Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
June 4, 2013 6:30 pm

Attendance: Joseph Leggio, Supervisor; Robert Antonelli, Councilman; Pat Walsh, Councilman; Gary Carlson, Councilman; Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

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

The following minutes were reviewed:

05/07/2013	Town of Catskill Monthly Meeting Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 0
05/10/2013	Government Operations Meeting Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Carlson Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 0
05/15/2013	Town of Catskill Committee Meeting Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 0
05/29/2013	Bid Opening #1-2013 Salt Shed-Highway Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Carlson Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 0

The following County Resolutions were reviewed:

Res 192-13	Approving Reimbursement Comm. Colleges (Catskill's share $715.87)
Res 193-13	Authorizing Distribution Mortgage Tax (Catskill's share $86,003.86)

The following Town Resolutions were reviewed:

Res 58-2013	Catskill Garden Club $40 donation for plantings. Motion by Councilman Antonelli seconded by Councilman Walsh. Vote: 4 Yes 0 No Motion carried
Res 59-2013	Award Salt Bid to Hybrid Building Solutions $18,378. Motion by Councilman Antonelli seconded by Councilman Carlson. Vote: 4 Yes 0 No Motion carried.
Res 60-2013	Bond Resolution (Woodstock Retain Wall) $1,500,000. Motion by Councilman Antonelli seconded by Councilman Walsh. Vote: 4 Yes 0 No Motion carried.
Res 61-2013	Bond Resolution (EFC) $231,000. Motion by Councilman Antonelli seconded by Councilman Carlson. Vote: 4 Yes O No Motion carried.
Res 62-2013	Changing Health Insurance Network to BCBS effective 8/1. Motion by Councilman Antonelli seconded by Councilman Walsh. Vote: 4 Yes 0 No Motion carried.
Res 63-2013	Paving Cemetery Roads $69,403.80. Motion by Councilman Antonelli seconded by Councilman Walsh. Vote: 4 Yes 0 No Motion carried.
Res 64-2013	Sponsor Spirit of Johnny Cash Concert not to exceed $3,500. Motion by Councilman Antonelli seconded by Councilman Carlson. Vote: 4 Yes 0 No Motion carried.
Res 65-2013	Declare Surplus Property (Ambulance). Motion by Councilman Antonelli seconded by Councilman Walsh. Vote: 4 Yes 0 No Motion carried.
Res 66-2013	Change Pay Period. Motion by Councilman Antonelli seconded by Councilman Carlson. Vote: 4 Yes 0 No Motion carried.

Supervisor Leggio reviewed Correspondence:
-Letter to the Town Board from Senior's who utilize the Center.
-Letter from Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress regarding report showing projected enrollment in local schools through 2020 to drop.
-Letter from Assemblyman Phil Steck regarding how best to work together to address issues in the relationship between the State and local municipalities.
-Letter from Columbia-Greene Hospital Foundation firework display 6/1.
-Notice from NYS Dept of Taxation & Finance equalization rate for Town at 58.80. Hearing date 6/10 at 10 am.
-Invite from Mountain Lodge No. 529 celebrating their 150th Anniversary of its' charter.

-Letter from Central Hudson requesting secondary contact info for emergency storms in case they can't get in touch with the Supervisor. *Confirm with Highway Superintendent for him to be secondary contact.*
-Letter from Laberge Group regarding funding alert for Transportation Enhancement Program (sidewalks, pedestrian or bicycle trails, streetscape improvements etc.)
-Letter from Charles Schaefer regarding dedication of N. Jefferson Avenue Ext as town road. *Sent to Highway Superintendent for review.*
-Email from NYSTCA effective June 15th a person who wishes to sue a town will now be able to serve notice of claim by delivering it to the Secretary of State who may charge a fee of up to $250, half of which will be forwarded to the Town providing the Town files its certificate of designation with the Secretary of State. (need resolution) *Motion by Councilman Antonelli seconded by Councilman Walsh to designate Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk, to receive notices of claims served upon the Secretary of State. Vote: 4 Yes 0 No Motion carried.*

Supervisor Leggio reviewed the monthly reports:
Town of Catskill Code Report
Town of Catskill Cemetery

Supervisor Leggio moved on to new business:

Jill Burkholder approached the board regarding the event held in Palenville the weekend of June 22-23; the Hidden Gallery Walk. There will be seven public galleries in different locations in the Hamlet. It is a walk-able event. The hours will be noon to 6 pm. It is a volunteer based event. Their main concern is traffic as there are no sidewalks in Palenville. They contacted the State Police who recommended putting up variable signs so people know to slow down. She wondered if the town had such signs. Supervisor Leggio stated we will look into it.

John Cashin, Code Enforcement Officer for the Town, discussed with the board the part-time code position available. This person will spend time covering the roads in the hamlets to make sure property maintenance is kept up and to discover if people are building without permits. Supervisor Leggio stated there was been a decrease in property maintenance. He stated in the Village if someone doesn't cut their lawn they do and charge them. Mr. Cashin stated that is their Village law. The Town follows the NYS Property Maintenance and if the grass is over 10 inches there is an order to remedy violation issued through his office. Supervisor Leggio asked how many applications have been received. Mr. Cashin stated eight to date. June 14th is the deadline for applications. Supervisor Leggio stated we will move forward at the next meeting.

Supervisor Leggio stated NYS requires the town to have an audit as we spent over $500,000 in federal funds as a result of Hurricane Irene. The Town's accounting firm, Pattison, Kosky, Howe & Bucci submitted a proposal. *Motion by Councilman Antonelli seconded by Councilman*

Walsh to have Pattison, Kosky, Howe & Bucci complete the audit in the amount of $12,500. Vote: 4 Yes 0 No Motion carried.

Supervisor Leggio stated a memo has been sent to Town Departments to tighten their belts as we are half way through the year. Certiorari cases will be here. Most departments have bare bone budgets as it is but he wants oversight. The board is to review the purchase order form and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Supervisor Leggio opened the meeting for public comment. Mr. Rivenburg stated Catskill is hosting the Firemen's Convention this year. The dress parade will be on Saturday and they will be starting in Jefferson Heights marching into the Village and ending up at Coney Island. They are working with the police and EMS and asked the board if they had any concerns or questions. Councilman Walsh asked the date. Mr. Rivenburg stated Sept. 7th.

Mr. Burnett of Kiskatom stated the Friar Tuck and a couple other properties are eyesores and what is the board going to do about it? Supervisor Leggio stated Mr. Cashin will address it in the morning and the owners of the Friar Tuck will be contacted. Mr. Burnett asked about the outbuildings behind Story's Corners. Mr. Cashin stated the building has been put out to bid for demolition as it has a violation against it. Supervisor Leggio stated this is the reason why the town is hiring another part-time code officer.

Supervisor Leggio asked if there was any further comment. Councilman Carlson stated last year we had issues with the Ambulance Administrator who left suddenly. The town was fortunate to hire George June. He has turned the ambulance program around. He was initially hired at a reduced salary with a review to be done in six months time. That time has come and gone and he would like to make a motion to increase his salary $5,000. Councilman Antonelli stated Ronni is doing the review now. Supervisor Leggio stated George sent in the self appraisal and it is in the review process. Councilman Carlson stated he thought that was completed. Supervisor Leggio stated not yet but as soon as it is reviewed it is ok with him and we can pass a resolution contingent upon the review. Councilman Carlson stated the time has come and gone and he doesn't believe he should have to wait any longer. He would like to vote contingent upon the review. Councilman Antonelli stated he thought we already did this and Councilman Carlson stated not publically. *Motion by Councilman Carlson seconded by Councilman Walsh contingent upon a satisfactory review, a salary adjustment of a $5,000 increase will be made to the Ambulance Administrator's position. Vote: 4 Yes 0 No Motion carried.*

Supervisor Leggio asked if anyone had any further comment. Peter Markou, as a board member of HOCA, thanked the board for sponsoring the Johnny Cash show.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Carlson and seconded by Councilman Antonelli. Meeting ended 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk