

Catskill Town Board Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
May 5, 2009 6:30 pm

Attendance: Peter Markou, Town Supervisor
Lewis O'Connor, Town Councilman
Patrick Walsh, Town Councilman
Michael Smith, Town Councilman
Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

Absent: Robert Antonelli, Town Councilman

Supervisor Markou opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed all in attendance.

Supervisor Markou reviewed the following minutes:

04/07/2009 Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Motion Councilman Walsh
Second Councilman O'Connor
Ayes 4, Nays 0 Absent 1 (Antonelli)

04/07/2009 Public Hearing-#3-2009 CDBG Grant
Motion Councilman Walsh
Second Councilman Smith
Ayes 4, Nays 0 Absent 1 (Antonelli)

04/14/2009 Public Hearing-#4-2009 CDBG Grant
Motion Councilman Walsh
Second Councilman O'Connor
Ayes 4, Nays 0 Absent 1 (Antonelli)

04/22/2009 Town Board Committee Meeting
Motion Councilman Walsh
Second Councilman O'Connor
Ayes 4, Nays 0 Absent 1 (Antonelli)

04/30/2009 Government Operations Meeting
Motion Councilman Walsh
Second Councilman O'Connor
Ayes 4, Nays 0 Absent 1 (Antonelli)

Supervisor Markou reviewed the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION # 52-2009

JUSTICE COURT EXAMINATION

Councilman Walsh presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor and the Town Comptroller have examined the Town of Catskill Justice Court records and dockets for the year ending December 31, 2008, and

WHEREAS, this examination was performed within the guidelines set forth by the New York State Comptroller, and

WHEREAS, this examination indicated that the court records and dockets were maintained within those guidelines, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board, acknowledge that the Town Supervisor and Town Comptroller have completed the required examination of the Town of Catskill Justice Court records for the year ending December 31, 2008.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

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

RESOLUTION # 53-2009

CATSKILL TOWN CLEAN UP DAY

Councilman O'Connor, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill wishes to have a Town-Wide Clean-Up Day on Saturday, June 13, 2009, from 7 am to 2:30 pm for Town of Catskill residents at the Cauterskill Road site, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve June 13, 2009 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 Smith, seconded this motion.

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

RESOLUTION # 54-2009

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FOR
PLANNING BOARD

Councilman O'Connor presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Peter Gustas was reappointed to the Planning Board in 2005, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gustas has submitted his resignation from said Board effectively immediately, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby accept Mr. Gustas's resignation, and

FURTHERMORE WE, thank Peter Gustas for his years of service to the Town of Catskill Planning Board.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

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

Supervisor Markou acknowledged his service to the Town and stated he did a great service to the Town.

RESOLUTION # 55-2009

APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING
BOARD & CHAIR

Councilman O'Connor presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Peter Gustas has resigned as member and interim Chairman of the Town of Catskill Planning Board effectively immediately, and

WHEREAS, his term expires on December 31, 2012, and

WHEREAS, this vacancy needs to be filled and Joseph Izzo has expressed an interest to fill the unexpired term, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby appoint Joseph Izzo to said Board to fill the unexpired term and appoint him as Chairman to said Board.

Councilman Walsh & Smith seconded this motion.

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

Councilman Smith welcomed Mr. Izzo back into public service. Supervisor Markou thanked Mr. Izzo for being willing to serve.

RESOLUTION # 56-2009

TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING FOR
AMENDMENT TO ZONING LAW
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #3-2009

Councilman O'Connor presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Greene Medical Arts Center of Greene Healthcare Associates, located at 159 Jefferson Heights, Catskill, NY has requested a zoning change from High Density Residential to General Commercial, and

WHEREAS, this area of the Town of Catskill represents existing permitted or special uses such as funeral home, nursing home, apartment buildings, professional building, etc., and

WHEREAS, the Town Board would like to hold a public hearing in regards to amending the zoning law, so

WE THEREFORE RESOLVE, to hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 pm on June 2, 2009 at Catskill Town Hall to hear comments and concerns regarding the aforementioned property.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

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

Supervisor Markou moved on to new business. Nancy Richardson approached the Board regarding the Community Garden that will be established behind the Senior Center. There will be 20 raised beds at a cost of \$4500. She has been asking for donations. She approached the Board because she would like the Town's authorization to hook into the water line at the Senior Center and run a line back to the gardens.

Nancy stated two beds will be given to the Senior Center as well as the Community Center. She stated there will also be lectures from Cornell Cooperative.

Councilman O'Connor stated the plan is to run a trench, because the driveway has not been blacktopped yet, and lay a water line. The line will be under the curve and attach to the outside. The Senior Center is not billed for their water. There will be a lockbox on the water. Nancy stated the group is trying to be conscious of water usage and organic gardening. The water will be on only at certain hours.

Nancy stated the beds are being offered to the Village residents and then the Town residents. Councilman O'Connor stated that there will be three handicap accessible beds.

Nancy stated that there will be a spring garden party so people can sign up for the beds then. She stated they are trying to get seniors and youngsters to use the beds. They have an idea of having the kids sell their vegetables at the Farmer's Market. She stated that the gardeners will also plant a row for the area food pantries that take fresh produce.

Councilman Smith stated this is a great grassroots idea.

Councilman Walsh asked if there were any tools donated. Nancy stated not much. He offered to Nancy to come down to the shop as he has some tools for her.

RESOLUTION # 57-2009

TO ALLOW THE COMMUNITY
GARDEN WATER HOOK UP

Councilman Smith presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Nancy Richardson of the Village of Catskill has established a Community Garden Project, and

WHEREAS, this project will be established behind the Senior Center and will consist of 20 raised beds, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a water hook-up to help establish this garden and she is asking that there be a hook-up stemming from the Senior Center, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board allow the Village to establish a water hook-up to help facilitate with this project.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nay 0, Absent 1 (Antonelli) Motion Carried

Supervisor Markou reviewed the reports.

Supervisor Markou opened the meeting for public comment. Joe Izzo stated that the work in front of the Ambulance building looks like it is finishing up and it looks nice. He wanted to know if any plants were going to be planted.

Councilman O'Connor stated three trees have been purchased from Story's Nursery. A Japanese red leaf maple will be on the right hand side of the entrance door, a weeping pear which will be on the left hand side, and a weeping hemlock that will be on the bottom. He stated that Joe Calcavecchia has donated a pole for the flag. That will be put in in a couple of weeks. He also stated that Kathy and Matt want to establish a memory garden. Kathy will be handling this. The flowers will come up every year. He is thinking of memory cobble rocks too.

Councilman O'Connor stated that Alfie did a great job. He supplied all the topsoil and he and his crew helped install that and the black mulch. He stated the trees will be in by the end of the week.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Walsh and seconded by Supervisor Markou.

Meeting ended at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

