

CATSKILL TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING

June 2, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Catskill Town Hall. The meeting was opened with a moment of silent prayer 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

Also Attending: Michael Smith, Town Attorney

MINUTES TO BE ACCEPTED:

05/05/2015	TB Monthly Meeting	Motion Antonelli	Second Walsh -5/0
05/08/2015	Government Operations	Motion Antonelli	Second Carlson -5/0
05/20/2015	TB Committee Meeting	Motion Antonelli	Second Giordiano -5/0

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Town Clerk: Two quotes received for replacing the DVR at Town Hall: CIA Securities \$302.50; S & F Technologies \$859.00. *Tabled till next meeting. Check into price as discrepancy with last price even though eight quote was for an eight channel system.*

CORRESPONDENCE:

Email from Bruce Utter, Praetorius & Conrad regarding Chet Garrison's lights for his subdivision. The Town needs to adopt a Street Light Order before Central Hudson will proceed. *Mr. Garrison stated the PSC states if there are more than five homes in a division, the wiring needs to be underground. Supervisor Leggio stated we need to adopt a street light order. Resolution # 57-2015 with motion by Councilman Carlson second by Councilman Antonelli to adopt a street light authority for the Palenville Lighting District for Falling Waters Village subdivision. Adopted 5 Yes*

Petition from the residents of Stony Brook Road and Extension asking the board to authorize and approve the Highway Department install a new macadam road. *The board passed a resolution for the 284 agreement; Stony Brook Rd & Extension were in that agreement.*

Notice from NYSDEC & DOT for a free six hour Post-Flood Emergency Stream Intervention training session held on June 24 at the Agro forestry Resource Center in Acra from 9 am to 3 pm.

Letter from GC Soil & Water who will be hosting a four hour training course for Erosion & Sediment Control September 30th from 8:30 am to 3 pm; registration fee is \$65.00.

Letter from Central Hudson advising of first come first served basis offer to municipalities for upgrading their lighting systems to LED.

NYMIR sponsored program Risk Mgmt Techniques for Law Enforcement Professionals. To be held June 11th at the Orange County EMS Center in Goshen.

Letter from CIA Security offering services and a referral program.

RESOLUTIONS

Res 55-2015	General A-Fund Budget Transfers	Motion: Antonelli	Second: Walsh 5/0
Res 56-2015	Highway DB Fund Budget Transfer	Motion: Antonelli	Second Giordiano 5/0

COUNTY RESOLUTIONS:

Res 155-15	College Charge-backs (Catskill's share \$206.94)
Res 156-15	Mortgage Tax Distribution (Catskill's share \$46,805.41)

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Leggio stated we need to proceed with a SEQRA determination for the proposed local laws. *Resolution #58-2015 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh for SEQRA determination for Local Laws 4,5,and 6 of 2015 assessing building fines as a lien against real property. Adopted 5 Yes Roll Call Vote: Councilman: Antonelli-yes; Walsh-yes; Giordiano-yes; Carlson-yes; Supervisor Leggio-yes*

Supervisor Leggio stated we need to pass a resolution to adopt Local Laws 4, 5 and 6 of 2015. *Resolution # 59-2015 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to adopt Local Laws 4, 5 and 6 of 2015. Adopted 5 Yes Roll Call Vote: Councilman: Antonelli-yes; Walsh-yes; Carlson-yes; Giordiano-yes; Supervisor Leggio-yes*

Supervisor Leggio discussed amending the fee schedule for the Code Enforcement Office. Councilman Carlson asked the basis of increasing the deck fee. Mr. Cashin stated the office gives homeowners a lot of information on how to build and proceed. There are also several

inspections throughout the process, footing, framing, final and this increase would reflect the time spend with the applicants.

Mr. Cashin stated the reduction in the site plan is to be more business friendly when a new business comes to town. Mr. Carlson asked about adding a fee prior to procuring a permit application and if there is anything else in place. Mr. Cashin stated when it is found out a stop work order is issued and time is given for the person to come in and pay for a permit. There is also the ability of issuing an appearance ticket. Mr. Carlson stated there is a mechanism in place and he will only vote yes on this motion if the additional fee before procuring a permit is removed.

Councilman Giordiano supported the fee as we have small malicious sections who build without a permit. Councilman Carlson stated the fee is up to \$250 and they will still try to get by without a permit. There is a mechanism to bring them to court.

Supervisor Leggio stated there are changes in our code. Other fees get assessed to taxes if not paid. The bottom line is if there is a violation and you get a permit the violation disappears. There are legitimate people who don't get a permit but most people circumvent and it is a deliberate abuse. Councilman Carlson agrees and states it is not for us to choose which mistakes are honest and which are malicious. We have a mechanism to bring before a judge. Mr. Cashin stated this is directed towards contractors. Councilman Antonelli agreed with Gary. There is a mechanism in place. *Resolution #60-2015 with motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Walsh to change the Code Enforcement Fee schedule (including adding a fee for construction occurring prior to obtaining a permit). Failed 4 No; 1 Abstention.*

Resolution #61-2015 with motion by Councilman Carlson second by Councilman Giordiano to change the Code Enforcement Fee schedule increasing the deck permit fee to \$50 and setting the site plan fee to \$100. Adopted 5 Yes

Supervisor Leggio moved on to the Time Warner Franchise Agreement. Mr. Smith stated, with the board's permission, he will write a letter to Time Warner and schedule a meeting.

He then asked if there was any public comment or board comment. He stated FEMA paid the final \$17,000 for remediation due to the hurricane.

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Giordiano. Meeting ended 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

