

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
March 6, 2012 6:30 pm

Attendance: Joseph Leggio, Supervisor; Robert Antonelli, Councilman; Kevin Lennon, Councilman; Gary Carlson, Councilman; Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

Absent: Pat Walsh, Councilman

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

Supervisor Leggio stated the first thing on the agenda is for our Human Resource person to speak to the board regarding a memo we had from the Judges about court security and some issues with salary issues and the step plan that we initiated. The first thing is the security, which he believes is not necessarily just within the courts but in the building and we do live in a time where everybody comes into the building isn't always a friendly face. He stated there have been some recommendations from the Office of Court Administration which prompted this but the same holds true for the rest of the offices where there should be a hot button or whatever that will dial into the police station and someone would come over to us right away. He stated he doesn't know if that is available to us.

Ronni Travers stated in 2007 NYS created a law of the Workplace Violence Prevention Act. It prompted every municipality in NYS to do an assessment of their facility. The Town did that. Her firm did that on our behalf. One recommendation was to install panic buttons in those areas where the public could come right into the workspace. The courts have unique needs in that area and there were specific recommendations regarding their worksite as well. She stated she understands that there was an assessment done by the Court Administration and some of the things were pretty basic. Judge Wootton stated he doesn't have the recommendations for the Town. Ronnie stated some of it was to reconfigure the doorway. Supervisor Leggio stated one of the things was to keep the public out of where the clerks work. Ronni stated it is just a matter of the board agreeing to make some of the changes and either spends money they have or seek the money from OCA. There are grants out there. It is a matter of the staff making some phone calls to see how they can apply for those grants.

Supervisor Leggio stated it wouldn't take much to take care of that one but the second one is the panic button for all the offices in the building. It is appropriate to look into that because Liz is in her office during the day by herself, the Assessor, the Comptroller. He stated most of the offices are operated by women by themselves. Ronni stated you would want to be prepared. Supervisor Leggio stated there was a letter from Judge Margolius regarding security for their office and

OCR previously recommended the office be updated for security purposes. Ronni stated the board just needs to have a discussion and make a commitment that they are going to move forward.

Ronni next mentioned the wage and salary structure. She stated several years ago a wage and salary study was put together for evaluating jobs using a point factor method. The outcome of that study had positions graded and given ranges and the ranges included a midpoint of that range and midpoint is the job rate. It is where you expect to pay people who have had the job and who are competent in the job. It allowed the employee for movement and allowed the board to make some decisions on when a vacancy occurred they knew exactly where they could target to hire. When employees came on board, every year when they had a good performance review, they moved up a step. A couple years ago the board made a decision to suspend the step. She is recommending that the board is lagging behind. This is not a COLA increase but to utilize the steps because after awhile you will be hurting the employees that are in the job and end up having people coming in making the same amount of money. She also stated the Town is fortunate with the people who work in this building as they are good employees and you don't want to demoralize them, so to speak, by not recognizing them through that program. She is here to say she hopes the board eventually reconsiders unfreezing the salary structure. Supervisor Leggio stated when you freeze it, if you freeze it for 2 years, then come the 3rd year you will have to catch up three years. Ronni stated you will have three years to catch up but then again new employees that you hire, if you froze someone at step 2, and you have someone coming in at step one, the step two people might have five years experience and you pigeon holed them right there. Supervisor Leggio asked for comments.

Councilman Carlson stated he is very familiar with the concept we are talking about and in agreement. We have good employees and they should be taken care of and believes all the taxpayers in the Town would agree with that. If we are not going to take care of them then let's get rid of them. Ronni stated you are not paying, especially the clerical employees, who are making \$12 an hour, we are fortunate to have the staff that you have.

Councilman Antonelli stated the reason why the step program was stopped was because the way the economy was going. He agrees with everybody. It should be re-instated and up to date. He stated the employees work hard down here and they should be rewarded. We should make sure the program is up to date. Supervisor Leggio asked Ronni to review it. She stated the Comptroller put together some figures to see what it would cost to bring it up to date. Supervisor Leggio stated the next time she is here we can go over it.

Supervisor Leggio reviewed the following minutes:

2/7/2012	Town Board Monthly Minutes Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Carlson Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Walsh)
2/15/2012	Public Hearing #1-2012 Unsafe Building, Quality Inn Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Carlson Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Walsh)
2/15/2012	Town Board Committee Minutes Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Carlson Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Walsh)

Supervisor Leggio stated there are no resolutions to pass. Councilman Lennon stated we need to pass a resolution that the county adopted in regards to the buyout program and to follow their language that we are participating in the buyout. Supervisor Leggio stated he was told we do not have to do it because the county is doing it for all of us. Councilman Lennon stated the county is adopting the application but we have to approve the resolution to allow us to participate in the program.

RESOLUTION #27-2012	SUPPORT OF GREENE COUNTY'S APPLICATION FOR HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING TO THE STATE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR PARTICIPATING LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND ELEVATION ACTIVITIES
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Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee significantly impacted residents, property, and infrastructure in the Towns and Villages of Greene County, resulting in Presidential Disaster Declarations DR-4020 and DR-4031, respectfully; and

WHEREAS, those declarations provide Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds to the State of New York, to be administered by the State Office of Emergency Management (State

OEM), to assist proactive cost-effective measures that will save lives and avoid damage to improved property in future natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has established three priorities of Planning, Property Acquisition, and Property Elevations for this HMGP cycle, as announced on December 22, 2011, to maximize access to hazard mitigation grants and remove people and structures from harm's way; and

WHEREAS, Local Governments and certain Private Non-Profits are eligible applicants under the HMGP program, while individuals and businesses are not; and

WHEREAS, Greene County had determined it is in the public interest to support Greene County Towns and Villages that wish to participate in the State's HMGP and receive grant funds for Property Acquisition and Property Elevation activities; and

WHEREAS, Greene County Economic Development, Tourism and Planning will act as the HMGP applicant on behalf of participating communities as the Point of Contact for administrative functions, with the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District administering the HMGP directly with property owners, contractors, and municipal entities; and

WHEREAS, HMGP is a reimbursement program with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) providing 75% reimbursement of eligible costs, up to the amount of the award, with in-kind services or materials as eligible expenses that may be used toward the 25% non-Federal match; so

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Greene County Economic Development, Tourism and Planning will act as the HMGP applicant on behalf of participating communities for all eligible Property Acquisition and Property Elevation activities by serving as Point of Contact and performing all administrative functions, with the understanding that Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District will directly administer the HMGP with property owners, contractors, and municipal entities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that as a condition of Greene County's application and participation and the Town of Catskill's participation and support of this application in the HMGP that each individual respective property owner will be responsible for the minimum 25% non-Federal match and any other costs not assumed by FEMA, and that each participating community will be responsible for taking title to the respective properties and their future maintenance, as may be required by FEMA, and be it further

Councilman Carlson seconded this motion.

Supervisor Leggio reviewed the County resolutions:

Resolution # 75-12	Approving Reimbursement to Comm Colleges (Catskill's share \$62.80)
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Supervisor Leggio moved on to Stanley Dushane, Cemetery Custodian, asking if he had anything he would like to bring before the board. He had nothing. Councilman Lennon asked Mr. Dushane in the February correspondence in his gasoline report that it is incorrect and we are missing 10 gallons of gasoline. He believes it is a clerical error and asked to update it. He would like to have a notation on the report when there is a fuel delivery.

Supervisor Leggio asked Alfie Beers, Highway Superintendent if he had anything to say. Supervisor Leggio asked how we stand with FEMA and the outlook of receiving funds. Mr. Beers stated he hasn't heard anything more since he spoke with the Supervisor the other day. Supervisor Leggio stated so no one knows if it is tomorrow, the next day, or two years from now. Mr. Beers stated he doesn't know when it is coming, they haven't said. It is not just our town it is every town.

Supervisor Leggio asked Matt Leibowitz, Ambulance Administrator, if he had anything to mention. He stated he gave the board quotes for uniform vendors. Supervisor Leggio stated we have not had any discussions on the uniforms yet. He was waiting for Councilman Carlson to speak to the board. Councilman Carlson stated it has been his experience that as long as the Department Head works within his budget, latitude is given in regards to him making the

decision as far as where and what uniforms are either allocated and/or purchased. He stated he told Matt and mentioned to Kevin, because in the past the board has had a role in making the decisions, we felt it necessary for him to come before the board this particular time, but in the future the Department Heads will be making the decisions and not us; figuring out the minutiae and all the little stuff on the day to day operations of their departments. He is hoping as a board we will support our department heads and let him make the decision as long as it falls in the parameters of his budget. Supervisor Leggio asked if Matt had an idea of how that will fall. Matt stated we will save. Supervisor Leggio stated if we switch to a private company we will have to outlay the money. Matt stated it will be phased in so it is not a big chunk going out. Supervisor Leggio stated to get in touch with Gary to work it out. The bottom line is what it is going to cost us and as long as the board has no problem with it. Councilman Lennon stated the lead of that department and himself, as he is the backup, will work with Matt to make that happen. He stated Gary is not solely on the committee by himself and we will work together. Councilman Carlson stated absolutely. Supervisor Leggio stated he is the chairman of that committee and he just made a recommendation and he thinks he is more than capable of presenting something to us. Just set up a meeting and work it out. All he cares about is basically the dollar value. He then asked Matt that he mention this obesity equipment and he asked Matt if there are any local providers for that piece of equipment. Matt stated there are a few companies who are dealing with that equipment. There is no local vendor to purchase that from. He stated we could find someone to fabricate it but it would cost us more money. We are now at the point where we have the bariatric stretcher and if we are going to lift these patients and do it safely for both patients and employees, we need the rest of the equipment.

Councilman Carlson stated looking at the system it looks like a fancy set of ramps and a wench. Matt stated it is. Councilman Carlson asked if someone, say in the highway, who can come up with anchoring a wench and a set of ramps. Matt stated we need the crossbar where the ramps hook onto. Councilman Carlson stated we are talking some welding and some metal fabrication. Matt stated the ramps have to be able to fold up and stored on the ambulance. Councilman Lennon stated he understands where we are trying to save money but under the circumstances, for public safety and bringing those patients to the hospital, the provided equipment should be mounted in to the ambulance properly so the employees don't get hurt, the ambulance doesn't get damaged, and the safety of the patient isn't compromised. Matt stated if we fabricate it ourselves we are 100% liable for any malfunction or anything that may happen; purchased, the liability falls with the manufacturer.

Councilman Antonelli stated then if we take this we can put it on a new ambulance. He concurs with Councilman Lennon to have it professionally installed. The key is to use it on another ambulance. Councilman Lennon stated it has clips that can be put on all the ambulances so it can move to from one to the other. He recommends that we have it installed on two ambulances.

Councilman Antonelli had a question regarding the uniforms. He asked if we would be renting or purchasing. He stated right now we are getting uniforms from USA. He asked why we are not cleaning them. Matt stated we would have to double our uniforms if we do that which would double our cost. Councilman Antonelli stated it is his understanding that we have been paying to have them cleaned. Matt stated it was a service that he put in but we weren't paying extra for. He stated when it was set up we were to clean our own. We have washers and dryers on site. Councilman Carlson stated by union contract the employees are obligated to clean their uniforms.

Councilman Carlson asked Matt to bring up the rates. Matt stated a couple of weeks ago we met with our billing company and we went over the rates. We have not had a rate increase since 2005. The billing company is recommending increasing our rates to keep in line with other upstate agencies. He recommends BAS emergency would go from \$625 to \$700 and ALS \$800 to \$850 and mileage \$10.25 to \$14.00. Councilman Lennon stated he would like to make a recommendation to accept those increases and Councilman Carlson seconded.

RESOLUTION # 29-2012

RATE CHANGE FOR AMBULANCE CHARGES

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Ambulance fees for services have not increased since 2005; and

WHEREAS, it is a recommendation of our billing company as well as our Ambulance Supervisor to increase fees to better reflect the times; and

WHEREAS, the rate would be as follows:

<u>Call</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
BLS	\$625.00	\$700.00
ALS	\$800.00	\$850.00
Mileage	\$10.25/mile	\$14.00/mile; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby accept the new rates effective immediately.

Councilman Carlson seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Walsh)

Motion Carried

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill Ambulance Service has a bariatric stretcher to be used for patients with a large body mass; and

WHEREAS, to prevent injuries of employees and patients alike, the Ambulance Supervisor would like to purchase a bariatric patient load system to be installed in one ambulance; and

WHEREAS, the Ambulance Supervisor has received the following quotes:

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| 1. Tran Safe | \$5,185.00 |
| 2. Rx Fabrication | \$5,200.00 |
| 3. MAC's Lift Gate Inc. | \$7,245.00; and |

WHEREAS, the Ambulance Supervisor recommends either Tran Safe or Rx Fabrication; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorize the Ambulance Supervisor to purchase the bariatric patient load system from Tran Safe in the amount of \$5,185.00.

Councilman Carlson seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Walsh) Motion Carried

Supervisor Leggio asked Mr. Monaco to approach the board. Mr. Monaco is asking the board to consider an amendment to his Mobile Home Park license which is located on Route 23B, Jefferson Park. He stated the reason why is that there seems to be a flaw in the zoning. He stated it is a high density district that is no longer a high density district because, he sent a package to the board, and he purchased the property in April of 2007. When he purchased, in our code section 160-9, it didn't have this last sentence in it, where it says all districts. That was an amendment in August of 2007. Basically, that took the entire high density out, meaning there is no more high density zoning in Catskill. He doesn't believe it was the intent at that time to remove the entire high density district but by putting in that word, "all districts", that is basically what it did. He also stated he is a little confused because on August 15, 2008 he FOILED a special use permit in an RA district which was approved for an eight unit building. Councilman Lennon stated on the same property, correct. Mr. Monaco stated they approved a new eight unit apartment building after that time that they changed it on another parcel that wasn't even in a high density district. That was why he was confused as it didn't make sense. Councilman

Lennon asked if he has spoken with the Code Enforcement Officer on clarification. John Cashin stated since he wants to put it in his mobile home park, he needs approval from the board to amend his mobile home park. He understands where there is confusion because our high density zone does allow multi-unit buildings as a permitted use and a mobile home park by definition is multiple dwelling units. Our mobile home law bumps up against our zoning law as far as the definitions. Mr. Monaco's place is unique since it has three single family homes and an 8 unit building and 20 mobile homes. Councilman Lennon stated his intention is to put in a new building and as you are building these complexes removing the mobile homes. Mr. Monaco stated he would like to do that. Councilman Lennon asked if he has gone in front of the Planning Board. Mr. Monaco stated he went in front of the Planning Board last year and they sent him to the variance board. It did not go well and basically after he spent \$12,000 he could tell the variance board wasn't going to move on it. Councilman Lennon asked if he could drop off another packet of the information. He stated we should forward it to Mike Sterthous as a Planning Board aspect and we can get clarification in a timely manner to discuss it at a future date.

Supervisor Leggio asked John's opinion. John stated the board's process is for Mr. Monaco's application to get an opinion from the Planning Board and this board would set a public hearing to act on it. Supervisor Leggio asked what the Planning Board did a year ago. Mr. Monaco stated they sent him to the Zoning Board. Councilman Lennon said then the Zoning Board should of sent him back to the Planning Board and then the Planning Board should of sent us a letter and talk to the Code Enforcement and get clarification from our representative from a lawyer aspect and send that information to the Town Board for review and act. We have to see where you are in the process and get that going for you. He asked John if that was correct. John stated as far as a multi-family, it requires Planning Board site plan approval which Mr. Monaco was in the process of a year ago or so. Councilman Lennon asked if they approved the plan so we can act on this tonight. John stated no the process didn't go through as far as the site plan. He does not believe it went to a public hearing and asked Joe Izzo if that was true. Mr. Monaco stated when he was sent to the variance board they stated to him they were not going to give him the variance and that is where it died.

Councilman Lennon asked Joe Izzo if he had any clarification on this. Joe Izzo stated he sent the board, last week, a copy of the minutes of the both meetings of the Planning Board of Mr. Monaco which explains everything the Planning Board did and our recommendation. He doesn't know why the Town Board hasn't read them. Supervisor Leggio stated he read them but didn't know where they came from. Joe Izzo stated the Planning Board recommended Mr. Monaco go to the Zoning Board for a special use permit. We have not received back from the Zoning Board, nor is he sure Mr. Monaco finished his hearing before the Zoning Board, so the Planning Board is not taking any action until the Zoning Board comes back with what their recommendations are. He doesn't know where it stands on the Zoning Board. If the minutes are read of the two

meetings you will see Mr. Sterthous' comments on the project and the recommendation. When Mr. Monaco bought Mr. DiStefano's property it was in two parcels. The parcel with the mobile homes and the apartment building on the hill was a separate parcel and the parcel where Mr. Monaco wants to put the apartment building was a separate parcel. The mobile home park footprint was never in that parcel that Mr. Monaco wants to build on. Mr. Monaco then combined the parcels as part of his purchase and that is where the question lies as to whether or not a multi-family dwelling is specific to a mobile home park. This is where the board will need to get some interpretation from the Town Attorney. There was no grandfathering in for subdivision regulations so the issue remains, does Mr. Monaco need a special use permit or does he need something from the Town Board as to whether or not you can amend his mobile home park license to include those structures. He does not know the answer to amendments. The board would need to talk to the Town Attorney about that.

Councilman Lennon asked when Mr. DiStefano put up his building there, was that a single piece of property. Mr. Izzo stated no. There were two parcels but you need to remember when that was built there were no subdivision regulations. Mr. Izzo asked the board to read the minutes of both meetings so it gives them an idea of what we are talking about.

Councilman Lennon asked if he was correct that Mr. Sterthous will have to give us a more detailed definition. Mr. Izzo stated the board controls mobile home park licenses and what I is an addendum to a mobile home park, he does not know, but you would have to get counsel as to whether or not that multi-family dwelling can exist within a mobile home park per our mobile home park regulations or is there something that he board would have to do to answer Mr. Monaco's question.

Supervisor Leggio asked Mr. Monaco when he went to the Zoning Board. He stated last year. Supervisor Leggio stated after May after this and asked if he received a written response from them that they were not going to allow it.

Councilman Antonelli asked Joe Izzo before the Town Board acts on anything we would need the recommendation of the Zoning Board. Mr. Izzo stated no. It is a unique situation. He stated his recommendation to Mr. Monaco was to get a use variance. If the Zoning Board said no then he would come back to the Planning Board and the Planning Board would have to determine whether or not the site plan that Mr. Monaco presented is proper and we have not made that determination, although he can tell the board that it is the consensus that the board would not approve the site plan application because of the denial of the Zoning Board for a use variance. Now, it does not mean that Mr. Monaco can't come before the Town Board and ask for an amendment to his trailer park regulation or put that in the parameters of the mobile home park.

Councilman Antonelli stated he understands that but do we need something from you or the Zoning Board stating you are not going to do this and then it comes to the Town Board and we act. He didn't even realize it was two parcels until you just told us. Mr. Izzo stated it is only one parcel. Councilman Antonelli stated now it is but at the time he bought it, it was two. Again, the subdivision laws were not in at that time. Mr. Izzo stated correct. He stated the Planning Board is interpreting what the regulations say based on the advice of Mr. Sterthous and so it is a tricky situation because of the nature of the property. Mr. Monaco is also aware of issues regarding Central Hudson's power lines coming through his property and a 239 review was required because it is within 500 feet of a County or State road and one of the concerns the County Planning Board had was with the transmission lines. Mr. Monaco has indicated that his easement does allow him to have access to areas where the footprint of the power lines but whether that permits a home to be there or what damages may be imposed by the proximity of the power lines and there was an issue regarding setbacks, which he believes was pretty much resolved. That issue about the power lines was not addressed by the Planning Board because if there was no use variance it basically means the process stops.

Mr. Monaco clarified the issue regarding the power lines. He stated when he met with the Planning Board his attorney had specifically clarified that issue. He presented the Town Attorney who refused to even read the letter. He stated the issue is a dead issue. He stated we are allowed to have a parking lot underneath those lines. It is in the deed and everything else. He went to Central Hudson and they are prepared to give us the permit, however, the permit application we cannot apply for because we have to give them a \$1200 non refundable deposit. He can't get the permit unless it is approved.

Mr. Izzo believes Mr. Monaco should address that as the Code Enforcement Officer was not in approval of his project. He believes the Code Enforcement Officer at the time sent the Planning Board a letter. Mr. Monaco stated that was with the language. Mr. Izzo stated it is not saying you shouldn't have the project, all he is saying is that the Planning Board asked you to go to, as a course of action, to the Zoning Board for a use variance. The Zoning Board didn't give you a use variance. As far as the Planning board is concerned, the use variance was not granted and it is more than likely that we will not recommend the site plan to the Town Board. The mobile home park issue is a separate issue. The Town Board can amend the mobile home license to include that project.

Councilman Lennon asked if the dialog of communication from the Zoning Board of Appeals got back to the Planning Board. Mr. Izzo stated he does not recall receiving anything but if they responded back it will be in the file. John should have a copy too. Councilman Lennon asked what impacts would be on the other mobile home parks in the Town of Catskill if we so move and grant something like this. John stated this is a unique property as it has public sewer and water and does not know if the Zoning Board went to a public hearing. Mr. Monaco stated no.

Mr. Izzo stated then the Zoning Board never acted on a use permit so there is nothing we can do because we don't have a recommendation from the Zoning Board so as far as we are concerned the Zoning Board never ruled and the project is still alive. We are awaiting a recommendation from the Zoning Board. Councilman Antonelli stated that is what he is trying to gather. Mr. Izzo stated Mr. Monaco's request has nothing to do with the Planning Board or Zoning Board. It has to do with an amendment to his mobile home park license and to whether or not he can include in his park area that project. That is something the Town Board has to decide. Councilman Antonelli stated then we are looking at the mobile home license. Mr. Izzo stated correct and that is what Mr. Monaco is saying. Councilman Antonelli asked Mr. Monaco if that is what he is trying to do. He stated yes.

Councilman Carlson asked if we decide upon this, is it a per case basis or is it changed for everybody. Councilman Lennon stated that is what you have to look at and asked John what impact it would have on all the other mobile home parks. John stated if you acted on it because of a, b, c, d and implied on why you did that then you would have good standing on your reason.

Supervisor Leggio stated this has sat around since May of last year. We have another meeting in two weeks and we will have a definitive answer by then. He stated he will get hold of the attorney tomorrow and to please leave a number with John and he will get back to you prior to then.

Supervisor Leggio asked Councilman Lennon if he wanted to bring an item up. Councilman Lennon stated he had a meeting with ADP to view the work flow for the new time clock. There is some cost associated with it but we have an opportunity to read over the correspondence they sent to us. He reached out to Time Clock plus to see if we can find the interconnect between that and our software we have. Hopefully we will have that information back shortly. He believes we should schedule a government operations meeting once we have the information. Councilman Antonelli asked what it is we are checking out as he thought we had to do another program. Councilman Lennon stated the information that comes out of the time clocks plus is limited so they would have to increase the template and write the instructions in and write the dialog so MDX software will be able to import that into. He reached out to Ryan and Vincent, the two programmers so they can talk together and got Joe involved from IT to see how we can get it to workflow and they haven't come back with a correct solution.

Supervisor Leggio asked Councilman Lennon's recommendation. He stated he would like to have all councilmen sit down with ADP so everyone can be brought up to speed and decide then. Supervisor Leggio stated this whole time clock thing got started because of poor management. If management is doing their job the third option is to stay the way it is and everyone be responsible to do their jobs. Councilman Lennon stated with the cost and issues we have had he would not make that recommendation. He stated we are moving Catskill in a better direction and

we should still pursue that aspect. Councilman Antonelli stated he believes we should move forward and says we had some bad advice and that is where the problem is. He stated we need to find out if Time Clock will take back their equipment and then set up a meeting with ADP and see what they can do for us.

Supervisor Leggio asked about the activity at the Babe Ruth field. Councilman Lennon stated we need to get the field playable. The Catskill Little League reached out to local businesses and has a joint venture with them. They will supply all the material and have contractors to get the work done. The Tri-City Valley Cats will be coming April 1st to help the infield. The dugouts are being redone. The trees are being removed by the Town Highway Department. The Catskill DPW is helping out also. Everything is coming together well. Supervisor Leggio stated we have a contract with them but did they give us a list of improvements they were going to do.

Councilman Lennon stated yes. Supervisor Leggio asked if they can share it with the rest of the board. He stated he would like to know. He stated he didn't know anything about the dugouts being removed and when he sees people working, he is thinking to himself, how much is this going to cost us and he didn't know what was going on. Councilman Lennon stated if you talk to the liaison in charge of it, I would be able to sit down and talk to you about everything.

Supervisor Leggio stated being you brought that up, in the beginning of the year, he made committees and stated to Councilman Lennon he was Highway and FEMA and has been asking you for two months and you keep saying you have everything under control and you are fully capable of doing this, but he keeps asking you and as the fiscal officer of the town, he needs to know how much money to borrow/bond. He stated he keeps asking and he knows he doesn't know when FEMA is going to give us the money back. Councilman Carlson interjected and stated this is not the correct forum for this type of discussion. Councilman Lennon agreed and stated I have updated the Town Board on every aspect of FEMA, every aspect of when the storm came in and you can read the minutes. Councilman Lennon then stated unfortunately, like you said, at the beginning of the year during the re-organization, you stated you were going to sit down and talk to all councilman and decide who would be on the committees; unfortunately, you didn't talk to all of us, only certain people. Councilman Carlson interrupted and stated to Councilman Lennon he agreed and now you are continuing with the same discussion. This is not the correct forum for this discussion.

Supervisor Leggio asked if there was any public comment. Delbert Jenkins who is a homeowner in Palenville asked a question regarding flood prone property acquisition. He would like to know the status of that and if anything is being done about the stream stuff at Tannery Bridge.

Supervisor Leggio stated the paperwork has been forwarded to the agency handling that. He stated he is unsure on where it will go or what will come out of it. He asked if he fell within the guidelines. He stated as far as the stream work, the remediation, it is being looked into. Mr. Jenkins inquired realtors as the fair market value and selling the property and since this letter is

out and the article in the newspaper, no one will be interested in buying his house now that it is in a flood prone designated area. He stated he is sitting on worthless property and nothing is getting done. He wanted to know when the work will be done. Supervisor Leggio stated he is not the agency. He stated a letter was sent notifying you that there was a remediation plan available and you can sign to get information. It doesn't mean you have to opt into it. He doesn't know what the plan entails.

Councilman Lennon attended the meeting last week and there are three phases. The first phase we are into, 100% destruction of the buildings. He sat with our Code Enforcement Officer and Assessor and Town Clerk to make sure the letters got out and that we got back with Michelle with the criteria of those 13 homes involved. They will look at the numbers and the next phase will be in April and a third phase in June. The homeowners have the availability to opt out as does the Town and County. He stated it will be a long process. Once they have the letter they will get in touch with the people who responded and show them what they will need to do, what we will need to do as a Town and what the County needs to do and they are saying the application should be out in the June to July timeframe and the project will take 12 to 18 months.

Mr. Jenkins asked about the Kaaterskill Creek south of the Tannery Bridge. Councilman Lennon stated he reached out to NRC and their engineers are drawing the plans. They will cover 75% and the town will have to cover 25%. Once they give us the specs we will sign a letter of intent that we will be part of the project and take that money that is allocated to the Town of Catskill for those two projects and then we will sit down with our engineer to go over the specs and have a pre-planning meeting. Once that is done the Town will have to draw up the specs and go out to bid if the town opts to taking care of that aspect. Mr. Jenkins stated there is a chance then the town will do nothing. Councilman Lennon stated he doesn't see that but it is possible. It is a lot of money, well over \$1.2 million for all the projects out there. Once he has more information back from the engineers, a walk through will be scheduled with the town board so they know what needs to be done and what would happen if nothing is done.

With no further comment a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Carlson. Meeting ended 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

