

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting

May 6, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at Catskill Town Hall at 6:30 pm. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Joseph Leggio, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Pat Walsh, Councilman
Gary Carlson, Councilman
Jared Giordiano, Councilman

MINUTES TO BE ACCEPTED:

April 1, 2014	Town Board Monthly	Motion C. Antonelli	Second C. Carlson
April 9, 2014	Government Operations	Motion C. Antonelli	Second C. Walsh
April 16, 2014	Government Operations	Motion C. Antonelli	Second C. Giordiano
April 16, 2014	Public Hearing #7-2014	Motion C. Antonelli	Second C. Carlson
April 16, 2014	Town Board Committee	Motion C. Antonelli	Second C. Walsh
April 30, 2014	Department Head Meeting	Motion C. Antonelli	Second C. Walsh

COUNTY RESOLUTION:

Res 128-14 Approving Reimbursement College Chargeback
(Catskill's share \$4,268.54)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from NYSDOT regarding how CHIPS reimbursements are to be made directly to OSC.

Letter from Catskill Mountain Housing Development asking for letter of support for their application to HOME program.

Letter of complaint from Jim Hoffmann regarding property conditions on Vedder Mountain Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jason Ballard of Barton & LoGiudice introduced himself to the Town Board and gave a brief overview of the services they offer and also presented to the board a pamphlet on such services for their reference. Supervisor Leggio thanked Mr. Ballard for the information.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Mike Budris of Delaware Engineering regarding the proposed Leeds Sewer Project: He stated he reviewed a draft copy of the archeological report. There are a couple of sites of interest but they are not difficult to remedy, i.e. changing route to the other side of the road; having an archeologist on site. He will be contacting Hartgen to prepare an addendum for pump station sites which will determine the need for easements.

The boring will start May 19th and it will take four to five days. It will be non-evasive. There will be dig safely marks.

At the next board meeting the board will be presented with a draft map plan. Mary Beth is working on the final draft of the Intermunicipal agreement and the taking over of the county owned line.

Supervisor Leggio stressed finalizing the Intermunicipal agreement and putting that to bed. He stated the conclusion is to meter for the billing instead of a unit for the treatment of the water. and the debt service would be the edu system. He asked how many homes do not have water meters. Mr. Budris stated Mary Beth is working with Betsy and doesn't believe it to be more than a handful. If someone is not in the water system there is a way to determine cost.

Councilman Carlson stated he spoke with Mike McGrath who stated the Village has the ability to meter a well. Mr. Budris stated you can but not sure if it could be paid for by funding source as the Town would have to own that.

Lastly Mr. Budris stated he is preparing an amendment to the primary engineering report as part of the funding source to EFC for finance application.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Comptroller: Ms. Misevcis stated the 2013 Annual Financial Report has been filed and Liz has a copy in her office for anyone who wishes to review.

Councilman Giordiano asked how we look budget wise. Ms. Misevcis stated ok but we need to keep our spending under control. Councilman Antonelli mentioned the purchase orders for Peckham. Ms. Misevcis asked what the board would like to do. Supervisor Leggio stated the auditor stated we needed more information. All orders for purchases should be going against a project. It should be separate for black top, oil & stone, etc. It is all about accountability. The Highway Supervisor should sign the purchase orders as he is the one running the department.

Code: The building permit fee for the month was \$5,198.89 and year to date is \$15,025.25. Permits are up 15% from last year. The bid opening for the FEMA properties will be tomorrow. Supervisor Leggio asked if the Powers property is on it. Mr. Cashin stated no. Fred Popp completed his 24 hours of credit. He has been here eight years. The board received a memo from Andrew to schedule public hearings. Supervisor Leggio asked about the Hickory Notch cabins and if it went to bid. Mr. Cashin stated they have quotes. The owner of the property stated Mr. Prince has nothing to do with it. Mr. Cashin stated the purchase of the Sterritt property is still going through. Councilman Carlson asked about a property past Story's on the right. Mr. Cashin stated a violation exists on that property. Councilman Carlson asked about the open foundation near Zwickel's. Mr. Cashin stated there is a four foot barrier around it. He has a violation for the other building on his property to clean up. Supervisor Leggio asked about the Rothe property. Mr. Cashin stated there is a memo of agreement that needs to be signed. He has agreed to the price. Councilman Carlson asked about the trailer across from Birchwood Park. Mr. Cashin stated he was cited two different times to clean up. He cleaned up and it happens again. It is on our radar. Supervisor Leggio asked about the Wilkins property. Mr. Cashin stated Mr. Wilkins is in the hospital. We sent out nine requests and we received two. There is a slight probability the County may take the property.

Cemetery: The burial plot fee to date is \$29,000. Supervisor Leggio asked about the ball field. Mr. Dushane stated the grass was cut, the picnic tables are there, the snack bar is open and there are three bundles of dirt for American Legion to do the pitching mounds. Supervisor Leggio asked about the Senior Center. Mr. Dushane stated the trees were trimmed facing the parking lot and they will clean up in the back.

BOARD COMMENT:

Supervisor Leggio stated the DVR was replaced as it was not working in the Ambulance building. The Senior Center recorder needs to be replaced also as do two or three cameras. Councilman Walsh stated the system should be updated. Councilman Carlson stated he is hesitant about spending the money. Councilman Walsh stated to get a definitive cost. Councilman Giordiano wants multiple quotes.

Supervisor Leggio stated we need to schedule a public hearing for the McTeague property. It was decided to have Code send an appearance ticket.

Supervisor Leggio stated we need to schedule public hearings for 894 Route 23A, an unsafe building violation; 721 Vedder Mountain Rd, a junk code violation; 3305 Route 23A, unsafe building violation. *Resolution # 50-2014 motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Giordiano to schedule public hearings for 894 Route 23A for May 21 at 6 pm; 721 Vedder Road May 21 at 6:10 pm; and 3304 Route 23A May 21 at 6:20 pm all at Town Hall. Adopted 5 Yes 0 No*

Supervisor Leggio asked if there was any further comment. With no further comment Councilman Antonelli made a motion seconded by Councilman Giordiano to enter into executive session in regards to a personnel issue. Executive session began 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

As told by Supervisor Leggio, a motion to end the executive session and the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli seconded by Councilman Giordiano. Meeting ended 8:20 pm.