

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
August 1, 2023 6:30 PM

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

Supervisor Finch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING – Petition to extend the Leeds Jefferson Heights Water and Sewer Districts to 27 Brooks Lane.

Supervisor Finch stated we are in the process of gathering information, looking at the volume and pressure and impact on the current residents of that area. He asked if anyone had any comment.

Mr. Izzo asked if the Planning Board approved the project. Supervisor Finch stated yes with consideration of expanding the water and sewer districts for that parcel. Mr. Izzo asked several questions regarding the project and water usage studies from the applicant's initial application before the Planning Board to the public hearing for the expansion of the district from the applicant's engineering firm and estimated water usage. Supervisor Finch stated the estimated usage from Kaaterskill Engineering is 110 gallon per bedroom per day and this is why the town is having a water usage study done by Delaware Engineering for concrete data before deciding on the petition. Mr. Vipler has other proposals for the property and we need to take into consideration future development.

Mr. Izzo asked if the applicant is being penalized because the project could have been built in the water/sewer district but the project is outside the district and a study needs to be done. Supervisor Finch stated the board is not penalizing but attempting to protect the fifty users already there. The west side is in the district and he could have moved forward with the project there. Mr. Izzo asked the cost of the study to the town. Supervisor Finch stated Mr. Vipler will be paying for it and we are in conversation with Delaware Engineering about the scope of the work.

Mr. Izzo asked if a new water line will be installed. Councilman McCulloch stated the VOC was approached seven years ago. He was going to put it in, not the village.

Supervisor Finch stated the town needs to get back to Mr. Vipler regarding the amount needed for escrow for the studies. Mr. Izzo asked what happens if there is no study before the project ends. Supervisor Finch stated he doesn't see a path forward with the project if he doesn't pay for the studies.

With no further comment a motion to hold the public hearing open was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilwoman Scannapieco.

The regular meeting reconvened.

MINUTES:

July 19, 2023 Public Hearing Extension of Leeds/Jefferson Heights Sewer and Water Districts

July 19, 2023 Town Board Committee Meeting

Motion: Councilman Giordiano Second: Councilman Vosburgh; carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Res 70-23 Change in Employment Status – changing Peter Gallo from PT Maintenance Helper to FT Maintenance Helper effective August 7, 2023. *On motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilwoman Scannapieco to change the employment status of Peter Gallo from PT Maintenance Helper to FT Maintenance Helper effective August 7, 2023 at the current rate of pay. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from NYSDOT the Town was not selected for funding replacement of the Embought Road culvert over the Middle Spring Brook.

Letter from NYSDOT the Town was not selected for funding replacement Penn Avenue culvert over the Kaaterskill Creek.

Invitation from Congressman Molinaro to an open house at his office on Gilfeather Park Rd August 11th from 3 pm to 5 pm.

Notice of Greene County awarding propane bid to Nolan Bottle Gas Company, Ravena, NY.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Signage Town Hall – *Supervisor Finch sent a mock-up of the signage. The project is through the Upstate contract.*

CPU Replacement – *Supervisor Finch stated we will discuss this further at the next meeting. Five units will be replaced. Some are out of warranty.*

Tour the Catskills Cycling Race – *The Board agreed to have them use the parking area in Palenville as a first aid station.*

VOC Fire Contract – *Supervisor Finch sent an email requesting financials from the Village before discussions will ensue.*

CHPE RUA – *Supervisor Finch stated the Town Attorney still needs to review. Will discuss at the next meeting.*

BAR Member Reappointment – *Matt Goodell has sent a request to be reappointed to the BAR. Will discuss at our workshop meeting.*

Cementon Sewer District – *Supervisor Finch stated Councilman McCulloch requested information on improving the collection system for the sewer district. Delaware Engineering recommended we apply for an EPG grant. Their total cost is \$18,000 which includes all the grant administration etc. and the steps after successful award of the grant. The total grant request is \$50,000 and the town's match will be \$5,000. The application is due in ten days. Resolution # 71-2023 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh authorizing Delaware Engineering proceed with an application for an Engineering Planning Grant through the Consolidated Funding Application. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Ambulance Building – *Supervisor Finch stated the security camera system at the building needs to be replaced. Councilman Giordiano stated to go out for RFP's.*

Supervisor Finch polled the board. Councilman McCulloch stated the Summer Recreation Program is at the church now. Pastor Snowden is very happy they are there. We received a donation of \$2,500 from Mid-Hudson Cablevision.

Fuel System – Councilman Vosburgh mentioned the new system the county is installing and we will need to set aside money to update. It will be updated as soon as the county receives the estimates. The town expense will be around \$10,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Izzo wanted to thank the board for approving the two extra days the landfill was open after the storm. It was a great benefit to the town to have it open. He wishes it could be open seven days but knows there is no manpower.

He then asked about the state law regarding even year elections and Town and Village Justices and if the board has contacted the Association of Towns and both the Senate and State Assembly in opposition of both bills. If the town had to hire two attorneys as judges, the town could not afford to. The election issue is a home rule law issue and the AOT can fight that challenge on constitutional grounds.

Supervisor Finch stated these are really against towns as the county and village are excluded from even year elections and each bill affects town government and the issues are being overlooked.

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh. Meeting ended 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

