

Catskill Town Board Meeting  
Catskill Town Hall  
June 7, 2011 6:30 pm

Attendance: Pat Walsh, Acting Supervisor  
Robert Antonelli, Councilman  
Kevin Lennon, Councilman  
Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

Absent: Michael Smith, Councilman

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

The following minutes were accepted:

05/03/2011 Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting  
Motion Councilman Antonelli  
Second Councilman Lennon  
Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith)

05/18/2011 Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting  
Motion Councilman Antonelli  
Second Councilman Lennon  
Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith)

05/25/2011 Government Operations Meeting  
Motion Councilman Antonelli  
Second Councilman Lennon  
Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith)

The following resolutions were reviewed:

RESOLUTION #46-2011 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
AGREEMENT  
WITH UPSEU-TOWN OF CATSKILL  
AMBULANCE  
DEPARTMENT & TOWN OF CATSKILL

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill and the UPSEU-Town of Catskill Ambulance Department Employees have reached an agreement in regards to the Town of Catskill UPSEU Ambulance Employee Contract for the year 2011; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve this contract agreement effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 and authorize the Acting Town Supervisor to sign the agreement.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith)

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #47-2011

UPDATE TO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK-USE OF  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS & EQUIPMENT

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board wishes to update the Employee Handbook in order to enhance compliance, clarify and document policies and procedures, institute better HR practices and procedures, and implement changes in the use of communication systems and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that Section 511 of the Employee Handbook is necessary to change in order to meet the above objective; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the amendments to Section 511 of the Employee Handbook.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith)

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #48-2011

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNK-  
GEORGE & TRICIA MCDOWELL

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, existing violations of the Code of the Town of Catskill, Junk, Chapter 115, Article 2, Section 115-25, exist at 442 Route 32A, Town of Catskill, tax map # 199.12-4-22; and

WHEREAS, Order to Remedy was issued by Code Enforcement Officer John Cashin to be complied with by May 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, (if) the violations continue to exist; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on the aforementioned matter on July 5, 2011 at 6:15 pm, Catskill Town Hall, 439-441 Main Street, Catskill, NY to hear comments and concerns regarding continued non-compliance.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith)

Motion Carried

Res 49-2011

REPAIR TO TOWN HALL FAÇADE

\*TABLED till 6/15/2011 meeting.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated a tentative meeting is scheduled for the CSEA Highway Union Contract.

Councilman Lennon mentioned the agreement with Merritt Construction. He would like to pass a resolution. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Councilman Lennon asked for a resolution to hire an EMT, part-time.

RESOLUTION #50-2011

HIRE PART TIME EMT

Councilman Lennon, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Matthew Leibowitz, Ambulance Administrator, has recommended filling a part time vacancy in the Ambulance Department to; and

WHEREAS, he has recommended Gwendolyn Horst be hired to fill this position, and

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Horst meets the minimum qualifications established for said position, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorize the hire of Gwendolyn Horst to position of EMT part time effective May 18, 2011 at a salary of \$13.39 per hour.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith)

Motion Carried

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated he received a proposal from Central Hudson through the Greene County Highway Superintendent for the streetlights in Jefferson Heights. There will be a difference in cost as well as the cost of installation. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated it will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Acting Supervisor Walsh next mentioned Aaron Klaus, the Town's Dog Control Officer, will be on vacation from June 24 through July 3<sup>rd</sup> and the town will need coverage.

Aaron stated last year the Sheriff and Village Police covered but there were some issues with having the dog in the patrol car. This year he touched base with the Athens Dog Control Officer and she is available to cover. She would be on an on call basis.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated we need a resolution. Councilman Lennon asked if there is a set fee for this. Aaron stated he was personally going to cover her but Councilman Lennon stated it shouldn't come out of his pocket. She will be on call and will only be picking up dogs; not attending to other dog related issues.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated we run it by Ronni and have a resolution ready for the next meeting.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated we received a quote from ITS for the equipment for the ambulance computer. Each employee will have a sign in and the town will be able to access the computer remotely if needed.

Councilman Lennon stated each employee will also have an email address so the town will be able to disseminate information.

Acting Supervisor Walsh asked for a resolution for this.

RESOLUTION #51-2011

ACCEPT QUOTE ITS FOR  
AMBULANCE COMPUTER UPGRADE

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town's technology provider submitted a quote for the Town of Catskill's Ambulance computers; and



Acting Supervisor Walsh opened the meeting to public comment.

Chris Sutherland asked that the minutes be placed on the website earlier than the following month. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated it would be looked into.

Brookside Campground questioned the board regarding the noise ordinance and asked if the board is looking into changing the ordinance.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated no. He stated the noise ordinance on the books is being enforced. He stated the board had a meeting with the Sheriff. He stated he did not hear of any complaints over the weekend.

The owners of the campsite stated they have a security guard at night walk around the campsite. They asked if the board is pursuing changes to the ordinance strictly because of the campground.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated no. He stated the reason the board is looking at the law is because the law is unenforceable, it does not have to do with the campsite. He stated though if there are complaints they need to be addressed.

Brookside Campground then stated the reason it is being discussed is because of their campground. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated yes, because there are complaints that come from that campground. Brookside Campground stated strictly from our campground. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated yes.

Brookside Campground wanted to get in on record and try to understand that what they are trying to do in the Town of Catskill is make a change to the noise ordinance based strictly on Brookside Campgrounds. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated they are missing the point. Councilman Lennon stated there have been other complaints across the Town because of noise, it isn't strictly because of their campground. Councilman Antonelli stated the law is not being changed.

Councilman Lennon stated the current law on the books has holes in them even though the current NYS Law supersedes town law. Those laws can be enforced by any law officer as they deem fit. During discussion of noise issues within the town, they had a meeting with the Sheriff to discuss the holes in the law and at some time, there will need to be modifications. Currently, nothing is being done.

Brookside Campground stated they believe the Town Board is pursuing only because of Brookside Campground complaints and those complaints are coming from anti-semitic racists who continue to harass them at every project they do. She stated these people systematically call Code Enforcement when she sneezes into the wind. They are pursuing normal course of business but in that course of business they are being systematically harassed and attacked. She stated if the Town is looking into changing the law because of these people, they need to know what is exactly going on here. She stated if the board pursues this then they are enabling these people.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated there is no intention of changing the law but if it is, it would be to remove the decibel levels because they do not make any sense.

Brookside Campground stated if you take the decibel reading out then you are opening it up to suggestive opinion and if you do that then it would be the opened to the opinion of racists.

Councilman Lennon stated it is open to suggestive opinion per the Sheriff.

Acting Supervisor Walsh thanked them for coming and stated they do not need to worry about the noise ordinance on our end.

Brookside Campground stated they don't want to upset their neighbors. The keep putting up trees to block the noise but they will not allow them to use the board as a tool for harassment.

Greene County Treasurer Peter Markou approached the board regarding the way taxes are received. He stated he had been talking to the town about the county taking over receiving property taxes and since that will not work; he urged the board to enact an installment plan for people to pay their taxes and instituting the use of credit card payments. He stated there is a benefit for people to pay in installments.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated Michael is implementing the use of credit cards to pay taxes next year. He stated he will look into the other.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Lennon. Meeting ended 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Izzo  
Town Clerk

