

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
June 6, 2023 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Dale Finch, Supervisor
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

Supervisor Finch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed all in attendance.

MINUTES:

May 2, 2023 Town Board Meeting
May 17, 2023 Town Board Committee Meeting

Motion: Councilman Giordiano Second: Councilman Vosburgh, carried.

RESOLUTION:

Res 47-2023 Approve Hire Seasonal Cemetery Laborer – motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman McCulloch approving the hire of Donald Naylor as seasonal Cemetery Laborer at a rate of pay \$15.00 per hour not to exceed 16 weeks employment and pending pre-employment screening. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from NYMIR regarding property losses at public works garages and the installation of master battery disconnect switches to cut power on heavy trucks and equipment when not in use and stored inside buildings.

Copy of letter to Town Board from Ronni McCue thanking the officers and first responders for their caring and expertise when she passed out at the Memorial Day Event at the point.

Notice of public hearing July 25, 2023 at 6:00 Town Board of Germantown regarding proposed local law c of 2023 regulation short term rentals.

Notice of public hearing May 24 at 6:05 pm Town of Catskill Zoning Board regarding area variance application 210 Jefferson Heights.

County Resolutions: Res 187-23 Distribution of Mortgage Tax (Catskill \$125,279.52); Res 169-23 Awarding Fuel Oil Bid to Bottini Fuel Saugerties, NY; Res 174-23 Awarding Bids to purchase Materials for High Dept; Res 175-23 Awarding Bid for Washed and Screened Crushed Stone

Email from Doreen Davis regarding construction debris near stream along route 23A in Palenville.

Request from Robin Smith (Cultivate Catskill) regarding donation for sprayground project. *Supervisor Finch stated we can discuss it at our workshop meeting.*

Email from GC Highway Department regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Collection event June 24th . *The times to be there are done by alphabet. The Town is having their cleanup day same day at Cauterskill Rd.*

Letter Marshall and Sterling regarding governmental insurance disclosure statement as required by the NYS Insurance Department, regulation # 87.

Letter from the Councilman Eugene Cook, Town of Huntington urging the NYS Legislature and Governor Hochul to draft and enact legislation regarding a voter's identification process.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Updated Summer Recreation – *Councilman McCulloch stated three counselors will be CPR/First Aid certified. There are currently five spots available for kids to take part in summer rec.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for use of Senior Center as Cooling Center from VOC Climate Smart Task Force. *Margaret Tomlinson of the Village of Catskill Climate Task Force spoke to the board about using the Senior Center as a cooling station for the elderly and others in cases of extreme heat using the same hours the center is open. Ideally, she would like to expand the hours but realizes the center is not equipped with staffing for staying open. She is requesting to speak to the Senior Center Director and work something out. Supervisor Finch stated it is best to have the board be the liaison as the decision to move forward with the idea would be the boards. He canvassed the seniors and most are receptive to the idea. We would need a set of guidelines. Councilman Vosburgh stated his concern would be after hour use of the center. Councilman Giordiano mentioned the public library as a second location. Councilman McCulloch would like to speak with Jamie. Supervisor Finch reiterated the need for a written procedure. He stated we can speak again about it at our committee meeting. Ms. Tomlinson will draft a proposal.*

Mobile Home Expansion – Lamont Engineering. *Aaron Jackson approached the board about the mobile home park expansion project for Catskill Pond LLC and if they had any comment on the Planning Board recommendations. They are adding 53 mobile homes on the opposite side of Porto Rd. Mr. Jackson would like the board's opinion before he contacts the DOH with the septic plans etc. Supervisor Finch reviewed the Planning Board comments on the project. He stated there are new regulations in place regarding major subdivisions. Mr. Jackson asked to have the comments forwarded to him. He stated there would be no town roads as they would be private. Supervisor Finch asked about recreation areas. Councilman McCulloch stated the DOH must approve before the board can approve the project.*

Fireworks funding request from VOC. *Supervisor Finch stated the request is to split the cost of the fireworks. Councilman Giordiano stressed we need this sent before we complete our budget. The number increases each year. Supervisor Finch stated we can pass a resolution on the condition we receive the invoice. Resolution # 48-2023 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman McCulloch to spend \$4,450 on fireworks and music for the 4th of July Fireworks in the Village of Catskill on condition we receive a vendor invoice. Adopted Vote: 3 Yes 1 No (Giordiano) 1 Absent (Scannapieco)*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

An audience member asked for an update on the Hickory Notch cabins. Councilman Vosburgh stated it is in process. Supervisor Finch stated they have been in court on the issue and if the order to remedy is not corrected, we will move forward. It is a work in progress.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Supervisor Finch mentioned the replacement of the camera system at the Senior Center. He has received one quote and is meeting with another business tomorrow. He hopes to act on it at the next meeting.

We have invoiced NYSERDA for the LED conversion/climate smart project.

He is following up with Shawn Beers regarding the replacement of the heating system at the garage. We will need a scope of work for an RFP. Move to propane instead of fuel.

There has been no update on the bridge replacement in Palenville. It is all in one package including Embought Rd. The town is moving forward with the Game Farm Rd culvert replacement.

Supervisor Finch asked if anyone had any comment. With no comment he asked for a motion to enter executive session. Councilman Giordiano motioned to enter executive session to discuss a legal matter with a second by Councilman Vosburgh. The executive session began at 7:19 pm.

On motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Vosburgh executive session ended 7:35 pm and the meeting continued.

Supervisor Finch asked for a resolution to commence litigation. On motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman McCulloch authoring the Town Attorney initiate litigation seeking injunctive relief for violations of state code and town code on certain lands in the Town of Catskill.

Motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh to adjourn the meeting. Meeting ended 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk