

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting – Catskill Town Hall
May 8, 2019 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Doreen Davis, Supervisor
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

ALSO ATTENDING: Michael Smith, Town Attorney
Elliott Fishman, CEO

Supervisor Davis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. She stated the meeting is live streamed and archived on WGXC.

MINUTES:

April 2, 2019 Town Board Monthly Meeting
April 11, 2019 Emergency Meeting
April 17, 2019 Committee Meeting
April 23, 2019 Special Meeting

Motion: Councilman McCulloch Second: Councilwoman Scannapieco; carried

RESOLUTIONS:

Res 24-2019 Accept Certiorari Proposal Wal-Mart Real Estate Trust #2351
Motion: Councilman Giordiano Second: Councilman McCulloch, Adopted 5 Yes

Res 25-2019 Authorization Court Justices Attend Annual NYS Magistrates Conf.
Motion: Councilman Vosburgh Second: Councilman McCulloch, Adopted 5 yes

Res 26-2019 Appointment PT Senior Center Clerk (Henry)
Motion: Councilman Giordiano Second: Councilwoman Scannapieco,
Adopted 5 Yes

Res 27-2019 Hire PT EMT (Yates)
Motion: Councilwoman Scannapieco Second: Councilman Giordiano,
Adopted 5 Yes

Res 28-2019 Hire PT EMT (Lacitignola)
Motion: Councilman Vosburgh Second: Councilwoman Scannapieco,
Adopted 5 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you letter from Mountain Cloves Scenic Byway Inc. for our assistance in improving the parking area at Harding Road in Palenville. *Supervisor Davis recognized Shawn Beers & his team for a nice job.*

NYS Agriculture & Markets Dog Control Officer Inspection Report – satisfactory.

Email from Mike McGrath regarding Route 9W paving from intersection of Rt9W/23A to Boulevard Ave beginning May 8th. *Paving from Price Chopper to Burger King which should take 2 to 3 days.*

Invitation to GC EMS Council 2019 Recognition Night Saturday May 25th at Anthony's Banquet Hall.

Invitation from GC Dept Human Services to the 9th Annual Senior Citizen Day May 17th from 12 pm to 4 pm at the Freight Master's building. *Supervisor Davis stated this is a great afternoon if anyone can make it.*

Invitation Greene County Honor a Vet Memorial Ceremony May 18th at 10 am at the Freight Master's building.

Flyer for the Tannersville Cruisin on the Mountaintop Car Show, June 16th 10 am to 4 pm.

Letter of complaint from Laura Foglio regarding gunfire noise from Sheepdog Warrior.

Letter from John Greco Esq. on behalf of SRA Properties regarding sewer grinder pump failures at said property. *Supervisor Davis stated Alan (of DE) will talk us through.*

Letter from Ann & William Hoffman of Old Kings Rd. expressing their discord on the Wheelabrator/Peckham proposed project.

Memo from Planning Board Chair regarding request for No Parking signs on Mossy Hill Road/Piaule Retreat.

Letter from Planning Board as to their intent to act as Lead Agent under SEQRA for the site plan review of land from Jacob Bar-Horin.

Letter from Dreyer, Boyajian, LaMarche & Safrenko regarding violations open meeting law meeting date April 11th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town wide Clean Up 6/15 – *We tried to hold on the 8th but Spring Rush is scheduled for that day so the Highway Superintendent moved it to the 15th.*

Proposal request from Delaware Engineering for the Storm water & Sidewalk Improvements – Main St., Leeds. *Supervisor Davis stated herself, Councilman Vosburgh, GC Highway Dep. Superintendent and business owners walked the property with DE. The sidewalks have not been touched in fifty years and the drainage one hundred years. Business owners expressed an interest applying for funding. The linear feet is 3,000 LF sidewalks and 2,000 LF drainage. The proposal estimate from DE is \$5,000. There is a strong belief funding will be available. Councilman McCulloch stated this is a gradual move forward as Councilman Giordiano stated this is the next jumping point for growth in that area. Councilman Vosburgh intimated the county will participate in a broader proposal. Supervisor Davis will move forward with the process.*

Code Database – *Supervisor Davis stated IT was able to fix the current issue. Code is reviewing*

presentations to change the database. The cost will be covered in the B Fund with an upside in revenue.

Team Depot – Supervisor Davis stated the application has been submitted to Home Depot for two benches in front of the Veteran’s Memorial with plantings of trees and flowers. Home Depot was able to secure a solar light for the flagpole. They approached us regarding installation of the bench and flora.

DEC Grant re Smart Growth Grant – Supervisor Davis stated the grant is \$1.4 million dollars divided between the Adirondacks at \$1 million and Catskill Parks \$400,000. Applicants can apply for up to \$100,000. Applying to help fund review of our comprehensive plan.

Community Smart Climate Resolution – Supervisor Davis this is from Cornell Corp for culverts and if qualified, will give us extra points for future grants. A resolution goes with the application. Will have for the May 15th meeting.

Service proposal from Bay State Elevator – amount \$2,010.00. For continued upkeep and maintenance.

Cemetery Purchase – lawn mower. Councilman Vosburgh stated this was purchased off of State bid.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Mr. O’Grady’s submitted a sketch/picture of what he wants to do where his property backs up to the Senior Center. Councilman Giordiano and McCulloch are ok with check with the Village of Catskill regarding the water and sewer locations for them to mark out. Councilman Giordiano mentioned to contact Dig Safe also.

Memo George June – Ambulances – Councilman McCulloch is to reach out to George before we authorize bidding.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dick Schloss spoke to the board regarding Pollace’s and hopes the Town stands on their two feet. He is worried about his assessed value decreasing and removal of property from tax roll. Supervisor Davis stated she understands his concerns. She asked if there were any other comments.

Kerry DeMunn asked if Sheepdog Warrior had come forward since the 21 day timeline expired. Mr. Smith stated he received her email. There has been no submission of a legal memo. He requested the agreement today. She asked what the new time frame is. Mr. Smith stated this will be discussed with the board to determine the time. Mr. Smith stated it will be made available to Mr. Dowd and yourself. Ms. DeMunn questioned the timeline as being legally binding. Mr. Smith stated missing the deadline is not a substantive break but since it is in the interest of Sheepdog to comply, we should expect. Ms. DeMunn expressed her concern about not reviewing before the June 13th deadline. Mr. Smith stated a copy will be sent to you.

Dale Finch stated the tax loss for the Wal-Mart certiorari is over \$100,000 and questioned the cost to defend. Supervisor Davis stated we have the top tax certiorari attorney advising us and he will tell us what is defensible. We also have the best Assessor in the county. This is the age old issue with big box stores and Real Property Tax Laws allow them to grieve every three years.

Nick Corrado asked where the ash burning plant is at and Councilmen McCulloch, Giordiano and Vosburgh stated it is not in front of the board. He then asked about Pollace's and Supervisor Davis stated it is in front of the Planning Board.

Supervisor Davis asked if there was any further comment. With no none being heard a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman McCulloch seconded by Councilman Giordiano. Meeting ended 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk