

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
March 4, 2025 6:30 pm

Present:	Patrick McCulloch,	Supervisor
	Jared Giordiano,	Councilman
	Dawn Scannapieco,	Councilwoman
	Steven Espel,	Councilman
	Brian Kozloski,	Councilman

Supervisor McCulloch called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES:

February 4, 2025 Town Board Monthly Meeting
Motion: Councilman Espel, second Councilman Giordiano; carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 11-2025 on motion of Councilman Kozloski, second Councilman Giordiano authorizing budget amendments for 2024. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 12-2025 on motion of Councilman Kozloski, second Councilman Giordiano encumbering monies in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the 2024 budget to the 2025 Youth Program CE. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 13-2025 on motion of Councilman Espel, second Councilman Kozloski declaring property surplus and authorizing the Highway Superintendent to dispose of. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 14-2025 on motion of Councilman Kozloski, second Councilman Espel approving the hire of Barb Erceg as Summer Recreation Director. Adopted Vote 5 Yes

Resolution # 15-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco appointing Kirsten Bulich as Budget Officer for 2025. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 16-2025 on motion of Councilman Espel, second Councilwoman Scannapieco authorizing the hiring of Logan Hough as PT EMT effective March 9, 2025. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE:

Infographics of local roads from Cornell University Local Roads Program.

Greene County Resolutions No. 50-25 approving recommendation for including land into ag district 124 and declaring a neg dec SEQRA declaration.

Dog Control Officer Inspection Report – satisfactory. *Councilman Espel stated everything complies and John is keeping track of what is needed.*

CHPE notice of petition to amend certificate of environmental compatibility and public need for CHPE.

Email from Hamid Darmaan regarding the Code Enforcement Office. *Supervisor McCulloch stated he returned his email and left two voice messages and was waiting on a call back.*

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Justice Court Exam 2024.

Repair water pump at Ambulance Building. Quote from HO Penn \$4716.38. *Resolution # 17-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel to accept the proposal to repair the water pump at the Ambulance Building from H.O. Penn Machinery Co. Inc. in the amount of \$4,716.38.*
Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

ROT Audit proposal from RBT. *Supervisor McCulloch stated this is not in this year's budget. We will budget it for next year's budget.*

Ricky Cramer – donations for park repair and CCSD's schedule and purchase dirt from Site One. *Supervisor McCulloch will send letters to NFP's for donations to help offset the expense of field maintenance. Resolution # 18-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski to purchase 20 ton of DuraEdge infield mix from Site One in the amount of \$2,999.00 including delivery.*
Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Summer Recreation kickoff meeting. *Supervisor McCulloch stated last week was the initial meeting. The program will run from July 7th to the 31st at CES and from August 4th to the 14th at Community Life Church. The program will be from Monday to Thursday, 8:30 am to 1 pm. They are looking to do some field trips and would also like to send a request for donations to the Community Center and Mid-Hudson Cable as we did last year. There will be two (2) open houses, May 8th, and 9th at 7 pm at the Palenville Fire Department and Community Life Church, respectively.*

Game Farm Culvert Replacement updated. *Supervisor McCulloch stated there is not much of an update. We do not have a start date yet but hoping for spring, early summer.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Post Closure Landfill Monitoring – Barton LoGuidice submitted a 3-year proposal for continued landfill monitoring required by DEC and DOH. *Resolution # 19-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco authoring the Supervisor sign the agreement with Barton & LoGuidice for landfill monitoring at a cost of \$11,930 each year. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

EAP Services of the Mid-Hudson Valley – Supervisor McCulloch stated we contract with them each year to provide employees counseling support. *Resolution # 20-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano,*

second Councilman Kozloski authorizing the Supervisor sign the agreement with The Work Place Employee Assistance Program of Westchester Medical Center. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Catskill Spring Rush – Students from the Business Club at CCSD gave their presentation regarding this year's Spring Rush. It will be dedicated to Mrs. Schindler and part of the funds raised will be donated in her name to the cancer league. An electric bike will be raffled and proceeds of the raffle will be for their business trip and donation to the cancer league. The students were present also to ask permission to use the town and village roads for the community event which is in its 17th year.

The Board thanked the students for their presentation. Supervisor McCulloch stated we will have highway and ambulance support the day of the race.

TFAC – Tobacco Free Action. Jennifer Baume gave a presentation to the board regarding their tobacco free program for Greene and Columbia counties. Her goal is education and gave a brief overview of the benefits of tobacco free parks as well as an update on the NYS Jule settlement. Supervisor McCulloch thanked her and the partnership the town has with TFAC since 2013.

Proposed Local Law 1 of 2025 – Supervisor McCulloch stated this is to establish a moratorium on monopolies. There is currently an applicant before the Planning Board to erect a cell tower in Palenville who will be continuing with the SEQRA process. We need to schedule a public hearing and he asked the board if anyone had any questions. *Resolution # 21-2015 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco to schedule a public hearing for Local Law 1 of 2025 establishing a temporary moratorium on the issuance of building permits for wireless communications facilities in the town for March 19, 2025 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Erin Miller, 4 Bridge Street, spoke to the board about opting the Good Cause Law which would help with an exponential increase in rents. The specific cause of the law is to protect tenants from unreasonable eviction or extreme rent increases. The Village of Catskill has adopted the law and they would like to start the conversation again about the town enacting the law.

Elliott Matos stated there are a number of people who live in Jefferson Heights, Leeds, and Palenville, all outside the village, who would like to see this happen. There are many seniors affected and he is asking the board to review it again and move forward.

Supervisor McCulloch stated that they will investigate it and review it again at the next meeting.

Charles Holtz asked the board to review the subdivision law, especially the Town of Durhams and modify the Town of Catskill's process for a simple subdivision. Supervisor McCulloch stated the board will review.

Joseph Izzo asked for an update on Greene County's ambulance study. Supervisor McCulloch stated the last meeting was in December. There are no decisions and different modules are still being discussed. They are not remotely close to any decision. The town's stance is our primary responsibility is to our residents and employees. There is still a lot of work to do and the county will plan to hold public meetings on it.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Supervisor McCulloch stated the board will apply for the next round of grants for the Resilient Watersheds Grant program for the Penn Ave culvert.

He stated the board will review the applications for the PB/ZB/Code Clerk position.

The Memorial Day Parade will be on May 26th at 2 pm. The same route will be followed and more information will be forthcoming.

The following appointments needed to be made to the Zoning Board and Planning Board –

Resolution # 22-2025 on motion of Councilman Kozloski, second Councilman Giordiano appointing Gary Harvey as Chair and Lee Heim as Vice Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the year 2025. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 23-2025 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Espel appointing Laurie Sprague-Schmidt to the Planning Board for a term ending December 31, 2031. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 No (Giordiano)

Resolution # 24-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski appointing Albert Gasparini to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending December 31, 2029. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Supervisor McCulloch appreciated all who attended tonight's meeting. He asked for a motion to enter an executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Reid Mower and Charles Holtz were invited. He stated no further business will be conducted at the close of the executive session. Councilman Giordiano made a motion to enter executive session seconded by Councilman Espel. The executive session began at 7:26 pm.

As told by Councilman Giordiano, executive session and the meeting ended at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk