

TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING – July 5, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their monthly meeting Tuesday July 5, 2016 at Town Hall at 6:30 pm. Supervisor Davis opened the meeting welcoming all in attendance with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Doreen Davis, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh to approve the following minutes: Department Head Meeting – June 2, 2016; Public Hearing # 5-2016 – June 7, 2016; Town Board Monthly Meeting – June 7, 2016; Government Operations Meeting – June 14, 2016; Town Board Committee Meeting – June 15, 2016; Bid Opening #2-2016 – June 17, 2016
Bid Opening #3-2016 – June 27, 2016, carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Dog Control – Municipal Shelter Report: *Supervisor Davis stated it is a satisfactory report.*

Code – Monthly Report: *available at the Town Clerk's office.*

Highway-Award bid for truck: *One bid was received. Councilman Antonelli stated he would like to see the state bid price. Superintendent Beers stated the state bid price is the same. Supervisor Davis stated to place the state bid price in the file.*

Resolution # 82-2016 with motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh to award the bid to RC Lacy Inc. in the amount of \$35,510. Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes 1 No (Antonelli) 1 Abstention (Giordiano)

Ambulance – Request from Town of Greenville to use spare ambulance for event 7/10: *Supervisor Davis stated the MOA is the same as last year. Mr. June has approved it. Resolution # 83-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, second by Councilman McCulloch authorizing the Supervisor sign the MOA with the Town of Greenville for use of a TOC ambulance for a period of 24 hours beginning 9 pm on July 9, 2016. Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes*

Planning – Draft Town of Catskill Solar Law and Clough Harbor Municipal Consulting Agreement: *Planning Board Chair Joe Izzo stated they completed the draft solar use law for the board to review. Supervisor Davis stated the board received and reviewed and they are in agreement. Her observation is it is complete as it took in large scale solar as well as the smaller homeowners.*

Resolution # 84-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to schedule a public hearing for adopting a local law for solar energy in the Town of Catskill for July 20, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE:

Greene County Pop Warner request for donation. *Tabled till next meeting.*

Catskill Mountain Housing GC Home Improvement Program. *Supervisor Davis stated this is for existing occupied single family homes.*

NYSDEC copy of permit to Lehigh Northeast Cement Company for mining.

State of NY Office of Attorney General letter regarding solar power for homeowners.

Greene County Transit general information, route guide, etc. *Supervisor Davis stated this is an ambitious enterprise and is funded and operated by the Arc of Ulster/Greene.*

Copy of letter sent to Nicole Allen at Laberge Group from GC Administrator Groden support of Town's local gov't efficiency grant funding for consolidation of code enforcement offices. *Supervisor Davis stated the grant is due by July 29th.*

NYSDOT designation of restricted highway for Route 23A slope repair project in the TOC and Hunter with said designation expiring August 31, 2017.

Letter of thanks from the Town of Hunter regarding municipal relationship (use of ambulance service) for the Mountain Jam and Taste of Country music festivals.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Davis spoke of the mass gathering permit which was distributed to all. There was discussion on some of the sections of the local law. The application part of the local law will be reviewed at the Department Head meeting. Supervisor Davis will follow up with the Town Attorney.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Gary Harvey was present to speak about the Swinging Bridge in Palenville and the Town's engagement.

Prior meetings were held. Two easements will be required from two property owners and they will be in the Town of Catskill's name which would fall under the town's liability insurance. The maintenance of the bridge will be by Palenville the Hamlet as they have a Swinging Bridge fund. The easements would be in the Town's name as if there was ever another catastrophic storm, it would be easier to apply for assistance with FEMA through a municipality.

Mr. Izzo asked what would happen if Palenville the Hamlet were to end and if so, would the town be obligated to maintain and operate the bridge? Mr. Davis stated specific language can be in the agreement for other than a catastrophic event, the town would not be responsible for maintenance/operation of the bridge. Mr. Izzo stated the town is a conduit for funding. Supervisor Davis stated this is similar to the Windham Path.

Mr. Harvey stated the access to the bridge is on Pine Grove property and Dan Souza's property. They would own the bridge since it is on their property. Dan is also in favor of having a pocket park on Mill Road.

Councilman McCulloch stated if the town doesn't own the bridge, then with FEMA, the town couldn't do anything. Mr. Harvey stated there would need to be specific language in the agreement.

Mr. Harvey stated everything is ready however one property owner is reluctant to cooperate. Supervisor Davis stated the next step is for Hilscher and Smith to draft the agreement for the board to review.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilman McCulloch wanted to commend the Leeds Fire Department on their handling of the structure fire which occurred in the early morning hours.

Councilman McCulloch mentioned the issue with Orchard Avenue. It is an odd situation which will incorporate the Town, Village and two property owners to rectify and all parties will need surveys.

Supervisor Davis asked Superintendent Beers about Foster Road. Superintendent Beers stated they are almost done with it.

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman McCulloch seconded by Councilman Giordiano. Meeting ended 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk