

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting

Catskill Town Hall

July 2, 2024 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Patrick McCulloch, Supervisor
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman
Brian Kozloski, Councilman

Absent: Steven Espel, Councilman

Student Council Recognition: Supervisor McCulloch introduced the Student Council and Judge Jacobs gave each student their oath of office as Honorary Town Board Members for a day.

Public Hearing: The Clerk read the notice. The Town of Catskill will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 6 30 pm at Catskill Town Hall, 439 Main Street, Catskill, NY for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Town of Catskill's community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2024 program year. The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) and will make available to eligible local governments approximately \$25,000,000 for the 2024 program year for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefiting low moderate-income persons. The Town of Catskill is applying for \$50,000 in CDBG funds to facilitate a vacancy study in the Town of Catskill. The hearing will provide further information about the CDBG program, including progress towards beneficiary goals and program objectives, and will allow for citizen participation in the development of any proposed grant applications and or to provide technical assistance to develop alternate proposals. Comments on the CDBG program or proposed project (s) will be received at this time. The hearing is being conducted pursuant to Section 570.486, Subpart I of the CFR and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

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Supervisor McCulloch stated the public hearing was opened and asked Crickett to give an overview of the grant. She stated they are applying for \$20,000 to fund the vacancy study to receive helpful information and if we would qualify for rent stabilization. The Village would be included in the study. Supervisor McCulloch asked if there was any public comment. Jen DuBois had no comment but was happy the grant is moving forward. Morgan Marshall supports the vacancy study and spoke of how food and housing are intrinsically connected and how there is a major need for food in our community.

With no further discussion, Councilman Giordiano motioned to close the public hearing seconded by Councilwoman Scannapieco. The public hearing ended at 6:47 pm.

The regular meeting convened at 6:47 pm.

MINUTES: June 4, 2024 Town Board Monthly Meeting
June 19, 2024 Town Board Committee Meeting

Motion: Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Giordiano; carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Cementon Sewer Bi-Annual Billing on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Espel)

MOA Amendment Resolution # 65-2024 on motion of Councilman Kozloski, second Councilwoman Scannapieco. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

CORRESPONDENCE:

Request to use the Senior Center September or November for a Sustainable Housing Valley event.

Letter from Check & Lynn Zwickel requesting trees to be planted at edge of their property and the cemeteries. *Supervisor McCulloch stated we will discuss the request during budget season.*

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

HOCA – Music in the Park. The town has sponsored this event in the past. *Resolution # 79-2024 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Kozloski authorizing the expenditure of \$2,500 for Music in the Park. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Espel)*

VOC Fireworks – The Town and Village sponsor the 4th of July fireworks display each year. *Resolution # 80-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski authorizing the expenditure of \$4,300 for this year's fireworks display. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Espel)*

Cementon Sewer Smoke Testing and CCTV Proposal – Delaware Engineering received bids for the CCTV inspection and smoke testing of the sanitary sewer in Cementon and has recommended the award to the lowest bidder, Fred A. Cook Jr. in the amount of \$25,764.00. Resolution # 81-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second by Councilman Kozloski awarding the bid for the CCTV inspection and smoke testing of the sanitary sewer in Cementon to Fred A. Cook Jr. in the amount not to exceed \$25, 674.00. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Espel)

NEW BUSINESS:

Ambulance Bond – Supervisor McCulloch would like to start the bond process for the purchase of the ambulance knowing there is a possibility of using ARPA funds. The cost of the ambulance is \$225,000. All were ok to begin the process.

Code Enforcement Fee Change Large Scale Solar – Supervisor McCulloch stated Matt Carlile recommended changing the fee for large scale solar projects to \$18.50 a kilowatt produced. *Resolution # 81-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco to change the fee schedule for large-scale solar projects to \$18.50 per kilowatt per hour produced. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Espel)*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Madeline Greene approached the board regarding the Senior Center’s petition to have Jamie Story at the center. Supervisor McCulloch stated the board received the petition two weeks ago and had a meeting with her and we are in discussions. Ms. Greene wanted the board to be aware the center is not the same without her.

Supervisor McCulloch asked if there was any other public comment. Mr. Matos hoped the board would really consider the CDBG grant for the vacancy study.

Supervisor McCulloch spoke of the public hearing the EPA is having regarding American Thermostat. It will be at the Senior Center on July 11th at 6:30 pm. The contamination shows as high as it was 22 years ago.

Marc Molinaro had a press release for the Leeds sidewalk and lighting project. Work will commence in 2026.

Summer Recreation begins Monday. Twelve of the thirteen counselors are CPA certified and we had the initial inspection from the DOH.

Councilman Giordiano mentioned the scanning of the Ambulance, Town Hall, and Senior Center roofs by Garland.

He is awaiting a third quote for the new scoreboard at RCF. Supervisor McCulloch stated we will need that by the next meeting.

Supervisor McCulloch pulled the board. There was no further comment. A motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco. Meeting ended 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

