Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
September 1, 2020 6:30 pm

Present:	Dale Finch,	Supervisor
	Jared Giordiano,	Councilman
	Patrick McCulloch,	Councilman
	Paul Vosburgh,	Councilman

Supervisor Finch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed all in attendance.

MINUTES:

August 4, 2020 Town Board Meeting
August 19, 2020 Town Board Committee Meeting
Motion: Councilman McCulloch Second: Councilman Vosburgh, carried

RESOLUTION:

Res 40-2020 Accept Certiorari Proposal Leam Mountain Properties 2, LLC
Motion: Councilman McCulloch Second: Councilman Vosburgh
Vote: Adopted 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)

CORRESPONDENCE:

County Resolutions – Res 214 Urging Gov Cuomo to sign State Legislative Bill to prohibit incineration of firefighting foam; Res 222 Award bid for Propane; Res 238 Authorizing Chargeback of Assessment Roll Related Services and Materials (Catskill's share $288.65)

Draft Rental Agreement for Senior Center Use by GC Dept Human Services

CONTUINING BUSINESS:

Supervisor Finch stated a meeting was held with Ed DuPont and Councilman Vosburgh regarding use of the Ricky Cramer Field next year as he is interested in continuing to use it. We will need to get together with all parties who use the field to discuss its use next year. Catskill Central School District will have priority use of the field.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer Recreation Program Report –Catskill Community Center- *Margaret Tomlinson, Frances Spark and Shakim Phillips of the CCC were present to discuss the center and the summer recreation program. Ms. Tomlinson stated the youth programs were held until COVID. The Center has been involved with several different community events helping people through COVID such as the Stone Soup Project. Summer Recreation began on June 2nd and spots filled quickly. Half of the children were from the town and half from the village.*

Shakim Phillips stated Summer Rec was great this year even with the extremely hot weather. He

considered it super successful. Councilman Giordiano congratulated them doing a great job in spite of the circumstances. Supervisor Finch expressed his appreciation for all they did for the children in putting it together in a short period of time.

Ms. Spark gave an overview of the Center's budget. There were able to secure additional funding which helped greatly. Currently there are no programs. The building is for sale and as a not-for-profit they need approval from the State Attorney General to expose of assets and they are following those steps. They are looking at options for their future and discussions has already started. They have done well with the budget and over the next few weeks it will become clearer the funds needed as they have assessed opportunities and collaborations with other groups as well as funding from the Town and Village.

Councilman Vosburgh asked if the proceeds from the sale of the building will help fund the new center. Ms. Spark stated that will need to be discussed and is part of the overall planning of the future of the center. Funds from the sale of the building will be earmarked as an endowment for capital projects.

Councilman Giordiano stated it is confusing now as there are two or three groups talking about the future of the center. Ms. Spark stated the Center's objective is to manage the building and be responsible for the managing the town funding. Councilman Giordiano stated there is a major need for children now. Supervisor Finch stated there is only one center and one board of directors of the center. Ms. Sparks would like to hear what people need and work in conjunction with other people. We will continue to keep the board informed as we progress in the next few months. Supervisor Finch thanked them for coming in.

Catskill Wheelhouse Use of Senior Center – *Alanna Vickstein of Catskill Wheelhouse presented to the board a request to use the Senior Center for community-based childcare as the school district will not be open five days a week due to COVID. She discussed Catskill Wheelhouse has they have been a childcare program since 2015. Councilman McCulloch stated this is obviously needed but the seniors need the building too and we have not yet decided to re-open it. Supervisor Finch stated the center has not been open to the seniors. We do not have a director who can make sure people are adhering to social distancing protocols. He has concern for children being there. We have a senior meals program with volunteers picking up meals and delivering them to seniors. He loves the idea but doesn't believe the idea is good there. Councilman Giordiano stated there is no place for the kids to play outside. Supervisor Finch mentioned contacting Community Life Church. He stated the board will keep an open mind but there are other moving parts to take into consideration. We will assess the center and see if we can take a second look.*

Code Issue/Littering/Speed - *Ethan Taubes thanked the board for the speed limit reduction on Bogart Rd. and he is now hoping to have more of a police presence since the signs have been erected. There is still too much activity on the road and thus speeding and the issue now is law enforcement. He would like signs for no littering as the littering is now out of control. He has contacted Mr. Beers. Supervisor Finch stated he will refer back to Shawn Beers regarding erecting some signs.*

Mr. Taubes stated he has a second issue and that is with noise. His neighbor fires off a lot of fireworks and there is constant ATV activity. He asked what the parameters of the noise are. His expectation is of quiet enjoyment. He stated the issue is of critical mass. The ATV's are illegal on the roads. He understands people have a right to do what they want on their own land but there should be consideration. Supervisor Finch stated he will check with the Code Enforcement Office. Mr. Taubes has

stated he has left messages with Mr. Fishman and will follow up.

PLANNING BOARD – *Supervisor Finch referenced the escrow fee schedule to streamline and make more efficient the applications before the Planning Board. He has a meeting with Delaware Engineering to see if this would be a better process for applicants. It may only be needed on a short term basis. Planning Board Chair Golden stated a couple of projects in front of the PB have stalled. We will need to be upfront during the application process or have letters with the engineering fees. Councilman McCulloch stated to collect ahead of time. If the funds are not needed they are returned to the applicant. Supervisor Finch asked for a motion. Resolution # 41-2020 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman McCulloch to establish a temporary escrow fee schedule for the Planning Board. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)*

With no further business Supervisor Finch asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss openings on the Planning Board, the ambulance contract with the Town of Athens and a cemetery personnel issue. The board invited in the Town Clerk, PB Chair Golden and Bill DeLuca. Motion to enter into executive session by Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Vosburgh. Executive session began 7:45 pm.

Motion to exit executive session and end meeting made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh. Meeting ended 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk