

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
August 4, 2020 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.

MINUTES:

July 7, 2020 Town Board Monthly Meeting
July 15, 2020 Town Board Committee Meeting

Motion: Councilwoman Scannapieco Second: Councilman Giordiano, carried

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #31-2020 Justice Court Records
 Motion: Councilman Scannapieco Second: Councilman Vosburgh
 Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE:

Leeds/JH Sewer District Update – Mr. Walters was present stating he had a conversation with Mike McGrath and the issues at his property. He would like to put on record the town codes were not followed. He has a gentlemen’s agreement with McGrath. Stone was not tamped down, rocks were placed in septic when it was decommissioned, and slope of the grade was not 2%. He fell in the hole and hurt his back. If it was done to code, there wouldn’t have been any issues. His children walk past the area to get to the pool. Believes what has occurred is unethical, inappropriate and dangerous. Luizzi caused a liability.

Councilman McCulloch stated they didn’t fill with the property material. Code and Travis there to take pictures. Supervisor Finch state how everything was left is now satisfactory. Mr. Walters does not know what is under the seeding and asked Luizzi if there was stone and they said no. Supervisor Finch stated Travis was present with the pitch for the pipe and the slope is ok. Mr. Walters stated he has zero faith in Travis. He was not happy with having live electrical wires when they decommissioned the pump. They did not shut off the breaker box. He also has a concern as his wife is disabled and her falling in another sink hole. He stated there is a potential lawsuit with Holtz as the septic was not decommissioned properly. Supervisor Finch stated Luizzi will return to look at Holtz’s property and if there are problems.

Mr. Walters reiterated the Town Code is plain as day and what should have been done. Councilman McCulloch stated pictures should be in the Code office. Supervisor Finch stated he will follow up with Code, Travis and Mr. Walters.

10 Park Ave was looked at. Goldfarb's property looked at and not satisfied with the little seed, little dirt and no mulch. Will review.

Veterans Ceremony – Question is to have a stand-alone event or participate in the County ceremony. Councilman McCulloch stated it will be difficult to have a town event as we will compete with Palenville Fire Department's ceremony. Supervisor Finch leaving it up to the committee to decide.

Clean Up Day – Will be scheduled for October 3rd this year. *Resolution # 35-2020 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Giordiano to hold a Town-wide Clean-Up Day for Saturday, October 3, 2020 at the Old Landfill on Cauterskill Rd. from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Screen Project Update – Councilman McCulloch thought this project was near completion. Supervisor Finch stated it should be completed by October.

NEW BUSINESS:

RCF Field - Brandon Eacott requested use of the RCF for a baseball clinic for ages 13 y.o. and up. It would be roughly 22 kids and is open to anyone. He will adhere to COVID precautions and is covered under insurance. He has spoken to the other teams who use the field. The clinic would run from August 24th to the 28th from 9 am to 1 pm. Councilman McCulloch stated to have the Town of Catskill named as additional insured. Supervisor Finch asked for him to use the water based paint to line the field. We will need an agreement signed. *Resolution # 34-2020 on motion of Councilman McCulloch seconded by Councilwoman Scannapieco authorizing use of the RCF for a baseball clinic August 24th through August 29th. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

NO PARKING - Supervisor Finch stated he is in contact with NYSDOT to have No Parking signs on Route 23A from the Town line by the bridge to Whites Road. The board feels this will create an issue in Palenville.

CEMETERY FEE – The changes to the fee schedule were reviewed. Councilman Vosburgh agrees to the changes except changing the Veterans fees. Councilman Giordiano only agreed to increase Out of County fees. Supervisor Finch stated we are outdated on pricing and cited other municipalities' costs. The fee structure is for Town Residents – Lots increased to \$750; Vet Cremains \$250, gas \$200, burial after 3 pm for each half hour \$150, burial after 2 pm \$150 charge; Greene County Resident – Lots \$1,200, Adult Internment \$1,200, Veteran pricing remains same; Out of Greene County – no change.

Requests for pallbearers will require 48 hour advance notice and request for burials and cremations will also require 48 hour notice. *Resolution # 36-2020 on motion of Councilman McCulloch, second by Councilman Vosburgh to change the Cemetery Fee Schedule effective September 4, 2020. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 No(Giordiano)*

AMBULANCE FEE – Discussion was to increase the rate over Medicare by 2.75%. *Resolution # 37-2020 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Supervisor Finch to increase the rate over Medicare by 2.75% as suggested by Digitech. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

With no further business Supervisor Finch asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss an ambulance personnel issue. No further business will be conducted. Motion to enter into executive

session was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh. Executive session began 7:54 pm.

Motion to exit executive session and end the meeting was made by Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilwoman Scannapieco. Meeting ended 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk