

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
May 1, 2012 6:30 pm

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

Supervisor Leggio opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following minutes were reviewed and accepted:

4/3/2012	Town Board Monthly Minutes Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
4/4/2012	Public Hearing #4-2012 Joint Mtg VOC re: Landon Ave Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Lennon Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
4/4/2012	Government Operations Meeting Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
4/17/2012	Government Operations Meeting Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Carlson Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
4/18/2012	Town Board Committee Minutes Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0

The following resolutions were reviewed and passed:

RESOLUTION #54-2012

RETAIN MICHAEL A RICHARDSON
LABOR RELATIONS CONSULTANT
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Catskill and the CSEA Highway Contract, due to expire on December 31, 2012 and the Town of Catskill and the United Public Services Employees Union, due to expire on June 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill would like to retain Michael A. Richardson, Labor Relations Consultant, to represent the Town in negotiations at a rate of \$150 per hour; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorize Michael A. Richardson to represent the Town of Catskill for the negotiations.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #55-2012

TRANSFER OF FUNDS LANDFILL
ADMINISTRATOR

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent is also the Landfill Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Landfill Administrator's salary is paid from the Joint Landfill Account, a self-sustaining fund used to maintain and monitor the closed Joint Town of Catskill Landfill; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to transfer from the Landfill Account #5995055 an amount of \$5,000.00 for salary and \$384.00 for Social Security to the 2012 'A' Fund Account #A8160.1 Landfill Administrator PS and Account #A9030.8 Social Security, to budget for the Landfill Administrator's salary; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board will also increase the 2012 Budget Revenue Account #A5031 Interfund Transfers by \$5,384.00; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the transfer from the Joint Landfill Account of \$5,384.00 and authorize a modification to the 2012 'A' Fund Budget Appropriation Account #A8160.1 and A9030.8.

Councilman Carlson seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #56-2012

SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR
LOCAL LAW #1-2012

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Catskill wishes to amend Chapter 151, Article IV of the Town Code to limit parking on Landon Avenue in the Town of Catskill for emergency vehicle access to provide for the public safety of the Town residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill would like to have a public hearing to hear comments and concerns from those citizens; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board will hold a public hearing on May 14th at 5:45 pm at Catskill Town Hall to hear public comment regarding Local Law # 1 of 2012.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Supervisor Leggio asked the Highway Superintendent to speak about the 284 agreement. Mr. Beers reviewed each road to repair/fix and amount to be spent on each.

RESOLUTION #57-2012

AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURE
OF HIGHWAY MONEY

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent presented an agreement for expenditure of highway monies for repair and improvement of town highways; and

WHEREAS, the agreement is between the Highway Superintendent and the Town Board with monies levied and collected within the Town and from the State for State Aid; and

WHEREAS, total expenditure for repair and improvement of town roads will be \$264,530.00; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby agree to the expenditure of monies for repair and improvement of town highways.

Councilman Carlson seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0 Motion Carried

Supervisor Leggio reviewed the county resolution:

Res 146-12 Approving Reimbursement College Chargebacks
(Catskill's share \$5,943.46)

Supervisor Leggio reviewed the correspondence that all board members have:

Invitation from Catskill Memorial Day Committee to participate in this year's ceremony,
Sunday, May 27 at 2:00 pm

Letter from Community Arts Grants administered by GCCA listing organizations who received grants this year.

Invitation from Danielle Kane, Aging Services Specialist GCDA, regarding the second annual Senior Citizen Day being held May 17 at the Historic Catskill Point.

Letter from Greg Lubow thanking the Town Board for allowing use of the court room for the 2012 High School Mock Trial Program, Greene & Columbia Counties.

NYS DEC availability of State and Federal Funds

Memorial Day flag placement Catskill Cemetery, 5/19 at 9 am.

Supervisor Leggio reviewed the monthly reports. He then moved on to new business. He stated Jim Horton from Clough Harbour called and they do our GIS mapping. He was to do a presentation tonight. The County has a GIS system in which now the layers will overlay the Town's. He sent an email with a sample contract, that he didn't print out yet, but it states the county system will work fine for us and we may not need our current GIS. He will get the board all the paperwork to review.

Supervisor Leggio asked if Laurie Marsh was present. She was not. She had wanted to speak to the town board.

Supervisor Leggio stated the board had a copy of the letter from the Athens Supervisor regarding the ambulance service. He stated it is time to put that contract to bed. We have been going round and round for quite a while. There are also write off policies we need to speak about. Supervisor Leggio asked to go into executive session to discuss the Athens ambulance so we can discuss it and thinks it falls under contracts and we need to discuss before a decision can be made. Councilman Lennon asked this is for the ambulance contract and Supervisor Leggio stated we gave them three proposals. Councilman Lennon stated it doesn't involve personnel so why are we going into executive session. Councilman Walsh stated contract negotiations can be in executive session.

Supervisor Leggio asked if anyone had any comment. Councilman Lennon stated everyone has been invited to the ribbon cutting at Elliot Park's new playground.

Councilman Lennon stated we need to pass a resolution for the town-wide cleanup.

RESOLUTION #58-2012

TOWN OF CATSKILL CLEAN
UP DAY 2011

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill wishes to have a Town-wide Clean-Up Day on Saturday, June 9, 2012, from 7:00 am to 2:30 pm for the Town of Catskill residents at the Cauterskill Road site, so

THEREFORE, WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve June 9, 2012 as Town Clean-Up Day, and authorize the Town Highway Superintendent to perform such clean-up services as he deems necessary to complete the town-wide clean-up day.

Councilman Carlson seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Councilman Lennon stated he received an email from Joe from IT that our browser reporter software which was on trial basis is coming due for the year at a \$399 cost. This allows us to view what the employees are viewing on the internet. Supervisor Leggio asked for comments. He stated he spoke with Joe after receiving the email and he stated we recommend we sign up for

it and get the upgrades and if we don't want to do it next year we don't have to but at least we would have the upgrade.

RESOLUTION #59-2012

PURCHASE BROWSER
REPORTER SOFTWARE

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill had a three month trial period for browser reporter software and it worked well; and

WHEREAS, the Town's IT department recommended purchasing the yearly subscription to include updates at a cost of \$399.00; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorize purchase of the browser reporter software in the amount of \$399.99

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Councilman Lennon mentioned an email from Ed DuPont, President of the Catskill Little League that he forwarded to all regarding American Legion Coxsackie Post #166. He stated opening day ceremony for Catskill Little League Junior/Senior Division is scheduled for May 26th at 10 am and he urged all to attend.

Councilman Lennon next mentioned placing an ad in the paper for a position in the Highway Department. He would like HR and Alfie to work on this. Councilman Carlson asked if there are opening. Alfie stated we are two down. One just left. With vacation he is always running short. Councilman Walsh stated it is a good idea to get resumes in.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the letter from Delaware Engineering where she put us on the list for grant applications. It was in the correspondence he just gave everyone.

Councilman Lennon stated there was a memo from John Cashin to request reimbursement for two hours time for Patricia and Ed as they attended the GIS web mapping. He asked the Supervisor how that will be done; vacation time. They are part time employees. Supervisor Leggio stated they use the system; it is integral to their jobs. He doesn't have a problem. Councilman Antonelli stated they don't have vacation time as they are part time so we will need to pay them.

REIMBURSE CODE OFFICER &
PLANNING & ZONING CLERK

WHEREAS, Ed Ferratto and Patricia Case-Keel attended the County GIS web mapping program; and

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board authorize reimbursement of their time, 2 hours in pay.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0 Motion Carried

Supervisor Leggio stated there has been no update from anyone regarding the fire district consolidation. He stated he last heard that a joint meeting will be scheduled. A memo will be sent to see where we stand.

Councilman Carlson mentioned the outstanding bills owed by citizens incurred from the Planning Board. We discussed it in early January/February and asked if we are going to proceed forward in civil collection. Supervisor Leggio stated the Town Attorney, Jim Wagman, had sent letters to the people who are in arrears. We have received some correspondence back. It does need to be addressed. Councilman Carlson stated he would be looking for guidance from our now Town Attorney to see if we have a civil process. Michael Smith stated without reviewing he cannot comment but upon his review though he can generate an opinion.

Councilman Carlson next mentioned, after discussion with the Town Attorney and our Supervisor, Mike Sterthous' attorney fees were quite high. He stated people are utilizing the attorney's office without the Supervisor's notification or the Supervisor is not aware of the reason behind some of the calls, including the Zoning Board and Planning Board and Department Heads. He would like to make a motion that no one is able to utilize the attorney's services without first notifying the Town Supervisor with the nature of the call and the necessity of the call.

Councilman Antonelli asked if we should use a paper request to have the Supervisor sign off. Councilman Carlson stated the purpose he is bringing forth isn't so much the necessity but how he believes, as a public, we have elected a Town Supervisor and as such he has a responsibility to know what is going on. It is more of an informational or necessity as opposed to whether we need Mike Sterthous' ability. We have a competent attorney and maybe some of these questions can be directed to him. Maybe Mr. Sterthous' law firm is being utilized not so much as convenience but because there is a history, i.e. the Planning Board has been utilizing Mr. Sterthous' services since its inception and it might not be necessary at this juncture. He believes the Town Supervisor is in the best position to ask the necessary questions as to whether that is true or not and at the very minimal he is aware of what is going on. Ultimately he has to approve these bills and he should ultimately know what is going on in the township.

Supervisor Leggio stated what spurred the conversation is he received a bill from Osterman, Whiteman & Hanna and there was a \$3,500 bill-Planning Board that was one issue. It seemed high when you look at it. No one is questioning the integrity of the bill. Councilman Carlson stated absolutely, just the necessity. Supervisor Leggio stated there is no subdivision, or if he comes to the Planning Board and says I want to split my property in half, are we going to spend \$3,500 every time someone comes to the Planning Board. This is where this was derived from. Councilman Lennon stated before we go and make the motion and second we should get all the facts. There are certain guidelines that the Planning and Zoning Board has with counsel. We should check all the facts and ask the department heads to see what their aspect is. Councilman Carlson stated that is what he is proposing; they have to explain prior to making the bill.

RESOLUTION #61-2012

USE OF TOWN COUNSEL

Councilman Carlson presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, to allow the Supervisor to know what is going on in the township, any dialogue with Town Departments and Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna will need prior approval from the Supervisor; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby conclude that prior authorization needs to be complied with prior to contacting the law office of Whiteman, Osterman, & Hanna.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

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

Supervisor Leggio asked if we heard anymore in regards to FEMA. He stated he heard a bunch of rumors last week and is sure they are not true or accurate. Councilman Lennon stated he gave an update on Thursday to the Supervisor and would like to schedule a tour of the area with all board members as to give an update of all projects in those locations. A tour will be on Friday morning at 9 am and all will meet at the Palenville Fire House.

Harry Sacco asked the board regarding the person who sent in a letter of interest in serving on the Planning Board. Supervisor Leggio stated only the one name was brought to the board and we are trying to find additional people not that anyone has a problem with anyone. He believes there are two vacancies. He may know of someone interested too. Councilman Antonelli asked if we should put an ad in the paper.

RESOLUTION #62-2012

ADVERTISE FOR PLANNING
& ZONING BOARD POSITIONS

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals have vacancies; and

WHEREAS, advertisement has been on the Town's website with only one interested candidate for the Planning Board; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board approve advertising in the Daily Mail for the open positions and for future vacant positions.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0 Motion Carried

Councilman Antonelli made a motion to go into executive session. Supervisor Leggio stated no business will be conducted in executive session. Councilman Walsh seconded. Executive session began at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

Motion to exit executive session was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Walsh. Meeting ended 8:00 pm.