

CATSKILL TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING

August 4, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their monthly board meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 6:33 pm. Deputy Supervisor Antonelli opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Patrick Walsh, Councilman
Gary Carlson, Councilman
Jared Giordiano, Councilman

Also Attending: Michael Smith, Town Attorney; Elliot Fishman, CEO

MINUTES:

Town Board Monthly Meeting	July 7	Motion: Carlson	Second: Walsh
Town Board Committee Meeting	July 15	Motion: Carlson	Second: Giordiano
Government Operations Meeting	July 27	Motion: Carlson	Second: Walsh

ADOPTED 4 Yes 1 Absent (Leggio)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Dog Control Report

Ambulance: ALS Coordinator Job Description. Supervisor Leggio stated this is due to upgrading to an ALS service. Councilman Antonelli does not see a problem but believes HR should look at it first. Councilman Giordiano asked if we are hiring a person. Supervisor Leggio stated we have a coordinator but the duties will be changing. It is not a full time job. The person who does it receives a stipend. Resolution #79-2015 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson to approve the ALS Coordinator job description upon approval of HR. Adopted 5 Yes

Assessor: Rite Aid assessment settlement. Pending 2012 through 2014 discontinued without revision or refund and the 2015 assessed value will be set at \$1,700,000 from the current \$1,800,000. Terms of the real property tax law will apply and there will no change for the next three years. Resolution # 78-2015 with motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Carlson accepting the assessment settlement with Rite Aid. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Leggio)

Town Court: Letter received by the Judges asking to apply for a JCAP grant. Resolution # 80-2015 with motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Walsh authorizing the Town Justice apply for a JCAP grant. Adopted 5 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE:

Invitation from Palenville Fire Department in help celebrate their 75th Anniversary in conjunction with the 127th Annual Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention. Need to RSVP to either Michael Ferretti or Chief Chip Spring.

Postcard from Hudson River Valley Greenway regarding their 2015 Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Program

Letter from CGHS/SPCA regarding the new fee structure, effective January 1, 2016

Letter from Charles Holtz, PLS, requesting to be a member of the Planning Board

NYS Dept Public Service letter regarding study on the state of telecommunications in NY

Legislative Update from NYS Assembly Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

Copy of letter to NYS Dept of Public Service regarding North America Transmission Corp & North America Transmission LLC on interim report

Letter from Stella Martin regarding research on health hazards of composting facilities

COUNTY RESOLUTIONS:

Res 201-15 Reimbursement to Comm. Colleges (Catskill's share \$1,272.07)

Supervisor Leggio entered the meeting at 6:37 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rene VanSchaack of the IDA stated they have secured options on three parcels; the Carl property and two additional along Route 23A. The options are for a one year period. They have the primary pieces they need and are in negotiations with three additional land owners and hope for a reasonable negotiation. The IDA has approved \$377,000 for the SEQRA process. They will be asking the town, as an involved agency, to not be lead agent allowing the IDA to be the lead agent. This process will take one year and the town will need to look at changing the zoning and adopting a PDA. There are four master plans with the goal being to support tourism and to bring sales tax in addition to property tax. If there is a need for additional infrastructure, the cost will be borne to the project and not the town. Supervisor Leggio thanked Mr. VanSchaack for the update.

Mark Cramer, a resident of Catskill, ceded to his mother-in-law Jean Cunningham who approached the board complaining of a smoking area at the Autumn Grove Apartments that fronts the Elementary School and it is unacceptable. Mr. Smith stated the town shares her issue. Councilman Antonelli stated this falls under Catskill Mountain Housing and he will personally speak with Larry. The CEO has already spoken with him and they have stated they will be locating it in the back of the building. Mr. Smith stated it will be addressed.

CONTUINING BUSINESS

Supervisor Leggio asked Mr. Fishman for an update in regards to the property in Palenville.

Mr. Fishman met with Mr. Edwards and after discussion; the conclusion was he stated he is terminating his business activities on the site immediately. We are hoping to work through the details shortly.

Supervisor Leggio stated from this point forward the Town Board does not need to be involved and the issue will be dealt with by Mr. Fishman and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith stated Mr. Edwards determined ceasing his business on site and the agreement entered into with cessation of the business will be monitored by the town and will be completed within 2015. He stated the plan is in place and to give an opportunity to implement the plan.

LEEDS WASTEWATER DISTRICT

Mary Beth Bianconi of Delaware Engineering was present. Last week a grant was submitted to NYS Parks & Rec for the Ricky Cramer Field area. It is a matching grant, 25% match with in-kind services and administration. The requested amount was \$35,000. The concept is drainage improvements, permanent parking area, improve the rec area east of the ball field, storm water infrastructure and expand the trail.

SEWER: Close to closing on financing. Zero percent interest for thirty years. There is also a state program for water and sewer which has \$30 million available. The town qualifies entirely. The application will be submitted September 4th.

A tentative schedule was given to the board for the pump stations and collection system.

Supervisor Leggio stated there are a handful of easements that are reluctant to give in. How will that affect them? Ms. Bianconi stated they will still pay the debt service and if they want to hook in at some other time, they will be responsible for the entire cost to connect. Supervisor Leggio stated to send a last attempt letter before an eminent domain letter stating their benefit even if they do not want to hook in.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Leggio wants to schedule a meeting next week at the Palenville Fire Department to discuss the sidewalks and no parking in the Hamlet, preferably on Wednesday at 6 pm.

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Walsh. Meeting ended 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk