

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
August 6, 2013 6:30 pm

Attendance; Joseph Leggio, Supervisor; Robert Antonelli, Councilman; Pat Walsh, Councilman; Gary Carlson, Councilman; Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk; Michael Smith, Town Attorney

Supervisor Leggio opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 2, 2013: Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh, carried.
July 17, 2013: Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson, carried.

COUNTY RESOLUTIONS:

Res No. 239-13 Authorizing Lease Agreement-GC Dept of Human
Services/DOA and Town of Catskill/Senior Center

Res No. 249-13 Authorizing Chargeback of Assessment Roll Related
Services and Materials (Catskill's share \$1,123.47)

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to approve the assessment settlement with EP Catskill Realty, LLC. Vote: Adopted-4 Yes

Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh declaring surplus town property with instruction to the Town Clerk to advertise for bids. Vote: Adopted- 4 Yes

Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson to amend Resolution # 57-2013 Adoption of Ambulance Hardship Program Guidelines. Vote: Adopted 4-Yes

Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to schedule a Public Hearing for a violation of the Town of Catskill Junk Law property located at L & H Resort Systems, 4858 Rt 32, Catskill, NY on September 3rd at 6:15 pm. Vote: Adopted 3-Yes 1-Abstention (Carlson)

Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson to request no parking signs on State Roads in the Town of Catskill, Hamlet of Palenville. Vote: Adopted 4-Yes

Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh for SEQR classification and Intent to declare Lead Agency for the Leeds Wastewater Project. Vote: Adopted 4-Yes

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Mary Beth Bianconi of Delaware Engineering gave a copy of the preliminary engineering grant which was submitted to the NYS Environmental Facilities Corp. as part of the grant agreement by and between NYSEFC and the Town of Catskill. Now we enter the SEQR process and will need to adopt a bond resolution and BAN to support the early financing cost of the project.

The resolution classifies the Town to act as lead agency. SEQR has a number of different classifications. Our project is a Type I Action as we have historic sites. You go through the SEQR process to document the impact to those sites. A Type I with more than one agency involved, which is this case, will need multiple permits from all involved agencies. A letter will be sent along with a packet to all involved agencies asking them to review and if they would like to be lead agent. It is rare that any agency wishes to be lead agent.

Once the resolution is adopted, there is a 30 day wait. The next step will be to declare either a positive or negative declaration. After that the door is open for other decisions, bond resolution, agreements, and sewer district. The SEQR process should be completed by October. Then the intent will be for the board to adopt a bond resolution which may be subject to a permissive referendum (30 day wait). It is also subject to an estoppel period (20 day wait). A survey will be done. There may be adjustments to the lines. A cultural study will be done as we need the State Historic Office to sign off on the project. This is critical. The impact to wetlands and endangered species will be done now too.

Lorraine Wilson from the Community Center gave a brief synopsis of the Summer Rec program which is ending this week. There were a number of field trips and activities such as having Home Depot come in and do workshops as well as the Catskill Fire Co. and American Red Cross. There were trips to McHayden Theatre, a baseball game, and to the NYS State Museum. There were almost 200 kids signed up this year. The weather held out and they were able to use the pool every day as well as Elliot Park. Everything is going great and a formal report will follow.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Invitation to America in Bloom Symposium & Award Program September 19-21 Orland, FL

Letter from NYSDEC copy of negative declaration for the Kaaterskill Wild Forest Unit Management Plan Amendment

Energy bulletin from Central Hudson

New York State Voluntary Defined Contribution Program which must be an option made available to all employees of NYS public agencies who meet certain criteria.

Letter from Charles Schaefer of Deily & Schaefer who represents property owners on N. Jefferson Ave Ext and wish to seek a dedication of N. Jefferson Ave Ext to the Town.

Letter from Alfred Beers, Highway Superintendent, regarding request for dedication of N. Jefferson Ave Ext. He sees no problems with the dedication.

Letter from Tal Rappleyea, Attorney at Law, regarding a proposed zoning change in the Town of Germantown.

MONTHLY REPORTS: Available in the Town Clerk's office.

Town of Catskill Code Enforcement Office

Town of Catskill Cemetery

Town of Catskill Highway

Town of Catskill Dog Control

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pat McCulloch wanted to publically thank the Ambulance Service for their assistance in the fire last week.

Supervisor Leggio stated the Town Clerk received a phone call from Rev. Turpin who wished to use the Senior Center for an event. As of the first of the year we have been able to use the center for other than senior activities. We do not have a fee schedule or guidelines yet established and asked the board's feeling on the church using the center. Councilman Carlson asked if it was a social activity or a money maker. Deacon Davis stated this is to celebrate a Minister being ordained to a Reverend. Supervisor Leggio stated since it is a function of the church he sees no problem waiving the fee but that we will need to nail down the fee schedule for other events. Councilman Carlson was fine with them using the center. Councilman Antonelli stated we will have to pay someone to be there but general consensus is the board was ok with the Church using the building.

Supervisor Leggio stated Adam Davies left a message on his phone on how atrocious the field looked. Supervisor Leggio believes the infield is and has been their responsibility to maintain. We cannot put weed killer down because we are a municipality. Councilman Antonelli stated we will do what we can to correct the problem as this year is over with.

Supervisor Leggio stated residents on Landon Ave would like the road black topped or oil and stoned and have spoken to Alfie about it in the past. School buses turn around and are causing an issue. Councilman Antonelli stated it's the school's problem then not the towns. Supervisor Leggio to draft a letter to the school. Councilman Walsh stated this has had to have been going on for years.

Supervisor Leggio stated the project in Palenville is moving forward. He received a call from Mr. Flores regarding the closed portion of Malden Ave and where liability would lay if someone were injured. He questioned who owned the road and even though the road is closed, the town still owns it. He wasn't available to speak to so a message was left.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson. Meeting ended 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk