Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
May 19, 2010 6:30 pm

Attendance:	Peter Markou,	Supervisor
	Robert Antonelli,	Councilman
	Patrick Walsh,	Councilman
	Michael Smith,	Councilman
	Kevin Lennon,	Councilman
	Elizabeth Izzo,	Town Clerk

Supervisor Markou opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following resolutions were reviewed:

RESOLUTION # 50-2010 CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS, F.T. TO P.T (Hotaling)

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Matthew Leibowitz, Ambulance Administrator, has recommended changing a position from F.T. to P.T. due to personal scheduling conflicts, and

WHEREAS, he has recommended Sean Hotaling's position be changed from F.T. to P.T EMT, and

WHEREAS, Sean Hotaling meets the requirements for said position, so

THEREFORE, WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorize the change of Sean Hotaling's position of EMT, F.T. to, EMT, P.T., effective May 19, 2010.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 51-2010 HIRE NEW AMBULANCE EMPLOYEE F.T.

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, there has been a change in an employee position, from F.T. to P.T., within the Town of Catskill Ambulance Service, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to maintain the necessary level of service, so

THEREFORE, WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorize the Ambulance Administrator to fill the vacant F.T. EMT position.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 52-2010 SHIFT LEADER POSITIONS, AMBULANCE SERVICE

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Contract between the Town of Catskill and the Ambulance Service calls for shift leader positions as part of the work schedule, and

WHEREAS, the Ambulance Administrator has interviewed and recommended the following EMTs' for those positions:

1. James Fowles, EMT
2. Jacob Finnegan, EMT
3. Melissa Zowak, EMT-I
4. Wayne Smith, EMT

THEREFORE, WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby Appoint the above EMTs' to shift leader positions, as the need arises within the Department, and additionally, when functioning as shift leader, their salary will be adjusted $1.00/hour, in addition to their regular hourly pay.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 53-2010 SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # 2-10, ALTERNATES TO PLANNING & ZONING BOARDS.

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, from time to time, there have been problems maintaining a quorum on both the Planning & Zoning Boards, due to illness, vacation, conflict of interest or other personal matters, and

WHEREAS, lack of quorum has interfered with one or the other Board's ability to carry out it's duties and responsibilities, as well as create problems with timelines, so

THEREFORE, WE, the Catskill Town Board do hereby set a Public Hearing on July 06, 2010, at 05:30pm, at Town Hall to hear comments and concerns regarding proposed LL #2-10, which provides a process for appointing alternate members to the Planning & Zoning Boards, as the need arises.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 54-2010 SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # 3-10, AMENDING SIDEWALKS & PRIVATE ROADS

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board wishes to amend Chapter 138 (Streets & Sidewalks) of the Code of the Town of Catskill, and

WHEREAS, the proposed LL #3-10 addresses the Town Board's concern with private streets and maintenance of sidewalks within the Town of Catskill, so

THEREFORE, WE, the Catskill Town Board do hereby set a Public Hearing on July 06, 2010, at 06:00pm, at Town Hall to hear comments and concerns regarding proposed LL #3-10.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 55-2010 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE & ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY TOWN OF CATSKILL NON-UNION EMPLOYEES

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the collective bargaining agreements between the Town of Catskill and the Ambulance Service and Highway Service contain a drug and alcohol testing provision, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Catskill would like to expand said policy to cover all non-union employees of the Town of Catskill who drive town vehicles, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby adopt the Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing policy for non-union employees.

Councilman Smith & Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 56-2010 ACCEPT BID FOR PAINTING AMBULANCE FLOOR

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Ambulance Garage floor has been in need of painting/coating, and

WHEREAS, bids have been solicited for this job, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

1. Kohl Construction $2,985.00
2. River Valley Construction $3,575.00, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby award Kohl Construction the job of painting/coating the Ambulance garage floor.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 57-2010 ACCEPT BID FOR INSTALLATION DEHUMIDIFIERS FOR RECORDS ROOM IN TOWN HALL

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, it is vital to keep and protect records of the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board feels that it will be necessary to install dehumidifiers to the area selected for record retention and storage, and

WHEREAS, bids were received for purchase and installation from the following:

1. Tin Man $5,543.71
2. Bill's Plumbing & Heating $4,800.00, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby award Bill's Plumbing & Heating the contract for purchase and installation of Aprilaire Dehumidifier Model 1710, to records area.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 58-2010 HIRE PIPE BAND FOR MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

Councilman Antonelli 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 Town & Village of Catskill's 2010 Memorial Day Observances for the sum of $1,100.00

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 59-2010 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CATSKILL AND GREENE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE ARTS

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill wishes to enter into an agreement with the Greene County Council on the Arts, regarding community-centered events, "Sprouts" program for the Summer of 2010 and the annual Youth Arts Exhibit for Spring 2010, and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the relationship created by this agreement shall be of independent contractor and contractee, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill has agreed to supplement funding for these events by providing $1,000.00 to the GCCA to be used for these activities, and

WHEREAS, each signatory to the agreement understands the terms outlined and agree to execute their responsibilities, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the aforementioned agreement with the Greene County Council on the Arts.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 60-2010 FUNDING FOR HEART OF CATSKILL DIRECTOR FOR 2010

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town has agreed to enter into a contract to continue with the Heart of Catskill/Catskill Chamber of Commerce agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Town's share of the aforementioned contract will be $_____ for this one (1) year period commencing May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011, and

WHEREAS, the payment will be in two installments of $_____, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board approve the appropriation of $_____ for the aforementioned contract.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes Nays Absent

Supervisor Markou suggested tabling this resolution until after he receives a contract in hand as there may be a problem with the installment payments. Councilman Smith advised the board that his wife is vice president of HOCA and he will be recusing himself from voting.

Motion to table the resolution until the June 2nd meeting was made by Councilman Lennon and seconded by Councilman Walsh. Ayes 4, Nays 0, Abstention 1 (Smith).

RESOLUTION # 61-2010 APPROVE CEMENTON SEWER FEES/BI-ANNUAL FOR 2010

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the bi-annual Cementon Sewer User fees for the 2010 will be due commencing July 1, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the user fee for the second half of the year will be $294.44 per unit, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board approve the Cementon Sewer User Fee for July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 in the amount of $294.44 per unit.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 62-2010 APPOINTMENT PART TIME SEASONAL CEMETERY LABORER

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

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

WHEREAS, Stanley Dushane, Cemetery Custodian, has recommended that Michael Madden be appointed to said position, and

WHEREAS, Michael Madden meets the minimum qualifications established for said position, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby appoints Michael Madden to the position of part-time seasonal cemetery laborer effective April 25, 2010. The rate of pay is $10.00 per hour.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 63-2010 APPOINTMENT PART TIME SEASONAL CEMETERY LABORER

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

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

WHEREAS, Stanley Dushane, Cemetery Custodian, has recommended that Lenny LoFrisco be appointed to said position, and

WHEREAS, Lenny LoFrisco meets the minimum qualifications established for said position, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby appoints Lenny LoFrisco to the position of part-time seasonal cemetery laborer effective May 5, 2010. The rate of pay is $9.73 per hour.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 64-2010 DESIGNATION OF LEAD AGENCY FOR SEQRA FOR LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2010 (Alternate Members to Planning & Zoning Boards) LOCAL LAW 3 OF 2010 (Private Streets & Maintenance of Sidewalk)

Councilman Antonelli offered the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, by resolution dated May 19, 2010, the Catskill Town Board sought lead agency for SEQRA on Local Law # 2-2010, Alternate Members to Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, and Local Law #3-2010, Amendment to Chapter 138, Code of the Town of Catskill, Private Streets and Maintenance of Sidewalks), and

WHEREAS, there are no other outside agencies to notify regarding lead status, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill will forward the Local Laws and SEQRA review to the Greene County Planning Board for 239 review, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board declare itself lead agency for the Environmental Review of the proposed Local Laws # 2-2010 and # 3-2010, and

IN ADDITION, this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Motion Carried

Supervisor Markou and the Board completed Part I of the short form SEQRA for the above proposed local laws. He stated the second part will be done before the public hearing on July 6th. These were forwarded to the County Planning Board for 239 review.

Councilman Lennon stated he has been attending the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals meetings and members of both boards are requesting further training in SEQRA regulations by our local attorney and engineer. He believes this should be done to make sure they are following the proper procedure.

Councilman Walsh stated the County schedules workshops. Supervisor Markou stated we should check with them first. Councilman Antonelli stated at the convention in New York there are classes for these boards.

Supervisor Markou stated the County can set up a training program so the members of the Board can obtain their continuing educational requirements. Councilman Lennon stated that was his next question; to make sure everyone has had their proper training. Councilman Antonelli stated it is up to the chairs of the Boards to make sure they have

proper training. Councilman Lennon stated he is bringing this up because he was approached by members of the boards.

Councilman Walsh stated Mike Sterthous has had some emergencies and will be getting to the sign law shortly.

Councilman Antonelli would like to schedule a meeting with Matt, Kathy, Sandy, and Elaine to review the contract with Athens and then meet with the accountant to see how to present it to the Athens Town Board.

Councilman Antonelli also wanted Councilman Lennon to know that they have been having problems with the heating/cooling system at the Ambulance building. The engineer has been there and the pipes were hooked up wrong. There are leaks in the vent system, air conditioning system.

Bill Fink, the engineer, was called and he confirmed that there was duct work and insulation repair that needs to be done. Councilman Antonelli stated his main concern is if we have to sue, we need to take action shortly. He (the engineer) signed off on everything that needed to be done.

Councilman Smith stated he has a number of concerns regarding the Code Enforcement Office, such as the Clark House in Palenville, and what is being addressed in regards to the investigation of the issues that exist between the Clark House and their neighbors. He also wants to look at the learning curve with the new COE relative to doing his job and coming up to speed. He states there a number of issues that need to be addressed and we need to stay focused during his learning curve and what exists and giving him time, but can't ignore what's happening.

Councilman Smith stated he has met with him informally and is pleased with his enthusiasm and need to do things. He stated though in terms we stand as a Town political environment, the most contentious is with Code Enforcement. Councilman Smith asked for permission from the board to keep addressing the issues with Mr. Arms in context of his transition.

Supervisor Markou reminded the Board that any members are free to speak to Mr. Arms at anytime. He states he speaks with him weekly if not daily. Mr. Arms updates the Supervisor as to where he is. He states considering he has been here for two weeks, he is doing a great job.

Councilman Antonelli stated some of those issues (Clark House) don't necessarily deal with our code. If he is running a business doesn't the DMV get involved. You need a license to do mechanical work. He stated if the person is spilling oil on the ground then DEC needs to be involved. Supervisor Markou stated to Councilman Antonelli he is right but those calls cannot be made by the COE the need to be made by the Clark's. Supervisor Markou stated Mr. Arms has related to him discussions he has had with the neighbors and he has indicated to them that it isn't in his jurisdiction and that they may

have problems with DEC, DMV, DOH, etc and the person aggrieved needs to make those calls to those departments.

Councilman Lennon stated he has spoken to the COE and some vehicles with no registration or plates do fall under our code and that he is investigating that and will make a move when need be. He needs the opportunity to look at the case.

Supervisor Markou stated he is trying to resolve it and he shouldn't be micromanaged.

Supervisor Markou next stated he received a letter from Anthem Sports asking for a resolution from the Town in regards to the 3rd Annual Tour of the Catskills Cycling Race. He reviewed the map and stated he is not sure how much of Catskill they touch. Since the County Tourism office is involved he would like to support that. He stated a certificate of liability was attached.

RESOLUTION # 65-2010 SUPPORT FOR TOUR OF THE CATSKILLS BIKE RACE

Councilman Smith presented the following for consideration and adoptions,

WHEREAS, the 3rd Annual Tour of the Catskills Cycling Race will be held July 30th through August 1st , 2010, 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 3rd Annual Tour of the Catskills Cycling Race and wish them best in their event.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0 Motion Carried

Supervisor Markou stated he has a request from the Catskill PBA. They are conducting their yearly campaign for donations. Councilman Antonelli stated since we are a municipality we cannot donate. Councilman Smith stated as individual council members we can make a donation and we should leave it at that.

Supervisor Markou stated he received a letter from Vincent Seeley, Village President, which stated they are reducing the amount of their contribution to the Summer Recreation Program to $22,000 from $26,298. He also wants to speak to the board to see if the town

could fund the entire program through the town wide part of the budget. Mr. Seeley also stated they will not be funding Senior Citizen's programs and asked if that could be funded through the town wide budget also.

Councilman Antonelli stated he is not in favor of any of it. He states that Vinny will look good, we will have to absorb it and the Village tax rate will increase and he is able to keep his rate down.

Councilman Smith stated our board has kept expenses at bay with conservative increases as we move forward to our budget year. If we look at what is occurring in the Village, it is the reverse. There is an enormous deficit and he can't address the reason why there is one but his issue is relative to the Town of Catskill citizens subsidizing the Village of Catskill's deficit that we have no control over.

Supervisor Markou stated when he was in finance school with the Office of the State Comptroller, they indicated that next year will be worse than this year and we need to plan to have contingencies in our budgets and will not be expecting much aid from the State, though the aid we receive is not much. The interest rates are low. He has spoken with the Town Comptroller and they will start to prepare the budget. It will be a very tight budget and everyone will share the pain. In the workshops, if the board wants to change it, then so be it, but he is taking to heart what the Office of the State Comptroller has stated.

Councilman Smith concurred and asked if we should send a message to the Village that we are appreciate of their issue but have our own financial responsibility to the Town taxpayers.

Supervisor Markou stated the message going back to the Village is that we will not absorb shared involvements. He stated everyone will need to tighten up. He commended that the Town department heads have been very good in regards to their budgets. He stated we have Ambulance negotiations happening this year and is not sure yet where they stand.

Supervisor Markou stated it is EMS appreciation week and acknowledges the work of the EMS in the Town of Catskill and in Greene County.

He also stated that on Saturday we will be placing Memorial Day flags on the graves of the Veteran's at 10 am and are looking for volunteers.

He also mentioned the rabies clinic on May 26th at the Leeds Firehouse.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Lennon. Meeting ended at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk