

TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING – March 6, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Davis welcomed all in attendance. The following members were present:

Doreen Davis, Supervisor
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

MINUTES:

February 1, 2018 Department Head Meeting
February 6, 2018 Town Board Monthly Meeting
February 21, 2018 Town Board Committee Meeting
Motion to accept Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman McCulloch; carried.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution # 17-18 Kaaterskill Operating, LLC Certiorari Settlement
Motion: Councilman Giordiano Second: Councilman McCulloch,
Adopted 5 Yes

HIGHWAY:

Superintendent Beers presented the board with a quote for the purchase of a used bucket truck as the current one does not go up high enough. *Resolution # 18-18 with motion by Councilman Giordiano seconded by Councilman McCulloch to approve the purchase of a 2006 Intel Bucket Truck in not to exceed \$15,000. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Superintendent Beers also asked to declare the 2000 GMC bucket truck as surplus property. *Resolution #19-18 with motion by Councilman Giordiano seconded by Councilwoman Scannapieco declaring the 2000 GMC 3500 Bucket Truck as surplus property. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Supervisor Davis stated she had a teleconference call with Central Hudson today regarding the impending storm and wished Mr. Beers and crew a safe night.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Copy of letter sent to Kathleen Burgess, NYSPSC regarding Central Hudson's line rebuild project.
Supervisor Davis stated this is an ongoing project the town is being informed on.

Department of Army Permit Application to David Vipler, Catskill Golf Resort.

Notice of Special Election from GCBOE for 4/24 6 am to 9 pm.

Solicitation for grant fund planning from Laberge Group. *Supervisor Davis stated the town will sit down with them and review.*

Letter from Mid-Hudson Streetlight Consortium. *Supervisor Davis stated this is about consolidation and work on street lights.*

Notice of engineering agreement acceptance from EFC (Leeds/JH Sewer District). *Supervisor Davis stated there will be a meeting Thursday at 2 pm as the project will restart.*

Letter from AOT regarding establishment of New York Municipal Energy Program with NY Conference of Mayors for innovative municipal aggregation and community aggregation programs to save money on energy costs. *Supervisor Davis stated the town has been exploring.*

Invitation from GCDHS for the annual Senior Citizen Day at the Point on 5/18 at 12 pm. Everyone invited.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Webjogger IT contract/exchange migration – Councilman McCulloch stated the total budget is \$38,530. The proposal is for the monthly service fee and the one-time fee for migration of email exchange. His recommendation is to replace the two oldest computers at Town Hall now and then later in the year, replace the others and only the towers. Next year, the money budgeted for migration and be rolled over to replace monitors.

The councilman laptop will be repurposed to the Senior Center.

Supervisor Davis stated the budget is good and the migration will solve the other issues. There will also be an email retention schedule and all around clean-up. *Resolution #20-18 with motion by Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilwoman Scannapieco authorizing the Supervisor sign the contract with Webjogger for monthly service and a one-time migration for email/retention. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Maple Grove Culvert Pipe Replacement – Supervisor Davis stated there was a meeting with DOT, GC Highway and the Engineering Firm. Everything is on schedule to begin in June. The County and Town will be removing the Bailey bridge and returning it to the County in order to save money. We bonded \$300,000, if not all used, it can be returned. We pay for the project and are reimbursed by the State.

BOARD COMMENT:

Discussion for replacement of the overhead doors at the Highway Department and the bid will be discussed next week. Councilman McCulloch is to check with the Bank of Greene County for rates for a \$500,000 bond five, seven, and ten year terms.

Prioritization of projects still needs to be discussed. Supervisor Davis stated the Highway and the back of Town Hall are priority. We need to add expense for window replacement; however, we will not bond more than we can afford.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Chet Myers approached the board regarding a special use application for property owned by Ballone. His concern is noise. The property had a music festival there and the noise was unbearable. He was told by the Planning Board the Town issues permits for events and Ballone's will have weddings and maybe concerts. He is asking the board to not allow any large, loud, window jarring events. He also believes this negatively affects other resorts in the area.

His second concern is the shooting range which opens March 31st. The noise is so loud it is deafening. Mrs. Myer feels the noise is negatively affecting their property values.

Supervisor Davis asked if anyone approached the owner of the range regarding bafflement. She is asking neighbor speak to neighbor.

Kathy Ballone lives next door to the range. She has spoken with them. They stated they have put things in place to reduce the sound. It is not working.

Dave Woodin of Hearts Content Rd. is concerned for his safety as he has seen many bears which he hasn't seen before in his seventeen years of living there. He believes they do not want to be where the guns are going off. He feels the noise is to the CEO, Town Board and Town Attorney to enforce. He is present to voice his concern regarding last season.

Supervisor Davis stated the range was an approved use by the Planning Board description. Councilman McCulloch stated if it is a noise issue to have Elliott check it out. Mr. Izzo stated the Planning Board did their due diligence looking at the plan and site and made an informed decision based on the information at the time. Supervisor Davis stated you cannot predict noise and it is a large piece of property. We will contact the Code Enforcement Office and go from there.

Ms. Ballone stated she has an application in front of the Planning Board for a special use permit for glamping, hosting weddings and small events with her neighbors being concerned about noise. Councilman McCulloch stated the Planning Board can put in stipulations. Mr. Myers would like the board to take his concern regarding events into play.

Supervisor Davis mentioned the public hearing for the action. Mr. Izzo stated the public hearing was last week. The Planning Board has not yet approved as they were awaiting the County Planning Board determination which was sent with their approval.

Ms. Ballone stated she is amenable with talking about stipulations.

Mr. Izzo stated the Planning Board will not be giving a false sense of confidence. If the board decides the property owner can have events or weddings of up to 200 people, they can do that. If there is music at those events, they can do it. It is not a silence free zone. We would like people to invest in the town but also to minimize neighbor's concerns so there is a good relationship.

Supervisor Davis stated Mr. Izzo has an interesting observation that there is not a lot happening here but we are trying to get people here. The Town Board will follow the Planning Board and due their due diligence. Maltasia was not a good decision. The area is not zoned to stop business. If Ms. Ballone is in violation, there is a process but her recommendation is to have neighbor talk to neighbor first than try

to balance. As said, there is no zoning to stop completely but there is a noise ordinance in effect. Ms. Ballone spoke of the long term goals for her property. She stated if the noise isn't abated by the shooting range, her plans for her business won't be able to proceed.

Supervisor Davis stated there is a path going forward and the CEO will be contacted. Mr. Izzo stated if the CEO finds there is a violation of the special use permit, the applicant needs to come back to the Planning Board for another review.

Jason Koperniak approached the board as he has an application in front of the Planning Board for a campground off of Bethel Woods Rd. He is in front of the board as the board is considering a moratorium to review town code and if this done, he will lose his contract to purchase the property. He defined his project to the board. He is asking for hardship as there will be a financial impact. He is going through the procedures for the project with DOH, DEC and the Planning Board. He would like to have the review of the code made in a timely manner.

Supervisor Davis stated the moratorium is upon the recommendation of the Planning Board. There are no bylaws that govern this. Councilman McCulloch stated the board needs time to do their due diligence and to do the right thing. Councilman Giordiano stated this is the same as when the solar moratorium was in place. Mr. Koperniak is looking for open communication.

Supervisor Davis stated a committee has been formed along with the Town Attorney to discuss. The members consist of the Planning and Zoning Boards, the CEO, the Town Attorney and herself.

Ms. Ballone is concerned this will affect her too. Supervisor Davis stated we will meet with counsel and update. We want economic development, we want people to come here, but in a legal fashion.

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano seconded by Councilman Vosburgh. Meeting ended 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk