

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting – Catskill Town Hall
April 7, 2020 6:30 pm

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

Remoting In from Old Kings Rd: Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman

Supervisor Finch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and mentioned the board meetings are live streamed on WGXC.

COVID-19 Update:

Supervisor Finch gave an update on the town's response to COVID-19. Town Hall and all other town buildings remain closed to the public through April 30th at which time there will be reevaluation for remaining closed. The Code Office, Finance, Town Clerk, Supervisor, Tax and Assessor are considered essential personnel.

The Senior Center is closed except for the Meals Program. There is no staff for this program and the site is used as drop off only for meal delivery.

The Ambulance is staffed and are to be commended during this trying time.

Highway is as needed. The Brush Dump is currently open Monday to Thursday 7 am to 3 pm.

Cemetery is staffed and spring ground work has commenced.

MINUTES:

3/3/20 Town Board Monthly
3/18/20 Town Board Committee

Motion: Councilman Vosburgh Second: Councilman Giordiano, carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Memorandum from Patrick Linger, Chairman Greene County Legislature regarding COVID 19 and possibility of illegal housing. *Prefab sheds had been rented however this was not an issue in Catskill.*

Email from Office of Disaster Recovery regarding public assistance applicant briefing announcement – to discuss federal funding from FEMA that may be available under COVID-19 major disaster declaration.

Email from AOT regarding their 2020/2021 budget summary.

Letter of interest to serve as alternate on Planning Board – William Librera. *This will wait until the COVID is over.*

*Supervisor Finch stated we received the Village of Catskill annual water report.
Tiny Tines stopped taking reservations due to virus.*

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Resolution authorizing the Supervisor execute a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the CSEA Local 820. *Will wait until receive agreement.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Hire seasonal employee for Highway. After much discussion, Resolution # 15-20 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Vosburgh to hire Addison Allen as seasonal help for the Highway Department (Five Mild Woods Rd. Brush Dump) effective on or after April 18th. Adopted 5 Yes

Exempt employees – FFCRA: Supervisor Finch reviewed Families First Coronavirus Response Act and the recommendation from the Town's HR to exempt those employees who are first responders only. Resolution #16-2020 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilwoman Scannapieco to exempt first responders under the FFCRA. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Budget – Supervisor Finch stated this is a hire and spending freeze with the exception of any COVID-19 expense. Councilman McCulloch wishes to have the highway personnel, if plants open, to be able to pave roads. Councilman Giordiano stated we are waiting on the 284 agreement from the Highway Supervisor. Councilman McCulloch stated patching only. The CHIPS money will be quarter by quarter.

Supervisor Finch stated he spoke with Judge Jacobs and the court office is closed until May 1st.

The Cemetery Department has had burials however families are opting not to have services as large gatherings are prohibited.

Supervisor Finch stated he received quotes from Webjogger regarding service licensing and has a call into their office to discuss. Councilman McCulloch stated this was discussed last year. Support from our old system will end and we will need to act.

BOARD COMMENT:

Councilman Giordiano stated he is proud of our EMS and thanked them and all first responders for being on the front line of this virus.

Councilman McCulloch wanted the board to know Lowe's donated supplies to the fire companies. They were the only store in town that did.

With no further comment a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh. Meeting ended 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

