

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
September 6, 2022 6:30 pm

Present:	Dale Finch,	Supervisor
	Jared Giordiano,	Councilman
	Patrick McCulloch,	Councilman
	Paul Vosburgh,	Councilman

Supervisor Finch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

August 2, 2022	Town Board Meeting
August 17, 2022	Town Board Committee Meeting

Motion: Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman McCulloch. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Village of Catskill Water Conservation Notice from August 12, 2022 until further notice.

Central Hudson letter re: clearing of overgrown vegetation, trees, limbs over next several months.
Supervisor Finch stated this is normal maintenance.

NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation the Capt. Joseph Allen House, 210 Jefferson Heights, Catskill has been placed on National Register of Historic Places. *Supervisor Finch stated this is the house at the entrance of the cemetery.*

Letter of resignation from Anna Signoretti. *Supervisor Finch stated she had done billing for the ambulance department. An employment ad is on our website.*

Letter from John Barford, Barford Piano Tuning, regarding tuning the piano at the Senior Center.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Senior Center Floor replacement. *Supervisor Finch stated the estimate is over \$30,000 and will need an RFP but we need a scope of work first. Resolution # 83-2022 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman McCulloch to go out for bids for the replacement of the flooring at the Senior Center. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)*

Town Hall Renovation Project. *Supervisor Finch stated this project is close to getting underway.*

Contract renewals – Leeds Fire Company (Town of Athens), Athens Ambulance. *Supervisor Finch stated we received correspondence from Leeds Fire Company today. They have requested a ten percent increase in their contract for each year of the proposed three-year agreement. We will have a joint meeting with the Town of Athens. Councilman Giordiano asked about the other contracts and if conversations were started. Supervisor Finch stated he has sat down with Elaine Gold about ambulance,*

and he has not heard about dates for highway negotiations.

Supervisor Finch asked if anyone had any public comment. Mr. Matos approached the board asking for their support of the Village of Catskill Community Grant in the form of a letter. The village had a community meeting, and they wish to apply for a grant for a community center. Councilman Vosburgh asked who would run the center. Mr. Matos stated that is still yet to be discussed. Councilman Vosburgh stated the town would not be interested in running a community center. Councilman Giordiano stated we could possibly encompass the senior center into the community center. Supervisor Finch stated to run a center like that would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Councilman Giordiano stated as a board member he has no problem with the town sending a letter of support. Supervisor Finch asked if the village had looked at other community centers in the Hudson Valley. Mr. Matos stated this year letters of support are requested to then be submitted with the grant application next year. We need ten different ideas within the village and then the state decides who receives the grant monies. The grant is up to ten million dollars, but the money is not given up front. Councilman McCulloch stated the project needs to be started within two years of the award.

Supervisor Finch stated the old center gave \$20,000 for the Summer Rec program. The money earned from the sale of the building should all come back to the community. It was a taxpayer funded center and it is important to not lose sight of that. Supervisor Finch stated a letter, if it will help the village in their grant application and not commit the town to owning or running the center, will be a good idea.

Mr. Matos spoke about Greene County Transit and how to create more visibility with the buses, so more people know about the system. Supervisor Finch stated this is a county function. Councilman McCulloch stated there should be bus stops again as the county demolished them. Supervisor Finch stated the buses don't come every ten fifteen minutes and that may be why people don't use them as much.

Supervisor Finch asked if anyone had any further comment. Councilman McCulloch stated he met with members of Fortnightly and Cultivate Catskill to discuss a splash pad at Elliot Park. They will be sending a letter to the town.

With no further business Councilman Giordiano asked for a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue and invited Judge Paolino and the Town Clerk. Motion was seconded by Councilman McCulloch. No further business will be conducted at the end of executive session. Executive session began 6:58 pm.

As told by Councilman Giordiano executive session and the meeting ended 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk