Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
August 3, 2021 6:30 pm

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

Supervisor Finch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The board introduced themselves. The following was reviewed:

MINUTES:

July 6, 2021 Town Board Monthly Meeting
July 21, 2021 Town Board Committee Meeting

Motion to accept: Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Vosburgh; carried

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 77-2021 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Giordiano to change the employment status of Anthony Joe Bell Jr. from seasonal to part-time effective August 2, 2021. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Resolution 78-2021 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman McCulloch authorizing interfund transfers 2020. *Discussion: Supervisor Finch stated funds were not borrowed in 2020 and these are old interfund transfers which need to be made.* Adopted: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Resolution # 79-2021 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh establishing tobacco, e-cigarette and cannabis free zones in all town parks, recreation areas and town owned property and authorizing the installation of tobacco-free signs at said properties. Adopted: Vote 4 Yes 1 Absent

CORRESPONDENCE:

NYSDEC notice of availability of funds for urban forestry grant.

Hudson Valley Office Equipment solicitation office equipment leasing.

Notice of GC Resolution for awarding bids for propane to Nolan Bottle Gas Company.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Road Name Application Brook Stevens: Supervisor Finch stated this is still with the attorney for review and we have not received any updates. Councilman Giordiano stated to table until the Planning Board makes a decision. Supervisor Finch stated the issue may be is it a road or a driveway.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stewardship Program: Supervisor Finch asked Liz if we received any interest. She stated yes. Supervisor Finch stated Councilwoman Scannapieco is on the list and she will be a good liaison for the Town Board. When she returns from vacation we will hand this over to her.

Highway – The backhoe is in need of repair or replacement. All were in agreement to repair rather than replace. Councilman Giordiano stated it is a five year old piece of equipment. *Resolution # 80-2021 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Vosburgh to accept the quote from Milton Cat in an amount not to exceed $26,412.6 to repair the backhoe. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent*

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS – Supervisor Finch stated we are upon budget season. Kirsten sent out the budgets to the departments. We will try to have a staff meeting on Tuesday of next week. We will ask for a one to five year plan for personnel and equipment and discuss budgets with their respective committee chairs.

TOWN BOARD – Councilman McCulloch would like to schedule a Veterans Day Parade as we have not had a Memorial Day Parade in 2 years. After much discussion it was decided to move forward with the plan for a Veterans Day Parade on Veterans Day and have a ceremony at Dutchman's Landing after.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Joe Izzo wanted to know the board's thoughts on the issue in Palenville as the minutes had indicated all were on board with fencing and getting quotes for fencing town property and Sheriff patrols and then he read in the paper it is not happening and asked if the people in Palenville decided it is no longer a problem. Councilman Vosburgh stated that pretty much sums it up. Mr. Izzo asked if the board consulted the Town Attorney about the issue of liability if someone gets hurt. Supervisor Finch stated we are still in discussion with the Town Attorney about that area and all other town areas. Mr. Izzo asked the board to consider all the residents of the town if there were a potential lawsuit because the board did not notice the area and the Town has now been put on notice as some residents want it cut off and some don't, but the issue of liability is still there and the board should have a strategy investigating legal issues for that piece of property as it could be a problem. If the Town Attorney states there is no liability issue, then go by his opinion but he believes from a town-wide perspective there is a liability issue and he is asking the board to review to mitigate any potential lawsuit. Supervisor Finch stated his points are well taken and we will take a look.

Supervisor Finch asked if there was any further comment. Councilman McCulloch asked for a proclamation for Bob Darling as he is turning 100. Supervisor Finch stated we need a proclamation for Dylan Osswald as he is an Eagle Scout. Councilman Giordiano would like one for Brian Kozloski as he is retiring from the Catskill Police Department.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman Giordiano. Meeting ended 7-12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk