

CATSKILL TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING – August 2, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 with an informational meeting preceded for the Leeds and Jefferson Heights Sewer District at 6 pm at Town Hall. Supervisor Davis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Supervisor Davis
Councilman Antonelli
Councilman Giordiano
Councilman McCulloch
Councilman Vosburgh

Also Attending: Mary Beth Bianconi and Travis Smigel of Delaware Engineering

Supervisor Davis stated with the town board meeting to see if more people would attend the informational meeting.

MINUTES TO BE ACCEPTED:

July 5, 2016 -Town Board Monthly Meeting
July 7, 2016- Department Head Meeting
July 14, 2016 – Emergency Meeting
July 20, 2016 – Public Hearing #6-2016 Ambulance Bond
July 20, 2016 – Public Hearing #7-2016 Solar Use Law
July 20, 2016 – Town Board Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh to accept the above minutes, carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 95-2016 Authorizing Overtime Pay-Stanley Dushane, *with motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Resolution 96-2016 Reimbursement of Taxes to Greene County, *with motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Giordiano. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Justice Court- request resolution authorizing the Court applies for a grant through JCAP
Resolution # 97-2016 with motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Planning Board- letter of resignation from Jack Rivituso; request from Planning Board recommending Daniel Arshack fill the unexpired term of Mr. Rivituso. *Resolution # 98-2016 with motion by Councilman Antonelli, seconded by Councilman Giordiano. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Resolution # 99-2016 with motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Antonelli to appoint Daniel Arshack to fill the unexpired term of Jack Rivituso on the Planning Board. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

Request for Annexation of Town Property into the Village by Philip Gjergji (property tax map #156.31-11-1). *Within 20 days we need notice of a public hearing which is not less than 20 days or more than 40 days after publication of notice. Resolution # 100-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, second by Councilman McCulloch to schedule a public hearing for September 6, 2016. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Letter from Chuck & Lynn Zwickel thanking the town for the swift response removing dead trees at the Cemetery.

Kiskatom Fire Department invitation to the Association dinner, Mardi Gras Parade and Dress Parade for the 128th Annual GC Firemen's Association Convention September 8th through 10th. *Supervisor Davis stated most of the board will attend.*

Notice of Liquor License Renewal from Leeds Irish Center.

Pilgrim Pipeline letter regarding possible condemnation of private and public lands for its project along with a fact sheet and information regarding public info sessions. *Supervisor Davis stated as reported in the Daily Mail recognizing the Village through municipal statute has ability to exercise power for opposition. We will help them as we can.*

Notice of termination of utility service from Central Hudson

Letter from Charter Communications stating the merger between them and Time Warner Cable is complete and the cable franchisee is now Charter Communications Inc.

Letter from NYS Dept of Public Service regarding the potential of no longer having assignable telephone numbers in the 518 area code and public informational sessions regarding the relief proceeding.

Letter from Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro requesting the Town consider adopting a resolution for the initiative “Think DIFFERENTLY” which is an initiative to help residents with special needs to have a greater sense of inclusiveness among residents. *Supervisor Davis stated this will be given to the board to review for consideration and adoption.*

Copy of letter from Peter Lopez, 102nd Assemblyman, to the Secretary of State supporting the Town and Village’s application for financial support through the 2016 Local Government Efficiency Grant Program.

Resolution from the Town of Saugerties regarding amendment to their zoning code.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION – Leeds Jefferson Heights Sewer District

Supervisor Davis stated the kickoff for the project was today. We have generated a FAQ and will circulate it to the public. She thanked Delaware Engineering for getting it done.

Mary Beth Bianconi introduced herself and Travis Smigel who both work for Delaware Engineering. She went through the FAQ’s and there will be more as the project progresses. She gave an overview of the project which consists of 8 miles of sewer and improvements to the Allen Street pump station. The project cost is \$12.5 million with a zero percent interest loan. The cost per homeowner is \$911 per year.

The properties in the district pay for the project and those connected also pay for the operation and maintenance. The construction will begin in the middle of August and last approximately one year. Mr. Smigel stated there is a winter clause in the contract as construction will cease due to weather.

The sewer use law requires people to connect. The property owner will hire a contractor to connect from their house to the stub. The cost is borne on the property owner. Old septic systems/leech fields can be abandoned in place. The cost will depend on the property and the plumbing work done. More information will be forthcoming as the project progresses. A property owner cannot opt out but there is an option for a temporary waiver.

The project will start in Jefferson Heights at the old connection and work its way towards the thruway. The contractor will stage work on the streets. In general, the progression of laying the pipe is roughly 100 foot per day.

It will be a noisy venture. The hours of operation are 7 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. No work will be done on the weekends. Driveway access will be restored each day so people can get in and out of their houses.

Central Hudson is running gas lines/updating lines as we move forward. They will give us more details.

We suggest checking the Town's website for information. We will usually be here at one of the board meetings. If a homeowner has a generic question, call the town. If it is specific, call Delaware Engineering. We will get back to people within twenty four hours.

Supervisor Davis stated we will have it on our website and FB page. Councilman McCulloch stated to also put it in the water bills which will go out in September.

Mr. Smigel stated today's pre-construction meeting was productive. He stated DE will have onsite engineers if residents have questions to ask.

Councilman Giordiano wants to make sure residents do their due diligence in selecting reputable contractors for the connection work. Ms. Bianconi stated to make sure they show the resident(s) their insurance. Mr. Smigel stated they are at that stage in Greenville and a FAQ will be sent out regarding this closer to our connection date.

Mr. Smigel stated there will be some lane closures/restrictions along Route 23B. Emergency personnel will be aware of the closures and the school buses too.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli seconded by Councilman Vosburgh. Meeting ended 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk