

CATSKILL TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING

JUNE 3, 2014

The Catskill Town Board held their monthly town board meeting at Catskill Town Hall on June 3, 2014 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to approve the Town Board Monthly Meeting on May 6, 2014, carried.

Motion made by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Giordiano to approve the Bid Opening #1-2014 on May 9, 2014, carried.

Motion made by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson to approve the Town Board Committee Meeting on May 21, 2014, carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Law Office of Ira Halfond for a 30 day notice liquor license for When Hogs Can Fly, LLC, trade name the Cabin Grill, 800 Route 23B

Email from Bradley Cummings, PKHB, regarding audit.

Letter from Cultivate Catskill asking for donation.

Letter from HOCA regarding their golf tournament, June 20th at the Rip Van Winkle CC; looking for sponsor and/or participants.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Dog Control, Code Enforcement and Assessor Report all on file with the Town Clerk.

Cemetery Report: Mr. Dushane stated Memorial Day flags will be removed the Monday after Flag Day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Victor Cornelius of Endeavor Inc. approached the board regarding their purchase/repurpose of St. Patrick's school on Woodlawn Avenue. He is a municipal grant writer and was approached to repurpose the school as a 16 to 18 residential unit geared towards artists. This would not be low income housing but a Section 538. The gymnasium would be an adjunct site for the Community Center. The convent would be an administration facility for the complex or a short term emergency shelter geared towards elderly. The Village of Catskill wants a subdivision of the property to keep part of it on the tax rolls. An offer was made to the Diocese which was accepted and the paperwork is to be signed next week.

Supervisor Leggio thanked Mr. Cornelius for notifying the Town Board and as this property is located in the Village, he informed everyone present to keep their eye on Village meetings in the next few weeks. Mr. Cornelius stated they are willing to hear everyone's comments and understands there will be some debate about this project.

Marguerite Sprague of Palenville approached the board about the berm in the creek. Supervisor Leggio stated a letter was received from DEC and the berm is not being removed. They signed off on the project. Mrs. Sprague presented a copy of the letter she received from Gov. Cuomo regarding such.

She then presented the board with a petition from residents who live along the creek who oppose the building of parks, bridges or paths behind Mill Lane/Woodstock Ave, signage on trees, solicitation, and a general interest in making Palenville a tourist destination as presented as a grant to Palenville the Hamlet. She stated most people in Palenville didn't know this was happening. She stated they don't want to give variances for people to use their property to access the creek. We want a pristine Palenville by the creek.

An audience member stated his father has people asking him all the time where the Kaaterskill Falls are. Supervisor Leggio stated there are no parks along the road. The Town of Catskill doesn't own any property. Signs were posted on Mill Lane and Kaaterskill Avenue last year about parking. Boulders were installed at the request of the residents. We can put the signs back up however unless the Sheriff or State Police are out there, there is no man power, no police department. Councilman Carlson stated the best bet is to call the 911 Emergency Center if cars are parked illegally and request enforcement to come out. If you want the Sheriff to come out on a more regular basis, write the Sheriff directly and the Zone Sergeant for the State Police.

Gordon Cochrane approached the board regarding the solar energy proposal. He has looked at sites for both the Village and Town. The best site for the town is at the ball field however it would limit its use after installation. He introduced his partner who works for a photon consulting international firm which started in Germany. They connect installers and customers and finance system; a 25 year power purchase agreement. With review of the town's energy use, solar energy could save the town over a million dollars in 25 years. Councilman Walsh asked how many communities have signed up and stated we need references. Mr. Cochrane stated if the Village and Town work together it is an advantage. Stephanie stated to keep in mind incentives drop in July.

Lorraine Wilson of the Community Center stated registration started this evening for Summer Recreation and extends until the 20th. They will be able to utilize the pool at the Country Club this year. The first day of rec is July 1st.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

Supervisor Leggio asked for a resolution to hire the accounting firm of Kimbel & O'Brien for the FEMA audit. *Resolution #56-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to hire the accounting firm of Kimbel & O'Brien for the mandated FEMA audit in an amount not to exceed \$12,500. Adopted 5-Yes*

Councilman Antonelli stated we need a resolution to hire five part-time EMT's and one part-time Paramedic at the request of the Ambulance Administrator. *Resolution #57-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson to hire Amanda Rion, Roy Pulver Jr, David Brockway, Phillip Kenny, and Scott Brundage as part-time EMT's at a rate of pay of \$15.30 and Kenneth Martin as a part-time Paramedic at a rate of pay \$20.40 effective immediately. Adopted 5 Yes*

Supervisor Leggio mentioned resolutions are needed to go out to bid to clean up properties:

Resolution #58-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson to go out to bid to clean up the property of Payam Saadat, 3304 Route 23A. Adopted 5 Yes

Resolution #59-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Giordiano to go out to bid to clean up the property of Iris White, 894 Route 23A. Adopted 5-Yes

Resolution #60-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to go out to bid to clean up the property of James Davis, 721 Vedder Rd. Adopted 5-Yes

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Supervisor Leggio asked Councilman Giordiano about the quotes for the cameras and phones. Councilman Giordiano stated he is still in the process of getting quotes for the cameras and Verizon will not provide internet cards for the laptops so AT & T is the only provider.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Vincent approached the board regarding a vacant house on 23A which adjoins their property. She stated the conditions on the house are horrendous. She spoke with the Code Office and also the DOH at Oneonta who stated to contact the Town. She stated something needs to be done as there is black mold, water in the basement and rodent droppings all over. Supervisor Leggio stated someone will be there tomorrow morning to check it out.

Chet Garrison approached the board regarding a house being built on his property line. He stated he sent a letter last September, confirmed received, and Code stated no building was being done. He now has water coming on to his property. He stated work was being done since August. They recently built a carport 34 feet long. His issue is he notified Code and they said there was no building and there is a building there. Supervisor Leggio stated it will be addressed tomorrow morning and he will be in touch with him.

Mr. Ormerod asked the board to look into a stop sign 200 feet into Birchwood Park which doesn't belong there. The stop sign is on top of a dead end road sign. Supervisor Leggio stated a message will be sent to the Highway Department to address.

Mrs. Sprague asked to have Highway erect no thru truck signs at the bridge and Woodbine.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Walsh second by Councilman Giordiano. Meeting ended 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

