

Catskill Town Board Meeting  
Catskill Town Hall  
May 3, 2011 6:30 pm

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| Attendance: | Pat Walsh,        | Acting Supervisor |
|             | Robert Antonelli, | Councilman        |
|             | Michael Smith,    | Councilman        |
|             | Kevin Lennon,     | Councilman        |
|             | Elizabeth Izzo,   | Town Clerk        |

Also Attending: Marybeth Bianconi, John Brust, & Alan Tavenner: Delaware Engineering,  
Candace Balmer, RCAP Solutions  
Lisa Heintz, Rip Van Winkle Tobacco-Free Action

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

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| 04/05/2011 | Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting |
|            | Motion Councilman Antonelli         |
|            | Second Councilman Smith             |
|            | Ayes 4, Nays 0 Absent 0             |

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| 04/20/2011 | Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting |
|            | Motion Councilman Antonelli           |
|            | Second Councilman Smith               |
|            | Ayes 4, Nays 0 Absent 0               |

The following resolutions were accepted:

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| RESOLUTION # 28-2011 | SUPPORT FOR TOUR OF<br>THE CATSKILLS BIKE RACE |
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Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour of the Catskills Cycling Race will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011; and

WHEREAS, this event is being coordinated with Greene County, the State of New York and various other village and town municipalities, with which the race passes through their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill is one of those boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill would like to support their endeavor; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby support the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour of the Catskills Cycling Race and wish them best in their event.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 29-2011

APPOINTMENT PART TIME  
SEASONAL CEMETERY  
LABORER

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board has authorized filling a part-time seasonal cemetery laborer for the Town of Catskill Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Stanley Dushane, Cemetery Custodian, has recommended Kathleen Sergy be appointed to said position; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Sergy meets the minimum qualifications established for said position; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby appoint Kathleen Sergy to the position of part-time seasonal cemetery laborer effective May 3, 2011 at the rate of pay \$9.73 per hour.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 30-2011

APPOINTMENT PART TIME  
SEASONAL CEMETERY  
LABORER

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board has authorized filling a part-time seasonal cemetery laborer for the Town of Catskill Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Stanley Dushane, Cemetery Custodian, has recommended Joshua Hart be appointed to said position; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Hart meets the minimum qualifications established for said position; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby appoint Joshua Hart to the position of part-time seasonal cemetery laborer effective May 3, 2011 at the rate of pay \$9.73 per hour.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 31-2011

APPOINTMENT PART TIME  
SEASONAL CEMETERY  
LABORER

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board has authorized filling a part-time seasonal cemetery laborer for the Town of Catskill Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Stanley Dushane, Cemetery Custodian, has recommended Donald Naylor be appointed to said position; and

WHEREAS, Donald Naylor meets the minimum qualifications established for said position; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby appoint Donald Naylor to the position of part-time seasonal cemetery laborer effective May 3, 2011 at the rate of pay \$9.73 per hour.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 32-2011

APPOINTMENT PART TIME  
CLERK/COMPTROLLER'S  
OFFICE

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill's Comptroller's Office foresees need for a part-time clerk due to the medical leave of one of its employees; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller is recommending Kirsten Bulich be appointed to said position; and

WHEREAS, this position will be no more than 20 hours per week at the starting pay of \$10.98 per hour.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Acting Supervisor Walsh reviewed the County resolution:

Res 158-11

Approving Reimbursement to Comm Colleges  
(Catskill's share \$11,905.20)

Acting Supervisor Walsh then introduced John Brust from Delaware Engineering to speak to the board regarding the Leeds Sewer Project. Mr. Brust introduced himself, Alan Tavenner, Marybeth Bianconi and Candace Balmer. He stated in 2008 the Town asked them to look into a wastewater treatment system for Leeds. He then asked Marybeth to give the presentation.

Ms. Bianconi gave a brief synopsis. She stated she worked on the project in 2008. There were two public meetings regarding it. She stated they completed a conceptual engineering report. She stated there are about 157 users. Two options were looked at. One was to construct a wastewater treatment plant and the other was to send it to the Village of Catskill. At that time, the Village of Catskill was working on their sewer system. They were concerned regarding the potential volume of water that may impact their plant. They were not interested in working with the Town. Since then, time has gone by and they have addressed some of their issues and it may open some opportunities.

Candace Balmer, who works for a private non-profit, addressed the board regarding the income survey. She gave the board the report of the survey. She stated there are three major infrastructure funding organizations. Each of the funding programs is a little different in regards to what they are looking for. She stated she mailed out the income surveys, mailed a second time, and then she and Pat went door to door to get the number of surveys that were required.

She stated they are at 79% response. The medium household income was \$37,250. She stated poverty level is under \$40,000 and the Town meets that.

Councilman Smith asked if we knew the cost of building the facility, what the community can contribute towards the cost of construction and the issue between the cost of construction and a negative amount due based upon what the community can contribute. He stated that is the issue we need to move forward with.

Ms. Bianconi agreed. She stated the economic need of paying for sewer will be expensive and it is challenging. It returns to what can the community contribute toward the raw cost of construction and to operate whatever may be built. Building a wastewater plant versus sending it to the Village of Catskill's plant needs to be addressed. She stated it is the amount of users and the cost distributed over a population. She also stated they are environmental issues. She stated to make the project feasible you need to look at economic need and environmental need.

The cost to build a plant in 2008 using 2010 dollars was \$4.8 million. The cost to maintain the plant would be \$475 per user a year. This figure was using 157 users. The total cost, if the Town received no grant money, would be \$2,000 per year per user. If the town received a 50% grant, the cost would be \$980 a year per user. This is well over the government figure.

Councilman Lennon asked what the hook up fee would be if we utilized Catskill's plant. Ms. Bianconi stated that is something we need to look at as Catskill still has an ongoing program to eliminate I and I. This is rainwater that is entering their sewer system that is not supposed to and takes up their capacity.

Councilman Antonelli stated there are 347 parcels in Jefferson Heights that may be able to connect to the Village if the Town decides to use the Village plant. He stated the septic is bad in Jefferson. The hook up to the plant is at the old hospital. He stated the town doesn't have that much land to build a plant and it all comes down to money.

Councilman Smith stated we have done nothing so far and what would happen if we do nothing. He stated we have taxpayers with no money and we are talking about capital construction, expanding the concept of cost into Jefferson and then utilizing the Village's facility that might need upgrading. It is a lot of money. He stated we are in a position where the Village does not have any money. What if we said we are going to wait until times are better. Ms. Bianconi stated a number of things will happen. She stated there will be a number of businesses in Leeds who will be pestered by DOH & DEC because of their failing septic systems. DEC will not go away as there is a water quality problem. Councilman Smith stated DEC will go after the property owners.

Councilman Lennon stated he has been contacted by some business owners who have been pestered by the DOH in order for the Town to move forward. Councilman Smith stated if we are looking at the issue and that is a limited number of users that is creating the problem, then we should address the issue at what is the cost of individual taxpayers versus the town's taxpayers. An analysis should be done.

Councilman Antonelli stated a public hearing will be needed and the taxpayer's will tell us what they want.

Ms. Bianconi stated a feasibility study will be needed to include the Jefferson Heights property since that wasn't done as we didn't know if we could utilize the Village of Catskill.

Councilman Lennon stated we should have a meeting with the Village of Catskill, the Catskill Legislators, and Delaware Engineering to discuss the options. Ms. Bianconi stated we should include the IDA and Warren Hart of the County Planning Department and then have a public hearing-informational session to state the proposition, timeline, etc.

It was decided to have the Town Clerk set up a meeting between all parties in conjunction with Councilman Lennon and Ms. Bianconi.

Acting Supervisor Walsh introduced Lisa Heintz of the Rip Van Winkle Tobacco Free Action. She stated her organization is trying to desocialize tobacco by working on tobacco free outdoors and would like the Ricky Cramer Field, since the Town has taken it over, be tobacco free. Her organization would provide signs for the park saying "tobacco free".

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated we are interested in supporting a tobacco free park and will digest and review the information regarding the sign samples and get back to her.

Acting Supervisor Walsh opened the meeting to public comment. Richard Schloss spoke to the board again regarding his road. He stated the engineer, Gary Harvey, who is a civilian and not an engineer, worked with Alfie to determine what to be done. He stated the road is sliding and the solution is not more blacktop.

Councilman Lennon stated he took many trips to see his road when there was heavy snow and rain and didn't see any changes. Mr. Schloss said the end of Landon Avenue needs to be fixed. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated he and Councilman Lennon will take a ride out and talk to Alfie. He said the problem is money and it will be bandaged until we get enough money to do it.

Mr. Schloss stated Alfie is a nice guy but tends to be vindictive. He doesn't want to go public and go to the Daily Mail but he needs his road fixed.

Joe Izzo spoke to the board. He stated he was in Coxsackie Saturday for a function and Mark Evans who is the Mayor of the Village of Coxsackie as well as the administrator for the advanced life system for the county, approached him and told him he asked the Ambulance Administrator for the Town of Catskill for financial information which they need to go back to the County for the new five year agreement for the ALS. He stated the information needed was the amount of money the town received for billing advanced life support. He stated he has not received any response from the Ambulance Administrator. He stated Mark has received the information from all of the other towns in the county and since Catskill is the biggest ambulance user the information is needed to give the legislature a study. The County picks up close to 50% of the cost now.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated the information will be gathered and sent to Mark.

Joe Izzo also wanted to let the board know that the amount of the college chargeback this month is high because there is a student who attends FIT in NYC and this is a four year school recognized as a community college. He stated the tuition alone is four to five thousand dollars. He stated the legislature is trying to work with the state to get FIT off the list as a community college.

He also stated the Town Planning Board and the Town is aware of the DeSantis decision and that the Planning Board acted properly. They are waiting on them to decide what next to do. He stated CJ Properties is going forward. They are working with DOH and DEC. He stated the game farm property is on the agenda for next week. It is a major subdivision.

The Planning Board approved the subdivision for Mower. He stated the Murairui project is on hold. He stated the COE is working with them and the Planning Board is not entertaining further review until the code violations are fixed.

He also stated the Planning Board is up to date on all projects and they are not back logged any longer.

Acting Supervisor Walsh reviewed the correspondence:

Letter from Dr. Kathleen Farrell of CCSD in support of a tobacco-free zone at the Ricky Cramer Babe Ruth Field.

Greene County Council on the Arts balance sheet & profit and loss statement for third quarter ending March 2011.

Greene County Council on the Arts balance sheet & profit and loss statement for third quarter ending March 2011.

Acting Supervisor Walsh reviewed the reports:

Town of Catskill Cemetery Report for month of April

Town of Catskill Code Enforcement Report for month of April

Town of Catskill Ambulance Report for month of April

Acting Supervisor Walsh polled the board. Councilman Lennon stated the procurement policy needs to be reviewed.

He stated County Waste has been contacted regarding picking up the garbage at the Babe Ruth field. It will be every other week in the amount of \$130 and there will be a lockable container there. He would like Supervisor sign the agreement.

RESOLUTION #33-2011

CONTRACT WITH COUNTY WASTE

Councilman Smith offered the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill has taken over the Ricky Cramer Babe Ruth Field; and

WHEREAS, it is interested in maintaining proper functioning of the area including having the garbage removed; and

WHEREAS, the Town has received a proposal from County Waste, PO Box 431, NY; and

WHEREAS, the proposal meets the requirements of the Board; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board authorize the Acting Supervisor to sign the contract with County Waste for the removal of garbage at the Ricky Cramer Babe Ruth Field.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 4,        Nays 0,        Absent 0.

Motion Carried

Councilman Lennon stated we will need to review the SEQRA for the field.

Councilman Lennon stated he spoke with the Sheriff regarding the noise ordinance and is agreeable to a meeting with the Supervisor. Councilman Smith stated there is no issue with the law. It is with the law enforcement utilizing the noise technology. The question is will the law enforcement utilize the equipment in terms of the enforcement of the existing law.

Councilman Lennon stated Sheriff Seeley asked for a copy of the law. They spoke about how to enforce and stated a meeting should be held. He stated the whole board could meet in a government ops meeting. Councilman Smith stated he would like to participate in that meeting. Councilman Antonelli stated he would like to attend. Acting Supervisor Walsh asked Councilman Lennon set up the meeting with the Sheriff, State Police and the board.

Councilman Lennon stated there was a meeting with the Town of Athens regarding the ambulance contract along with Acting Supervisor Walsh. He stated they will work with Sandy to try to come up with the figures they would like. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated they are amenable to a cost basis expense worked into the program on a pro-rated basis. Councilman Antonelli stated there is a cost. Multiply it. He stated it was set up for every call we made. This covers their parades and festivals. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated it should be settled soon.

Councilman Lennon stated he reached out to Jim Wagman regarding the contract with Merritt Construction.

Councilman Lennon brought up the proposal from Fraser Associates regarding the first phase of the project for the field. He would like to have a resolution going forth.

RESOLUTION #34-2011

CONTRACT WITH FRASER & ASSO.  
PRELIMINARY ENGINEER SERVICE

Councilman Lennon offered the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill has taken over the Ricky Cramer Babe Ruth Field; and

WHEREAS, it is interested in enhancing the athletic field layout; and

WHEREAS, Fraser & Associates presented a proposal for preliminary engineering services in the amount of \$1,500 in regards to project feasibility and funding; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board authorize the Acting Supervisor to sign the contract with Fraser & Associates for this first phase.

Councilman Antonelli seconded this motion.

Ayes 4,        Nays 0,        Absent 0.

Motion Carried

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated he received a memo from the Assessor's office for evaluation training for Carol Kenyon in the amount of \$708.00.

Acting Supervisor Walsh received a letter from Chief Darling regarding the Memorial Day Parade. Councilman Antonelli stated he will take the blazer as he doesn't walk. All councilman will be marching.

RESOLUTION #35-2011

HIRE PIPE BAND FOR MEMORIAL  
DAY PARADE

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill will be participating in the Memorial Day activities; and

WHEREAS, John Gallagher, dba Middle Fort Pipe Band, has played during prior Memorial Day observances; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby hires the Middle Fort Pipe Band to play at the Village & Town of Catskill's 2011 Memorial Day Observances for the sum of \$750.00.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4,        Nays 0,        Absent 0.

Motion Carried

Councilman Lennon stated he is researching nuisance fire alarms and maybe enacting a law regarding them.

Acting Supervisor Walsh asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a report from human resources regarding personal matters. Motion was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Lennon. Executive session began 8:25 pm.

Motion to exit executive session and end the meeting made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Smith. Meeting ended 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Izzo  
Town Clerk

