

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
April 1, 2025 6:30 pm

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

Supervisor McCulloch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed all in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING Local Law 2 of 2025 Volunteer Firefighter & Ambulance Worker Tax Exemption Amendment.

The Town Clerk read the public hearing notice.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Catskill Town Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 6:30 pm at Catskill Town Hall, 439 Main St., Catskill, NY to hear comment on Local Law 2 of 2025 amending Local Law 1 of 2023 relating to providing Real Property Tax Exemptions provided for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers in accordance with Section 466-A and 466-L of the Real Property Tax Law. The proposed Local Law is available for review on the Town website and at the Town Clerk's Office. By Order of the Catskill Town Board, Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk.

Supervisor McCulloch asked if anyone had comments or questions. With none being heard a motion to end the public hearing was made by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Espel. The public hearing ended at 6:31 pm.

The regular meeting convened at 6:31 pm.

MINUTES:

March 4, 2025 Town Board Monthly Meeting
March 19, 2025 Town Board Committee Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilwoman Scannapieco, carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 31-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Kozloski to adopt Local Law 2 of 2025 amending the Code of the Town of Catskill, Chapter 142, Article X, Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE:

NYS Dept of Public Works broadband internet access 2025 map and report, seeking public comment for the study.

Greene County Resolutions No. 116-25 authorizing chargeback assessment roll related services and materials Sr. exemption 2nd notice, Catskill's share \$2,083.70; No. 117-25 authorizing chargeback of assessment roll related services and materials (Catskill \$3,054.30).

NYSDEC NY-Alert Notifiers and Contributing POSS point of contact for notifications – Cementon Sewer

NYSDEC NY- Alert Acknowledgement for POSS, registration for Leeds/Jefferson Heights Sewer District.

Notice of Public Hearing, Village of Catskill Zoning Board, for an area variance for 458 Main St., Catskill for March 19, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Cemetery Doors – Councilman Giordiano reviewed the quotes received. B & D Contracting was \$200 less than C & R Overhead Garage Doors. There is money in the perpetual line. *Resolution # 32-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilwoman Scannapieco accepting B & D's quote for the replacement of the cemetery doors. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Update memorandum of agreement for DCO services with the Town of Cairo- Councilman Espel stated this comes about as our DCO has been going to dog control calls in the Town of Cairo when their DCO cannot attend a call. *Resolution # 33-2025 authorizing the Supervisor sign the MOU for dog control services with the Town of Cairo. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Good Cause Eviction. Supervisor McCulloch stated Elliott is in attendance to help explain the process. Mr. Matos stated the petition had 61 names on it from people in the Town of Catskill. Councilman Giordiano stated this law does not affect single family houses or duplexes. Mr. Matos stated the board can set the parameters of the law regarding units to determine the fair market value of rents up to a high luxury threshold. Councilwoman Scannapieco asked then a unit can be a house. Mr. Matos stated yes. This law does not affect good landlords, it is for the bad landlords. Councilman Giordiano asked about the exemptions. The law does not affect trailer parks. Mr. Matos stated there will be a new law for trailer parks. He does not see a downside to the law as it would help people from getting unfairly evicted.

An audience member stated the law makes the eviction process clearer on both sides. Councilman Giordiano asked who sets the fair market value. It is calculated and published by the state. Supervisor McCulloch stated Audre would know.

After further discussion about rent and fair market value, Supervisor McCulloch asked the board if they wished to set a public hearing for local law. *Resolution # 34-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilwoman Scannapieco to schedule a public hearing for proposed Local Law 3 of 2025 Good Cause Eviction for May 6, 2025 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Update PB/ZB/COE Clerk position - Councilman Giordiano stated the two board members as well as the chairs of the Planning and Zoning Board and Matt Carlile interviewed the applicant. He would like to approve the applicant for the position. *Resolution # 35-2025 on motion of Councilman Espel, seconded by Councilwoman Scannapieco authorizing the hire of Tyleane Benjamin as Clerk to the Planning and Zoning Boards and Code Enforcement Office pending pre-employment screening. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Ambulance Union negotiations – letter received from UPSEU. Supervisor McCulloch stated Kirsten Bulich has submitted the requested information and a meeting will be scheduled within a week or two to start negotiations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Seasonal Work – Brush Dump. Supervisor McCulloch stated Shawn would like to rehire Paul Ormerod. *Resolution # 35-2025 on motion of all board members, seconded by all board members to approve the hire of Paul Ormerod as Seasonal Help for the Highway Department at the Five Mile Woods Road Brush Dump effective April 5, 2025. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Request to suspend the noise ordinance – Supervisor McCulloch stated a request was submitted to suspend the noise ordinance for a music event at the Griffin House in Palenville on June 28th. *Resolution # 36-2025 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco, seconded by Councilman Espel authorizing the suspension of the noise ordinance on June 28th for a music event at the Griffin House in Palenville, NY. Adopted Vote 5 Yes*

Capital Improvement Bond – Supervisor McCulloch would like to begin the process of securing a capital improvement bond for improvements to town buildings. He would like to get a list of ideas and then decide on an amount to be bonded and move forward with the process from there.

Summer Recreation – Supervisor McCulloch would like to advertise for positions for Summer Recreation. *Resolution # 37-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Kozloski to advertise for the Summer Recreation Counselors and Assistant Counselor positions. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Memorial Day Parade – Supervisor McCulloch stated we have approval from the Village of Catskill to use Main Street. Liz reached out to Greene County and we have approval to use the county owned facilities.

Franchise Agreement – Supervisor McCulloch stated our franchise agreement with Spectrum needs to be renewed and we need to schedule a public hearing. *Resolution # 38-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilwoman Scannapieco to schedule a public hearing on the franchise agreement with Spectrum Northeast LLC for Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Surplus Property – Supervisor McCulloch stated Jack received a bid for the sale of the ambulance from Auctions International in the amount of \$4,350.00. *Resolution # 39-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Kozloski to accept the bid of \$4,350.00 for the ambulance. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Use & Occupancy Permit 15363 Palenville Pocket Park – Councilman Espel stated NYSDOT has submitted a Use and Occupancy Permit for signature for the pocket park in Palenville. It is a lengthy process but we are moving in the right direction. *Resolution # 40-2025 on motion of Councilman Espel seconded by Councilwoman Scannapieco authorizing the Supervisor sign the Use and Occupancy Permit 15363. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Councilman Giordiano requested the board review the local law pertaining to construction yards and special use. He will have Ted draft a local law for review at the May meeting.

Councilwoman Scannapieco updated the board on use of the Senior Center in March. Three hundred fifty-nine people attended and there are many activities scheduled for April.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Matos invited the Town Board to a presentation Seize the Power back from Central Hudson given by our state officials. Every municipality in the state will be asked to pass a resolution acquiring Central Hudson. It is the Hudson Valley Power Authority Act.

Patty Fitzgerald asked why the high voltage electric lines are being moved to the other side of the street in Leeds and if it had anything to do with the sidewalk. Supervisor McCulloch stated not yet.

He asked if there was any further comment. With none being heard a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Espel. The meeting ended at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk