

CATSKILL TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING – September 6, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. Supervisor Davis welcomed all present and opened the meeting 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 TO BE ACCEPTED:

August 2, 2016 Town Board Monthly Meeting
August 4, 2016 Department Head Meeting
August 17, 2016 Town Board Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh to accept the minutes, carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Supervisor Davis stated there is continuing discussion regarding the Pilgrim Pipeline.

Resolution 110-2016 Requesting the NYSDEC and NYS Thruway Authority to assure opportunities for meaningful public and municipal participation in the scoping process for the SEQRA review of the Pilgrim Pipeline Project. *Motion by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Central Hudson regarding replacement of 7,500 feet of gas lines project to start this September, with project estimated to take 3 months, will occur along Jefferson Heights between Austin Acres and Main Street; Main Street between Jefferson Heights and Old Main Street; Old Main Street; Allen Street, between Main Street and the US-9W Ramp. *Supervisor Davis stated we will reach out to CH as we thought it would be simultaneously with the sewer project; now concerned about residents.*

Letter from Board of Elections regarding Primary Election September 13th from noon to 9 pm. *Supervisor Davis stated this is the third primary of the year for the State level and below.*

Thank you letter from HOCA for the town's continuous support and commitment to their community and sponsoring the Music in the Park.

NYSDEC acknowledgement of notice of intent for coverage under a SPDES general permit for storm water discharges from construction activity for the Wastewater Collection System Linear Utility in Catskill.

Letter from Governor Cuomo thanking Supervisor Davis for joining him in the announcement of 338,000 homes and businesses will receive high-speed internet as part of the New NY Broadband Initiative.

Letter from Charles Schumer letting us know the National Historical Publications and Records Commission is currently accepting applications for funding under its Public Engagement with Historical Records grant program.

Letter from Laberge Group, engineering assistance for the 2016 NYS Water Grant. *Was executed and awarded.*

NYS Department of Taxation and Finance State Equalization Rate for TOC are 61. *Remains unchanged.*

Letter from the VOC authorizing negotiations between the two municipalities for fire protection in the Town. *Supervisor Davis stated talks should begin quickly. She and Councilman Giordiano will facilitate.*

Petition from residents of Woodstock Avenue for a speed limit reduction on Woodstock and Manorville Roads in the Hamlet of Palenville. *Mr. McKeon was present and spoke with the board regarding the need for a speed limit reduction. Supervisor Davis stated there are several steps in the process and we will contact the Highway Superintendent for his assessment.*

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Mary Beth Bianconi of Delaware Engineering gave a brief update regarding the sewer project. Work has begun. There have been questions regarding restoration. There has been a trench box used to avoid cave- ins. The original plan was to have the driveways back to normal, however, Central Hudson will be tearing up the same so the restoration will be gravel and once CH is done, the driveways will be paved.

A second crew has started on N Jefferson. People who have grinder pumps will be contacted by DE. The project will be in Leeds in 2017. We encourage people who have questions to contact Town Hall. A FAQ will be prepared for the water billing later in the month.

Supervisor Davis would like to schedule a meeting with Central Hudson.

Patty Payne's, whose house is across the street from the old hospital, concern was who would pay for the difference in the water bill, after all is restored. Ms. Bianconi stated at the end of the project restoration will occur.

A neighbor stated he can't sit on his porch. His front lawn is gone. A tree is gone. Ms. Bianconi stated this is part of the project. It will be a construction zone for a bit of time. The lawn will be restored. It is not the homeowner's responsibility to restore. The location of the sewer line is driven by avoiding all the other utility lines buried. Supervisor Davis stated we will communicate that to the residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeff Dumond lives off Hearts Content Road returned to a home where the music was intolerable. He thought it would end earlier in the night but it didn't stop until 1:40 am. The windows were rattling. He wished to know if the board made any attempt to speak to the neighbors, was there any parameters regarding the volume of sound or the direction of the sound. Did the board do their due diligence looking into other festivals this organizer did? He will not have this happen again.

Chet Meyer stated the music was outrageously loud and it went on for hours and hours. Another neighbor stated his windows were down, the air on and his back porch rattled. The profanity was intolerable. He will petition to not have it again.

Supervisor Davis said the board walked through the process. The event planner came to the board meeting. We are in the process of passing a mass gathering law. We googled other events but didn't speak to the neighbors. From an economic development standpoint, it was encouraging. There was a learning curve. We didn't know the music would be till 3 am. The town lifted the noise ordinance but there should have been a cap on time. We do not feel without significant changes the event will be held again. We will speak with the property owners so they know what took place at this meeting as it was held on private property and will touch base with Meltasia because we had a good plan but learned a valuable lesson. We appreciate the transparency and hope you leave knowing you have been heard.

Without any further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh. Meeting ended 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Izzo

Town Clerk