

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
May 4, 2021 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Dale Finch, Supervisor
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman
Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman

ABSENT: Patrick McCulloch, Councilman

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

MINUTES:

April 7, 2021 Town Board Monthly Meeting

April 17, 2021 Town Board Committee Meeting

Motion: Councilman Giordiano Second: Councilman Vosburgh, carried

RESOLUTION:

Resolution # 41-2021 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh accepting the expenditure of highway monies (284 agreement), amount to be set aside \$480,000 which includes CHIPS and road materials for general repairs, permanent improvements for Bogart Rd to Penn Ave (2.34 miles) \$240,000 and Ufferts Rd end to end \$80,000 and line item DB5110.466. Adopted Vote: 3 Absent 2 (McCulloch/Scannapieco)

Supervisor Finch stated the State may be generous and we will see how much more money we will receive.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Greene County Resolutions No. 99-21 Support of Rescinding the NYS Fiber Right of Way Fee; No. 100-21 Awarding Fuel Oil Bid to Bottini Fuel.

Letter from NYS Dept of Public Service seeking public comment on two proposals filed by DPS Staff in the Gas Planning Proceeding which include the Gas System Planning Process Proposal and the Moratorium Management Proposal. Virtual public statements hearings will be held on May 12, 2021. *Supervisor Finch stated this is part of the Greene initiative with the State of NY.*

ISO re Kiskatom Fire Department public protection classification 09/10 (for underwriting process for insurance companies).

Solicitation from Bank of Greene County helping review any delayed projects the town may have and financing of those projects.

Request from Leisure Village MHP asking for some form of cost share for a water bill charge of \$14,858 due to a leak because the meter had not been read right or calibrated correctly.

NEW BUSINESS:

Palenville the Hamlet – Tannery Bridge: Gary Harvey, Mike Roberts and Crane Davis were representing PTH and inquired about the town's plan for controlling the crowds, garbage, loud music at the creek this year; blockage to the creek from town property. Councilman Vosburgh asked if they believe it will be as bad as last year. The answer was it already started to be. *Councilwoman Scannapieco entered the meeting 6:35 pm.*

Councilman Vosburgh stated the State has committed to extra road controls and no parking signs on Route 23. The Sheriff will have to have more patrols to the area. Councilwoman Scannapieco stated that will be helpful but people park everywhere. Councilman Vosburgh stated the County is erecting a 10 foot fence on the bridge this year. Mr. Harvey asked about the abutment to the bridge. Councilman Vosburgh stated there were thoughts about a permanent fence but it would block the bridge and asked if they had any thoughts.

Mr. Harvey stated most people in Palenville have had it and will not let anyone down there. Mr. Roberts stated there are 40 to 50 people on the bridge and he has called the Sheriff two to three times a day because of the swearing and the noise and he doesn't want to do that again this year. He suggested a four foot fence to the Bloom house and erecting a sign no swimming and no trespassing. Councilwoman Scannapieco understood where Mr. Roberts was coming from but asked what if she wanted to go swimming there? Mr. Roberts stated there is no swimming in the creek. Everyone is pissed. Councilman Vosburgh stated if we erect a fence, it will be for everybody, not just out of towners. Mr. Davis stated we are past that as it has gotten so bad. No one wants to see an accident occur on town property. Supervisor Finch stated he doesn't like closing permanently. Councilman Giordiano is 100% in support of closing access permanently and has said this for the last two to three years. Mr. Roberts stated it is becoming a quality of life issue for the residents. Everyone has their property fenced. Supervisor Finch stated there are a lot of local people on the bridge and swimming and he has a concern for town residents if we close down. Mr. Roberts stated no one from the town goes there. Mr. Davis stated people are in favor of closing. Mr. Roberts stated people have no respect for the property or the creek or the people.

Elliot Matos suggested instead of closing make it regulated. Have a person checking cars, make it a park. Councilman Vosburgh stated this comes back to enforcement. We have no way to enforce that. Supervisor Finch stated this is a small swimming hole and not like a beach. Mr. Matos stated there must be some way of regulating how people get in. Councilman Vosburgh stated it is a little sliver the town owns for access to the creek. Supervisor Finch stated it is not easy to get down.

Councilman Giordiano motioned to get quotes for fencing. Councilman Vosburgh is ok with that but reiterated once the signs and fencing go up, it applies to everyone. *Resolution # 42-2021 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh to solicit quotes for the erection of fence on town owned property near the creek in Palenville along Woodstock Avenue. Adopted 4 Yes 1 Absent (McCulloch)*

Supervisor Finch wishes to know everyone in Palenville is on board with this. Mr. Harvey stated a petition will be easy to get to you. Councilman Giordiano stated this just stops use on town property. Supervisor Finch stated we will get pricing for fencing. The temporary fence will be back up as will the no parking signs. Messrs. Roberts, Harvey and Davis thanked the board.

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh. Meeting ended 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk