

CATSKILL TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING – September 5, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Doreen Davis, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

MINUTES:

08/02/2017 Town Board Meeting
08/03/2017 Department Head Meeting
08/16/2017 Town Board Committee Meeting

Motion: Councilman McCulloch Second: Councilman Antonelli, carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

NYS Department of Taxation and Finance notice of Town of Catskill's final equalization rate, 60%.

Letter from GCBOE there will be no Primary Election this year.

NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets Municipal Shelter Inspection Report – satisfactory.

Invitation from Second Baptist Church to their 128th Church Anniversary luncheon Saturday, September 9th at noon at the Community Life Church.

Notice of liquor license renewal for Cementon Sportsmen Assoc. and Pollace's Brooklyn House.

Road Name Change Application from GC Emergency Services, Allan Schiller/Paradise Greens Inc. to rename his road Tao Road. The previously requested road name (Paradise Lake Rd. Ext.) is causing confusion with Paradise Lake Rd. *Supervisor Davis received a call from a resident asking if there was a way to oppose the petition of name change. Councilman McCulloch stated it can be denied by GCEMS and only if another road has that name. Tabled until further conversation with the neighbor.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget workshop meetings to be scheduled. *Supervisor Davis asked the Town Clerk to review the budget timeline. She asked Councilman McCulloch to follow up with Ambulance's budget. Michael Richardson still needs to get us information. We also need the Community Center's budget. Liz will contact CCC and Mike DeBenedictus for their budgets. We should schedule budget workshop meetings.*

Resolution # 86-17 with motion by Councilman McCulloch, second by Councilman Giordiano to schedule budget workshop meetings for October 5th 9:30 am; October 12th 6:30 pm; October 18th 6:30 pm and October 24th 6:30 pm all at Town Hall. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Sign Law: Discussion ensued about signs being illuminated 24 hours a day. Councilman McCulloch asked if we can legally enforce. Supervisor Davis and the board accepted the Planning and Zoning Board recommendations regarding the law. It is to be revised and final copy to the board for the meeting on the 20th.

Appearance ticket: Discussion regarding delivery of an appearance ticket by mail. Needs to be reviewed and should be consistent in the law.

Road Name Application: Supervisor Davis stated she spoke with a property owner on the road whose name is to be changed. She will follow up with Mr. Smith.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Alan Tavenner – Delaware Engineering – Leeds Jefferson Heights Sewer

Mr. Tavenner stated there is a complication from Main to Church and the crews are working on it. They are getting close to being done on Green Lake. Forest Hills Ave will be revisited.

They had their first homeowner connection to the system today.

Supervisor Davis mentioned the call process for certification of the systems and more than two people will be needed on site to help with inspections.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A question was asked how much to connect. Mr. Tavenner stated it depends but anywhere from 2-5 thousand dollars.

Supervisor Davis mentioned assistance for mid to low income through CDBG. It is a reimbursement process with individual applications. The board will follow up. Catskill Mountain Housing has a grant/funding assistance.

One individual stated the public is not happy. There was no vote on the issue and it is a big burden to older, retired individuals.

Councilman Antonelli stated he understands the hardship. Mr. Tavenner spoke of the long term benefits and the value it brings to one's property.

Supervisor Davis stated we need to take the taxes off of the property owners and develop business to drive that. We need to market the property off Exit 21. We will not attract economic development with municipal water and sewer and this is part of that which we wish to obtain.

Supervisor Davis stated we will send out another mailing regarding financing and loans. She asked if there was any further comment. With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli seconded by Councilman McCulloch. Meeting ended 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

