

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
July 3, 2012 6:30 pm

Attendance: Joseph Leggio, Supervisor; Robert Antonelli, Councilman; Pat Walsh, Councilman; Kevin Lennon, 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:

6/5/2012	Town Board Monthly Minutes Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
6/14/2012	Joint Public Hearing Proposed Fire District Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Lennon Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
6/20/2012	Town Board Committee Minutes Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
6/26/2012	Joint Meeting with Planning & Zoning Board Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
6/29/2012	Government Operations Meeting Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Lennon Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0

The following resolutions were reviewed:

RESOLUTION # 84-2012 AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF
CATSKILL, GREENE COUNTY, NEW YORK TO SUBMIT
AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF
PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
REQUESTING GRANT FUNDS

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) is granting 2012 grant funding to eligible New York State communities; and

WHEREAS, 2012 grants made by the NYSOPRHP will provide communities with up to \$500,000 to fund parks development, historic preservation, and heritage programs; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of the Town of Catskill is requesting authorization from the Catskill Town Board to file a grant application with the NYSOPRHP and if awarded, enter into a formal contract with the NYSOPRHP; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board resolve that Hon. Joseph M. Leggio, Supervisor, is hereby authorized by the Catskill Town Board to file an application for 2012 funds from the NYSOPRHP in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 and should request be granted, enter into and execute a project agreement with the NYSOPRHP.

Councilman Carlson seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 85-2012 ADOPTON OF SEQRA FOR RICKY CRAMER
BALLFIELD IMPROVEMENTS

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Catskill has determined that it is in the public interest to improve and develop the existing ball field(s) at the Ricky Cramer Field; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the proposed action is an “unlisted” action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and has reviewed an Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) prepared in connection with the proposed action; so

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Catskill hereby determines that the proposed action will not have a significant environmental impact and adopts a SEQRA Negative Declaration in the form annexed hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to file the Negative Declaration in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 86-2012 ASSESSMENT SETTLEMENT CATSKILL
PARTNERS, LP

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Catskill Partners, LP and the Town of Catskill are desirous of having certain assessment issues resolved as to property owned by Catskill Partners, LP in the Town of Catskill; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal resolving pending tax certiorari litigation was recommended By Daniel G. Vincelette, trial counsel to the Town of Catskill, and reviewed by the Catskill Town Board at its regular monthly meeting; and

WHEREAS, a proposed settlement would present the parties with an expeditious and economic alternative to further litigation so as to resolve issues between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the proposed settlement is in the best interests of the Town; so

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby accept a proposed settlement for the 2011 tax certiorari proceeding filed by Catskill Partners. LP in which the 2011 assessed value of the subject property shall remain fixed as follows without costs or refunds as to either party against the other:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Parcel No.</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
2011	171.07-1-29	5,696,200

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the assessed value for the subject property for the 2012, 2013, and 2014 final assessment roll be reduced as follows:

<u>Parcel No.</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
171.07-1-29	5,496,200	(200,000)

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt his resolution to end the litigation between Catskill Partners, LP and the Town of Catskill as to the above referenced assessment.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Motion Carried

Councilman Antonelli mentioned to the Supervisor that a resolution is needed for the extension of the Memorandum of Agreement with UPSEU. Supervisor Leggio stated Gary Favro wanted an extension till August 31st for the 48 hour pilot program so we can continue to negotiate in good faith and he intimated that it shouldn't be a problem.

Councilman Carlson stated he thought we were not going to continue it so it is not part of our negotiation package. If we put a date certain that it was to be put to bed, extending it an extra two months if we don't immediately start negotiations, are we going to extend it a second or third time. Supervisor Leggio stated only if it is part of the contract. Councilman Carlson stated he thought it was simply a pilot program and we decided as a board we were not going to include it as part of our, from the last contract, it was tried out and collectively as a board we thought it was something we didn't want to pursue, based on the discussions with Mike Richardson, so if we are not going to pursue this as part of a contractual package why don't we let it sunset when it should.

Councilman Lennon stated in January we were going to extend it for six months. Councilman Carlson stated yes but it is now coming to an end. It was put in place so we would have an understanding of any savings we would see over the course of a year and we allowed it to keep it to the end of the year and we looked at it with Mr. Richardson and the consensus was we did not want to pursue this program so why would we extend it. Councilman Lennon stated he was not at that meeting and there we didn't have enough Councilman to have minutes. Supervisor Leggio stated he didn't believe we disagreed or agreed either way about the pilot program. His interpretation was that the pilot program, we would let it run its course, and then start negotiating the contract. We haven't started negotiating a new contract yet. He isn't saying this will be to the end of the year or not, all he is saying is that there are not enough hours in the day and if you

want to end it now it will create...Councilman Carlson requested from his fellow Councilman and Supervisor wait till the next meeting where we have an opportunity to discuss this with Mr. Richardson again and clarify what was spoken about at that meeting and Kevin will have an opportunity to come up to where the rest of us were at that meeting and if he is in error we can have an operational meeting to discuss. He wants to clarify things before we make any decisions.

Councilman Walsh stated it ended the first of July. Councilman Carlson stated we should leave it to the next meeting to the end of July, instead of August. Supervisor Leggio stated then we will leave it go for 30 days. Councilman Carlson stated until we can clarify. Supervisor Leggio stated we will extend it for 30 days until the first of August.

RESOLUTION # 87-2012

MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT
WITH UNITED PUBLIC SERVICE
EMPLOYEES UNION & TOC

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill and the United Public Service Employees Union Catskill Ambulance Unit (“UPSEA”) have reached a Memorandum of Agreement in regards to extend the Collective Bargaining Agreement to August 1, 2012 inclusive of the forty eight hour pilot program; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the Memorandum Agreement and authorize the Town Supervisor to sign agreement with UPSEA.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Councilman Lennon asked Councilman Carlson if he received an email from Gary Favro to schedule a meeting somewhere between the 13th and 21st. Councilman Carlson stated he has not. Supervisor Leggio stated he might have sent it to his town email and Councilman Carlson asked he forward it. Supervisor Leggio stated Councilman Lennon and Councilman Carlson should set the date as they will be the ones negotiating it.

Supervisor Leggio reviewed the County resolutions:

Res 217-12

Approving Reimbursement to Comm. Colleges
Catskill’s share \$404.66

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the following reports on file: Catskill Town Code's Report for May; Catskill Town Cemetery Report for May; Catskill Town Ambulance Report for May

Supervisor Leggio stated he received a letter today from Carol Stevens. The county is asking to use an estimated 15 parking spots at the Senior Center while work is being done on Water St. Councilman Walsh asked if they were going to gravel. Supervisor Leggio stated they should have Gary Harvey go and look at the spot. Councilman Walsh stated they will need to make any improvements if needed and someone should meet with Gary and Ann Marie. He did not have a problem with them parking. Councilman Antonelli stated he had no problem. Councilman Lennon stated he will contact our Highway Department and have them reach out to Gary and have them work out the aspects that they need to do. Councilman Carlson stated we need to let them know that the seniors take precedent.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the ambulance building and the water issue. The two air handlers have the heat running and the air conditioning running at the same time. There is a major problem. Trane sent a quote for \$5,000 to replace the condensate pump. The problem has been fixed three to four times and it is still the same problem. Supervisor Leggio has a call into Scott Dutton and to go after the mechanical people/bonding company or to come up and have a meeting with us all.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned a letter from Fallen Waters LLC who is looking for assurances if the road is built to specs the Town will take it over. Supervisor Leggio stated the road will have to be signed off by the Highway Superintendent.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the ambulance hardship cases. Everyone has a copy and he would like the process to be started. Discussion will be at the next meeting.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the health insurance coverage. He stated Sandy gave everyone a packet. We cannot change insurance unless we give NYSHIP 90 day notice. It was the consensus of the board more quotes is needed and this will take some time. We will need a decision by the end of September to give the 90 day notice.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the pre-employment physicals. Councilman Lennon stated the two organizations in town don't do them. He would like to keep it in Greene County though. Councilman Walsh concurred. Councilman Antonelli stated he likes Urgent Care.

RESOLUTION # 88-2012

CONTRACT WITH EmUrgentCare, PLLC

Councilman Walsh presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill wishes to have pre-employment physicals for all employees;
and

WHEREAS, the Town received two quotes, one being from Kingston WoRx in the amount of \$125.00 per physical and the other from EmUrgentCare, PLLC in the amount of \$80.00; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board authorize the Supervisor sign the agreement with EmUrgentCare for pre-employment physicals.

Councilman Antonelli seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Supervisor Leggio asked if any of the board members had any new business. Councilman Lennon gave an update on FEMA. He mentioned he had a meeting with the Town Attorney and Mr. Schaeffer regarding the easement on the property owned by Mr. Muruiri. He concurred with the Town that the easement didn't get carried forward in the previous title searches and according to them we can proceed with that job.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Lennon. Meeting ended 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk