

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
September 3, 2024 6:30 PM

PRESENT:	Patrick McCulloch,	Supervisor
	Jared Giordiano,	Councilman
	Dawn Scannapieco,	Councilwoman
	Steven Espel,	Councilman
	Brian Kozloski,	Councilman

Supervisor McCulloch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed all in attendance.

MINUTES:

August 6, 2024 Monthly Meeting
August 21, 2024 Committee Meeting

Motion: Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel; carried.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution # 101-2024 on motion Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel to change the employment status of Peter Gallo from Grade 3 to Grade 4 with an hourly wage of \$20.53 effective September 3, 2024. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)

Councilwoman Scannapieco entered the meeting 6:04 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Catskill Castings historical markers.

CHPE Notice of change to Segment 11 EM & CP.

Greene County Human Services Annual Senior Citizen Day, September 13, 2024 12 pm to 3 pm at the Historic Warehouse.

Greene County Resolution 294-24 Awarding bid for Propane to Nolan Bottle Gas Co.

Letter from Katrina Smith regarding creek erosion at Old Kaaterskill Ave on town owned property.

Email HOCA regarding the Cat Auction, September 21st 1 pm at the Historic Warehouse.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Village of Catskill Fire Contract – Councilman Giordiano updated the board on the negotiations. It will be a one-year contract at \$195,000 to give the Village time to get their finances in order. *Resolution # 102-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco to schedule a public hearing on the Village of Catskill Fire Contract for Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Leeds Fire Contract – Councilman Kozloski stated he and Councilman Giordiano met with members of the Athens Town Board and Leeds Hose Company and they requested a 10, 10, 10 contract. After discussion, all were comfortable with an 8, 10, 10 3-year contract. *Resolution # 103-2024 on motion of Councilman Kozloski, second Councilman Espel to offer Leeds Fire Company a three-year contract at 8 %, 10% and 10% increments. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

NEW BUSINESS:

Request to use Senior Center - Patti Dushane requested use of the Senior Center for the St. Anthony's Secular Franciscan Order fundraiser for November 3, 2024 from 10 am to 3 pm. Supervisor McCulloch explained to her what the county owns and they cannot use. *Resolution # 104-2024 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Giordiano authorizing use of the Senior Center on November 3, 2024 from 10 am to 3 pm to St. Anthony's Secular Franciscan Order for a fundraiser. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Request to Town Road – OhHi Productions has requested use of Game Farm Road near Polly Rock Road for a film production on September 5th. The Greene County Sheriff's Office will be present for traffic control. *Resolution # 105-2024 on motion of Councilman Espel, second Councilman Kozloski for use of a town road for a film production by OhHi Productions. Adopted Vote 5 Yes*

Hotel and Motel Occupancy Tax – Councilman Giordiano wishes to have the Town Attorney begin the process for the town to initiate a hotel and motel tax.

Pickleball/Basketball Court – Supervisor McCulloch stated he reached out to Delaware Engineer who will help with planning. We should have them by October.

SUPERVISOR COMMENT – Supervisor McCulloch would like to officially implement the new hire/promotion letter for all employees including union employees. *Resolution # 106-2024 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Espel implementing the use of the new hire/promotion letter for all employees, including union employees, effective September 3, 2024. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Supervisor McCulloch mentioned an email from Deb Schlenker regarding no parking signage on Maple Street in Cementon. We will need a petition from the residents to proceed with the request.

Supervisor McCulloch stated we need to amend Resolution # 69-2024 to include what fund payment of the upgrade to the fire control system will be from. *Resolution # 107 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco amending Resolution # 69-2024 the payment of the fire control system upgrade from Doyle Securities will be paid from ARPA funds. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

COUNCIL COMMENT – Councilman Espel gave an update on the pocket park in Palenville. The application has been completed and sent to the state. There are two parcels involved with the front parcel the state will review and we are waiting for the next step.

Supervisor McCulloch stated we should purchase benches and tables now for the RCF and then move them to the park when it is established.

Councilman Giordiano stated he is waiting to finalize the scoreboard design. He has worked with departments on their budgets. The code office will be completed on Thursday.

We received a quote to update the elevator as its parts are obsolete and we should do this as every time we lose power, the elevator needs to be serviced. We also need to install emergency lighting in the basement.

Councilwoman Scannapieco stated there will be a welcome breakfast on September 20th at the Senior Center. She would like to establish an account with Ginsberg.

Councilman Espel mentioned the heating system at Highway. Jack is receiving quotes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Claudia Nagy asked why Greene County does not have an animal shelter and there is interest in raising money and having a fundraiser on Main Street. Supervisor McCulloch stated she will need to speak with the Village Board about anything being done on Main Street.

Mr. Izzo asked where the pickleball court will be located. Supervisor McCulloch stated Ricky Cramer Field. He asked about lighting. Supervisor McCulloch stated they are working on the field and will see about lighting after.

Mr. Izzo asked if the town had an agreement with the film crew to reimburse the town for any damage done to the road.

He asked if the occupancy tax is a dream. Supervisor McCulloch stated Councilman Giordiano had mentioned the idea and we should investigate it.

Mr. Izzo asked about the email regarding Old Kaaterskill Avenue creek erosion. Supervisor McCulloch stated there were meetings with DEC. The Town cannot go into the body of water to fix and we need the next step to be from DEC. The town has no money to install pylons in the creek bed.

Mr. Izzo mentioned if there will be any extra expenses at budget time as he is concerned the town budget will be high. CHPE monies was discussed. Supervisor McCulloch stated the money received by the town from the project cannot be used to offset taxes.

Mr. Izzo asked about the water line extension to Cairo. Supervisor McCulloch stated the four municipalities involved are talking about it. The EPA is willing to fund it. The VOC needs to apply and the town is involved as the line runs through the town. Delaware Engineering is an engineer/design firm and will help with regulatory approval. After the EPA and DOH approve the plans, bidding and then construction can begin.

Mr. Izzo asked if there was any more discussion on the state level about having a central court instead of town courts and no more elected judges. Supervisor McCulloch stated he has not heard of any updates and will investigate it. Supervisor McCulloch asked if there was any further comment. With none being heard, a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski. The meeting ended at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk