

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
September 4, 2012 6:30 pm

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

Supervisor Leggio opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Delaware Engineering was present to give an update on the Leeds Wastewater Project.

Mike Budris of Delaware Engineering stated they have been in contact with the Village of Catskill DPW in regards to updates to the plant. He stated they looked at the operations records for the last five years and the permanent flow rate is 1.55 million gallons a day. He stated he is confident DEC will allow any flow rate from the proposed tie in. He stressed the importance of all wanting the project to happen. He stated he also spoke with Crawford who is the Village Engineer in regards to upgrades for the Allen St. pump station as this station will receive more flow. The Village is preparing a planning grant for upgrade to all their pump stations. He stated the Village will need modernization of their equipment and some improvements to head works at the plant. He stated the next stage is to continue working with the Village and Crawford as well as DEC. He stated finalization on the planning grant should be known by October 1st. He stated he will have a preliminary draft to the board within a couple weeks.

Minutes:

8/7/2012	Town Board Monthly Meeting Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Lennon)
8/14/2012	Bid Opening #1-2012 FEMA NYS No D12-013 Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Lennon)
8/15/2012	Town Board Committee Meeting Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Lennon)

8/17/2012

Government Operations Meeting

Motion Councilman Antonelli

Second Councilman Walsh

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Lennon)

8/21/2012

Special Meeting Town Board

Motion Councilman Antonelli

Second Councilman Walsh

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Lennon)

8/22/2012

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Motion Councilman Antonelli

Second Councilman Walsh

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Lennon)

County Resolutions:

Res 278-12

Award bid for abrasives used in snow and ice control

Res 291-12

Approving Reimbursement College Charge backs

Correspondence:

Letter from Rich Praetorius regarding awarding bid for FEMA project D12-013 Culvert Pipe Replacement Route 23A: Motion made by Councilman Walsh and seconded by Councilman Antonelli to award the bid to K.C. & Sons in the amount of \$98,199. Voted: 4 Yes, 1 Absent (Lennon) Motion adopted.

Invitation to Greene County Soil & Water 51st Anniversary October 13th 11:30 am at Windham Mountain

E-vite from Fortnightly Club of Catskill in celebrating their 80th year of community service, Sunday, Sept 9th at 4 pm at Anthony's.

Email from Sandy, Comptroller, to schedule a meeting with Traver's O'Keefe and full board. Scheduled for Tuesday Sept 11th at 4:30 pm.

Letter from Mike de Benedictus, Receiver of Tax, regarding 2012 Tax year report.

Quotes from Alfie Beers, Hwy Sup., for repair work to highway buildings.

Monthly reports: available in the Clerk's Office.

New Business:

Vincent Seeley, Village President, presented the Village's budget for the fire department as there was some question after the consolidation vote and he would like to thwart any misnomers. Supervisor Leggio stated he agreed with idea of a fire district. Mr. Seeley stated the boards will have to sit down and talk about a rate as it will likely increase. He stated there is \$166,000 budgeted and the Village paid \$450,000 cash for the truck. He stated the \$166,000 doesn't show insurance (\$19,000), Lo-sat program (\$70,000), worker's comp (\$30,000) and the truck payment (\$300,000).

Councilman Walsh asked where the \$450,000 came from. Mr. Seeley stated it was from the sale of the Hose 5 building, three fire trucks and money that was banked. He stated the money did not go into the general fund. Councilman Walsh stated the timing is throwing him off. Mr. Seeley stated there is always going to be a need for a truck payment. Currently they are behind with equipment. There are two trucks that need to be replaced and was hoping the burden would not be on us to figure out how that would happen.

Supervisor Leggio asked when they would like to start negotiations. Mr. Seeley stated they have a meeting Monday and if we could start then at 6 pm.

Councilman Antonelli made a comment on the vote and that it was not explained well and there should have been more meetings. Councilman Carlson stated at this point in our economy it doesn't matter what we have done. If taxes are to go up people will vote it down. We all have the 2% cap and we are all trying to cut back. He stated the Village is trying to get businesses back.

Trustee Chewens thanked the board for their effort. He stated Bob and Joe have been here long enough that we will never get people to completely understand it. He stated he was not sure we should have let it go to a public vote. He wants everyone to pay the same tax for the same service. Councilman Antonelli stated the Village has almost double the amount of houses. Councilman Carlson also stated the Village residents are also Town taxpayers.

Supervisor Leggio moved on to going out to bid for the Kaaterskill Ave and Mill Rd NRCS projects: Motion made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Carlson to have Rich Praetorius bid the project. Voted: 4 Yes, 1 Absent (Lennon) Motion Adopted.

Public Comment:

Mr. Burnett stated the Village and Town need a new tax base. Lost Cementon. Mr. Seeley stated Mavis is coming in and there is work on property behind McDonald's. He agrees as we are losing businesses off the tax rolls with the economy being extremely hard.

Mr. Walsh asked about the sewer system in Leeds. He stated that will bring the tax base up 1000%. He stated companies are not coming in because there is no sewer. Supervisor Leggio stated Delaware Engineering was here earlier and gave an update. He stated we are doing the best we can. Councilman Carlson stated we are in touch with DEC. Mr. Miller stated the Town of Cairo recently went through something similar not too long ago. He stated eventually there will be no choice. Mr. Walsh stated a good percentage of people who live in Jefferson, their septic is working and there is no issue at this time, however, it will eventually fail.

Supervisor Leggio stated the headaches creating now, is a bigger issue and when grant funding this is criteria to get grants. He stated in a round a bout way, having DEC out there, may draw more light for funding.

An audience member stated they should know that municipal sewer will increase their property values. Mr. Walsh stated we need to get the word out. Supervisor Leggio stated he will get in touch with Delaware Engineering and see if a meeting can be scheduled for September 25th at the Leeds Fire House specific to this situation. David Brockway stated he would be the liaison between the residents of Leeds and the Town Board.

Supervisor Leggio asked if there was any further comment. Councilman Carlson mentioned the labor agreement: Motion by Councilman Carlson and seconded by Councilman Walsh to sign the tentative agreement with UPSEU.

Discussion: Councilman Carlson stated there is no percentage pay raise. There is market adjustment. The title of Paramedic was added. Most of it is self-explanatory. There will be an annual physical fitness test and those who fail their insurance premium will increase 10%. The rest was cleaning up legal language. The pilot program was dropped previous to negotiations and there will be 12 hour shifts. Voted: 4 Yes, 1 Absent (Lennon) Motion Adopted.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Carlson. Meeting ended 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

