

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
September 3, 2013 6:30 pm

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 2, 2013: Motion by Councilman Antonelli second Councilman Walsh, carried.
August 6, 2013: Motion by Councilman Antonelli second Councilman Carlson, carried.
August 9, 2013: Motion by Councilman Antonelli second Councilman Walsh, carried.
August 21, 2013: Motion by Councilman Antonelli second Councilman Carlson, carried.
August 30, 2013: Motion by Councilman Antonelli second Councilman Walsh, carried.

COUNTY RESOLUTIONS:

Res 264-13 Approving Reimbursement to Community Colleges
(Catskill's share \$746)

RESOLUTIONS:

Res 95-2013 Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to appoint Audre Higbee as Town of Catskill Sole Assessor effective October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2019. Vote: Adopted 4-Yes

CORRESPONDENCE:

Memo from Ed Ferratto asking the board to schedule a public hearing for non compliance of the junk law for property owned by Raymond Adamski. *Motion by Councilman Walsh second by Councilman Carlson to schedule the public hearing for October 1st at 6:15 pm. Vote: Adopted 4-yes*

Email from George June, Ambulance Administrator, regarding the closing bids for the ambulances. *The reserve was not met. Councilman Antonelli told George to contact North East. Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Carlson to reject the bids. Vote: Adopted-4 Yes*

Letter from Town Judges Margolius & Wootton stating the office will be closed October 7th and 8th for the court clerk's annual fall conference.

Notice of Liquor License Renewal for the Cementon Sportsman Club.

Letter from Therese McGee Ward regarding their audit, a lockable location for their supplies and continuation of the meal program at the Senior Center. *Letter sent to schedule date for a meeting to discuss the rent. Councilman Walsh will be attending with Supervisor Leggio.*

Letter from Lewis & Stanzione regarding Kaaterskill Manor failed storm water drainage system and the damage caused on property owned by Shelly & Mike Blenner. *Supervisor Leggio stated he drove by today. The water is not in the detention ponds. The ditch had water running. He is unsure what is hooked to what. John Cashin looked at it a year ago. There are two small ponds that hold the water which flow into the biggest pond but it is not making it to the biggest pond. Councilman Antonelli also stated the letter said they used his property without his permission. Supervisor Leggio stated they had to go before the Planning/Zoning Boards as they would have had to get a variance. If they were not compliant the least we can do is look into it. John Cashin is to do.*

Letter from The Dax Law Firm, P.C., regarding West Point Partners LLC supplemental information in response to a request from Acting Secretary Cohen's letter identifying deficiencies in their application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need.

Letter from NYSDEC issuing a permit to the County of Greene for the Catskill Creek Bank Stabilization on Lower Water Street.

Letter from Laura Kelly stating how pleasant it was to deal with Stanley Dushane and Bobby Antonelli in planning their grandfather's funeral. *Supervisor Leggio stated the Cemetery Dept does a good job and it is nice to see this kind of recognition.*

Letter from NYS Dept of Public Service asking to raise awareness of the Lifeline Discount Telephone Service Program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Len Signoretti approached the board about the continued use of the Senior Center for the Cub Scouts Pack 44. He stated there has been a steady increase in the number of kids from year to year. His goal is to build a relationship with the school district to recruit kids at the school. He wants to secure the meeting location for their monthly meetings and special events. He asked the board for a key or to either check out a key check in so someone does not need to be there as there has been an employee present at the meetings before. He stated he takes a picture of the center before they use it and leaves it cleaner when they leave.

Supervisor Leggio stated no one on the board has an issue with the Cub Scouts using the building. There is a question of personnel. Councilman Carlson asked if he was pleading for a key or use of the building. Mr. Signoretti stated on the weekend dates there has to be a paid employee there. Councilman Carlson stated everyone who wants to use the Center has to go through Liz to use the building. We also have a policy and procedure to open and close the building. We cannot give you a key as we would be deviating from the policy. Mr. Signoretti stated he wants to come up with a way to not have a paid employee there. Supervisor Leggio stated there is no problem with usage. The logistics are handled internally. A person is there for liability reasons. Mr. Signoretti stated at the same time, Ann Marie cited the RVW insurance. Councilman Carlson stated the issue fundamentally is fairness. Everyone is treated the same. If an employee disrupts the meetings then we will deal with. Mr. Signoretti stated he sent a list of dates to Ann Marie and he received an email back from Liz that there is a cost associated to the town for these events.

Supervisor Leggio stated we all agree someone needs to be there to oversee the building and we haven't associated a fee with anything. Church groups, soccer clubs, same thing. We have personnel and can alter their schedule. In all times, someone needs to be there and we are trying to treat all the same. We haven't come up ourselves how to address. His belief is all the people are paying town village taxes and are supporting the place. If there is a party...a birthday party, there should be a fee associated. For civic organizations or not-for-profits there should be no reason to charge.

Mr. Signoretti asked Ann Marie if there were any problems with the dates. Councilman Antonelli stated the problem here is with the board. It has nothing to do with you. We have to make a decision. If there is a shower or a party then the person will need to pay. If the seniors want something done on the dates you want, they take precedence. You have to address Elizabeth. This was just changed and she will notify Ann Marie. Councilman Carlson stated to use Elizabeth. It should be the same as the Little League. Councilman Antonelli stated this is the board's problem. Supervisor Leggio wants everyone to discuss and didn't want to think we are picking...Councilman Carlson stated we can meet on a case by case basis. Supervisor Leggio asked if everyone was on board. *Councilman Antonelli made a motion to exclude the fee for any non-profit organization based in Catskill who wish to use the Senior Center and to have a fee (fee schedule to be determined) for individuals who wish to use the Senior Center. Everyone will also need to have insurance and submit it to the Town. Councilman Carlson seconded this motion. Vote: Adopted-4 Yes*

Supervisor Leggio stated we need to discuss the two public hearings. *Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to, upon recommendation of the Code Officer; go out to bid to clean up the property of Richard Rothe. Vote: Adopted 3 Yes 1 Abstention*

Motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to, upon recommendation of the Code Office, to go out to bid to clean up the property owned by L & H Resort Systems. Vote: Adopted-3 Yes 1 Abstention

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the time clocks. He stated there are multiple issues with them. They are not operating at 100%. He is to schedule a meeting with the computer people and department heads to work something out.

With no further business a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Carlson. Meeting ended 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk