

TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING – August 2, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their monthly meeting Tuesday, August 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

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

MINUTES:

June 6, 2017	Department Head Meeting
June 21, 2017	Town Board Committee Meeting
June 26, 2017	Emergency Meeting
June 29, 2017	Government Operations Meeting
July 6, 2017	Department Head Meeting
July 19, 2017	Town Board Committee Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes made by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Giordiano; carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

10th Annual Tour of the Catskills Cycling Race, Saturday August 5th.

Thank you card from Cultivate Catskill for our support.

NYSDOT speed limit investigation finding for Woodstock Ave should be reduced to 35 mph and Manorkill Rd to 25 mph instead of the statewide 55 mph. *Highway Superintendent Beers to erect signs when order comes in.*

NYSDOT finding for petition of CXS Transportation for alteration of at-grade crossings and their approaches; modifications were determined to be in the public interest.

Notice of liquor license renewal for Kaaterskill Network Inc.

Change order approval from NYSEFC for Sewer District No 3 (Jefferson Heights/Leeds).

Notice of public hearing Town of Saugerties for adoption of local law to amend their zoning law.

Notice of public hearing Town of Athens for adoption of local law to regulate solar energy.

Email from Stephen Nelson, Bank of Greene County, for opportunity for residents of Leeds and Jefferson Heights to apply for a home equity loan, maximum 80% loan to value with no closing costs and the bank will pay the mortgage tax and cost of appraisal for those residents with equity to aid in costs associated with hooking into the sewer district. *Supervisor Davis stated there will begin communication with residents of Jefferson Heights. We are not the point but are please to assist.*

Letter from Central Hudson they are in planning stages for future rebuild of existing electric transmission lines near town property.

Invitation from Athens American Legion Post 187, Greene County Blue Star Mothers and DAR for their Annual Flag Retirement Ritual Ceremony on October 14th at 9:30 am.

Letter from Assemblyman Peter Lopez updating efforts on behalf of Circle W in Palenville.

NEW BUSINESS:

Laura Krezminski approached the board regarding use of the ball field for the Diamond Dogs. She wanted to know the requirements. They will need to use the field for five years and have one team this year.

Councilman Giordiano stated it should be the same agreement as we have with the High School. Councilman Antonelli stated the High School has preference. Supervisor Davis asked if the board had any concerns. A question was raised regarding the concession stand and use of. Councilman McCulloch stated the stand cannot be used this year but maybe next. All were in favor of the group starting to use the field August 12th. *Resolution # 78-2017 with motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Giordiano to allow the Diamond Dogs use of the Ricky Cramer Ball Field. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Vosburgh)*

Request for a change in road name. Allan Schiller submitted an application to GC Emergency Services to have part of LaCorte Road changed to Paradise Lake Road. Greene County Emergency Services looked at the road and found his request relevant as part of the road is not passable and for the safety of the residents, should be changed. Highway Superintendent Beers was in favor. *Resolution # 79-2017 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman McCulloch authorizing the road name change to Paradise Lake Road. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Vosburgh)*

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Travis Smigel of Delaware Engineering was present and gave an update to the sewer system. He stated they are on track to be completed in Leeds in November. He does not have a specific date for the next round of paving. Restoration is an ongoing issue. The water system in Leeds will be disrupted and new lines will be put in. DOH and EFC are reviewing the plans and are aware their decision affects the construction and time is of the essence. He hopes to hear back from them next week in regards to financing.

Supervisor Davis stated she received a call from a business owner in Leeds inquiring about natural gas. Councilman McCulloch stated the line is ending at the thruway. Mr. Smigel stated down the road CH may do a survey and extend the line. He also stated in JH the remainder of the streets that do not have natural gas will be getting it.

Supervisor Davis asked if August 14th is the hard date to hook into the system. Mr. Smigel stated that date is still on track and is awaiting confirmation. The letter will be forthcoming to send to the residents of JH.

Supervisor Davis asked if anyone had any comment in regards to the sewer system. Some residents voiced their concerns. Mr. Smigel answered all questions.

Superintendent Beers stated paving will occur next year for Austin Acres and Wildwing Park. Supervisor Davis thanked the residents for tolerating the disruption process.

Supervisor Davis spoke of the USDA funding and if the board understood the issue with the roof at the highway department. Highway Superintendent Beers stated the price is not in the ball park. *Resolution # 80-2017 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman McCulloch authorizing RFP's to bid for a new highway roof. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Vosburgh)*

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Supervisor Davis stated we need to follow up on the sign law. A draft copy was given to the Planning and Zoning Board's for their review. Councilman McCulloch asked to schedule a joint meeting to discuss.

Next mentioned was the abandonment of Spooky Hollow Road. Mr. Smith is still working on it. Tabled for now.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Maria Rothrock thanked the board for their quick action in the road patching on Hickory Hollow. She mentioned there is no culvert in the cul-de-sac area of that road. She reminded the board about the trees on Penn Ave which need to be trimmed. Superintendent Beers stated Central Hudson is to be working on it. Supervisor Davis will follow up.

Peter Hoyt mentioned an abandon property on Forest Hills Ave and the grass is high and there is an unregistered vehicle there. Supervisor Davis will talk to the Code Officer about the property.

With no further discussion a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Giordiano. Meeting ended 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk