

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting  
Catskill Town Hall  
April 4, 2023 6:30 PM

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| Present: | Dale Finch,        | Supervisor |
|          | Jared Giordiano,   | Councilman |
|          | Patrick McCulloch, | Councilman |
|          | Paul Vosburgh,     | Councilman |

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

#### MINUTES:

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| March 7, 2023  | Town Board Monthly Meeting with Public Hearing Unsafe Building and continuation Public Hearing Amendments TOC Zoning Code |
| March 15, 2023 | Town Board Committee Meeting                                                                                              |

Motion: Councilman Vosburgh, second Councilman Giordiano, carried.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 32-2023 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Vosburgh authorizing use of \$843.00 of ARPA funds for the SIP Trunking Phone Upgrades at Town Hall. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)

Resolution # 33-2023 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman McCulloch to hire Barb Erceg as the Summer Recreation Director at an hourly rate of \$25.00. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco) *Supervisor Finch stated last year was the first year back managing the program. Barb Erceg was interviewed by the board and more than qualified. Councilmen Giordiano and McCulloch and Councilwoman Scannapieco oversee the SR program.*

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

Resignation Mary Beth Lange, ZBA. *Supervisor Finch stated the position is posted on the Town's website and FB. Once several applications have been received, we will have the normal interview process.*

Letter of approval from GC to use courthouse steps and Historic Warehouse for Memorial Day Parade. *Supervisor Finch thanked all involved to get this done.*

Letter from Shaun Groden, GC Administrator regarding the process towns and villages must adhere to when demolishing buildings.

Notice of Public Hearing for Subdivision and Special Use Permit on land located 27 Brooks Ln. proposed by Catskill Gold Resort.

Letter from NYS Dept Public Service re Comprehensive Broadband Connectivity Act of 2021.

Letter from Supervisor Donald Clavin of the Town of Hempstead re Gov. Hochul's proposal to allow state

government to override authority of local zoning laws and invite to protest housing plan at the NYS Capital, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Correspondence from Abby Taye, Oakbrook Manor Apartments, and the new SPEDES permit authorizing discharge of up to 10,000 gallons of treated sanitary wastewater to surface waters of the state from on-site wastewater treatment system. *Supervisor Finch stated this is located on 385 towards the transfer station.*

#### CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Broadband – Archtop fiber. *Supervisor Finch stated this company is interested in installing fiber in Catskill. They just bought out Germantown Phone Co. and would like to expand their services to the Town of Catskill.*

Swinging Bridge – *Supervisor Finch stated we submitted an inquiry to our insurance company Marshall Sterling and the response from NYMIR is they will not insure the exposure of a suspension bridge. The Town Board is committed to helping the hamlet and moving forward.*

*Doreen Davis stated a couple of years ago there was a modification and consideration and it is worth having another conversation as they were ok with then. Supervisor Finch stated we need to find that documentation but even if it was ok then does not mean they are ok today. The easement with Sossa years ago was ok but the issue with the bridge is another. Councilman McCulloch asked if they were pursuing the state property and having a pocket park. Ms. Davis stated there is potential but this is two individual landowners. Supervisor Finch stated we have plans from 2014 and maybe then it was more a restoration project and now it is new construction. The conversation has not ended. Councilman Giordiano stated we are not looking to insure the bridge only liability.*

Landfill Meeting – *Supervisor Finch updated the board. The landfill is still monitored by DEC so the contract we have with the other towns is still in force.*

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Clean-Up Day – June 24<sup>th</sup>. *We will send a letter to GCSW requesting the date. The brush dump will open April 15<sup>th</sup>.*

PFD – Fire Commissioners re: issues pertinent to the district. *Mr. Synan read a letter to the board of their concerns. The first was to have a monthly report on the building permits which they used to receive reinstated. Supervisor Finch stated they will be sent to all fire districts. The second is several multi-family structures the fire district is concerned about and they would like them to be reviewed. The third is Air BnB's and other short-term rentals and if the fire district should know anything about them. The fourth is hazardous materials and if there are any locations in the district where such materials are stored.*

*Councilman Giordiano stated the town is slowly generating a short-term rental list. Councilman McCulloch stated this can be incorporated in the monthly list. Councilman Vosburgh stated the county has this list and we need to access it. Supervisor Finch stated the town has the list and we have a vague idea of how many; 64 STR's identified. We have had 17 applications submitted, 13 pending and 34 unresponsive. We will need to contact the Town Attorney on how to pursue a second notice and where to go from there.*

*Supervisor Finch stated the town has been working on Hickory Notch on Route 23A for over a year. The PO has had three court dates. The PO should show some activity to clean up. If progress is not made the town will take the next step.*

*Mr. Garrison stated there are other buildings in disrepair and a concern for the firefighters. Supervisor Finch will speak with the CEO. A meeting will be scheduled with Ed Synan and the Supervisor to review the concerns brought about tonight.*

Jonathan Palmer – Little Red Schoolhouse. *Mr. Palmer was unable to attend the meeting tonight.*

Road Name Application for the “The Nest” Subdivision on Mossy Hill Rd. *Tabled until the 4/15 meeting.*

Replant trees – Cemetery. *Supervisor Finch stated Pat Esposito brought this issue up. It is a good idea and we will get back in touch with her. The idea is to donate trees in memory.*

Seasonal Help – Five Mile Woods Brush Dump. *This will be posted on the website. There are two jobs, one for the brush dump and the other for seasonal help for the highway department. It will be kept open until the next meeting.*

The ZBA position will be posted indefinitely.

The Senior Center will be closed next week for interior painting. This is part of the ARPA funding from the County.

Supervisor Finch asked if there was any public comment. Councilman Giordiano asked the clerk if the Highway Superintendent was sent an email regarding the replacement of the Town of Catskill signs. The response was yes.

Councilman McCulloch stated the Veterans banners will be installed next Monday and Tuesday.

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh. Meeting ended 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo  
Town Clerk