ambulance department. *Resolution #25-2014 motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson to upgrade the Toughbook computers for the Ambulance Department in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 by proposal from Web Jogger. Adopted 4 Yes 1 Nay (Giordiano)*

Supervisor Leggio stated we need a resolution to set a public hearing for a local law on the zoning map clarifications. *Resolution #26-2014 motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Walsh to set a public hearing for Local Law No. 1 of 2014 for zoning map changes for March 19th at 6:15 pm. Adopted 5 Yes*

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Supervisor Leggio stated the Comptroller could not attend tonight's meeting but that the warrant for 2014 has been paid in full. The Supervisor's report for 2013 has been completed and will be filed in a couple weeks. We have requested reimbursement from FEMA since the Woodstock Retaining Wall is complete. We will have a closing today at 4 pm for the BAN for the Leeds Wastewater Project. *He asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues, contract issues with the Highway. A motion was made by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Giordiano.* Supervisor Leggio stated no further business would be conducted. He then asked for public comment.

Gary Harvey and Dan Souza approached the board. Mr. Harvey submitted a petition from the residents of Palenville to have a sidewalk installed on one side of Route 23A. Supervisor Leggio asked how many feet. Mr. Harvey stated two to three thousand feet.

Dan Souza spoke about the Swinging Bridge. It would be part of the Long Path which would help out with liability issues as it would be a designated path. He stated there is a letter of support and highlights of the Town's liability. Mr. Souza showed his property and where a pocket park may be created however the Town would have to assume liability. Supervisor Leggio stated we are in the process of contacting our insurance company regarding the liability. He also stated the other issue is the adjoining property with the owner of that property allowing foot traffic. Mr. Smith stated he met with the gentlemen's attorney. There still exists some ambiguity for his willingness to participate in the project. It creates a problem if he doesn't. His property allows egress to the bridge.

Supervisor Leggio asked if there was any further comment. Mike Budris of Delaware Engineering stated the rock boring contractor will be out in the next two weeks and there should be minimal impact to property owners. The map plan report will need to be filed with the State. There is an outreach to some residents who live on Church St and past the cemetery in Jefferson Heights down to the Elks Club, to see if they have any interest in connecting. Once the map is done, a draft will be given to the board for their review and once Ok'd it will be sent to the State.

Supervisor Leggio stated we need a resolution for this year's Music in the Park funding.
Resolution #27-2014 motion by Councilman Walsh second by Councilman Giordiano to fund Music in the Park in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Adopted 4 Yes 1 Nay (Carlson)

With no further business the executive session began at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

As told by Supervisor Joseph Leggio motion to exit executive session was made by Councilman Giordiano seconded by Councilman Antonelli. Meeting ended 8:40 pm.