

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
September 7, 2010 6:30 pm

Attendance: Peter Markou, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Patrick Walsh, Councilman
Kevin Lennon, Councilman
Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

Absent: Michael Smith, Councilman

Supervisor Markou opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He excused Councilman Smith as he had a previous engagement.

The following minutes were reviewed and accepted:

08/03/2010 Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Motion Councilman Antonelli
Second Councilman Walsh
Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith)

08/18/2010 Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Motion Councilman Antonelli
Second Councilman Lennon
Ayes 4, Nays 0. Absent 1 (Smith)

The following resolutions were reviewed for passage:

RESOLUTION # 91-2010 JUSTICE COURT EXAM

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor and the Town Comptroller have examined the Town of Catskill Justice Court records and dockets for the year ending December 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, this examination was performed with the guidelines set forth by the New York State Comptroller; and

WHEREAS, this examination indicated that the court records and dockets were maintained within those guidelines; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board, acknowledge that the Town Supervisor and Town Comptroller have completed the required examination of the Town of Catskill Justice Court records for the year ending December 31, 2009.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith)

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 92-2010

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING
5 OF 2010 FOR FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
CONTRACT WITH VILLAGE
OF CATSKILL

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the contract for the Catskill Fire Protection District will expire on December 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to the safety and interests of the residents of the district to have adequate fire protection; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby resolve to hold a Public Hearing at 6:15 pm on September 15, 2010 at Catskill Town Hall to hear comments and concerns regarding the contract for District No. 1.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith)

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 93-2010

APPOINTMENT OF COURT CLERK

Councilman Antonelli offered the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town Judge of the Town of Catskill, Robert G. Carl, desires to appoint Kim Leggio as his Court Clerk, so

THEREFORE, WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby concur with the appointment of Kim Leggio to the position of Court Clerk effective August 30, 2010.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith)

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 94-2010

CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT
STATUS

Councilman Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Matthew Leibowitz, Ambulance Administrator, has recommended filling the full time vacancy in the Ambulance Department to help control overtime in said department; and

WHEREAS, he has recommended Adam Greco's position be changed from part time EMT to full time EMT, and

WHEREAS, Adam Greco meets the minimum qualifications established for said position, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorizes the change of Adam Greco's position of EMT part time, to EMT full time effective September 7, 2010.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 95-2010

HIRE PART TIME EMT

Councilman Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Matthew Leibowitz, Ambulance Administrator, has recommended filling a part time vacancy in the Ambulance Department to help control overtime in said department; and

WHEREAS, he has recommended Karlis Mendis be hired to fill this position, and

WHEREAS, Karlis Mendis meets the minimum qualifications established for said position, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorizes the hire of Karlis Mendis to position of EMT part time effective September 7, 2010 at a salary of \$13.39 per hour.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith) Motion Carried

Supervisor Markou reviewed the County resolutions:

Resolution # 351-10

Approving Reimbursement to Comm College
(Catskill's share is \$2,696.86)

Resolution # 365-10

Resolution Urging the State of New York to take
Over State Mandated Programs and Services

that are Funded by County Property Taxes

Resolution # 366-10

Resolution Urging the State of New York to Eliminate the Unfunded Mandates and Reduce the Underfunded Mandates that cause County Property Tax Increases in Conjunction with Imposing a Cap on County Property Taxes

Resolution # 367-10

Awarding Bid for Propane

Resolution # 368-10

Awarding Bid for Propane Tanks

Under new business, Councilman Antonelli, asked the board consider changing the hours at the Town Cemetery from 7 am to 3 pm to, May 1st through October 31st, 7 am to 3 pm, and November 1st through April 30th, 8 am to 4 pm.

He stated when he was first on the board these were the hours but they had been changed in recent years. Councilman Walsh reiterated the question, these were the hours. Councilman Antonelli confirmed and stated they were changed when Billy was custodian as it was too hot in the summer months and it stayed that way. Councilman Walsh didn't see any problem with changing the hours.

RESOLUTION # 96-2010

CHANGE IN CEMETERY HOURS

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill Cemetery's hours are currently 7 am to 3 pm, Monday through Friday; and

WHEREAS, during the summer months this time is conducive with the hotter temperatures but not needed during the winter months; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby change the hours of the Cemetery to May 1st through October 31st, 7 am to 3 pm, and November 1st through April 30th, 8 am to 4 pm.

Councilman Walsh & Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Smith)

Motion Carried

Councilman Antonelli next mentioned changing the hours at Town Hall from 8 am to 4 pm to either 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or 9 am to 5 pm to coincide with the County's hours. He feels there is more work later in the day than at 8 in the morning.

Councilman Lennon asked how personnel would feel. Councilman Walsh suggested 8:30 to 4:30 so they are close enough to the County hours. Councilman Antonelli believes the County will do away with their summer hours.

Councilman Antonelli believes even increasing the hours by half hour would be beneficial to the people and that we are here for the people and not our employees. Councilman Walsh stated we need to think about this.

Supervisor Markou asked for further comment. A motion to table to the next meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Walsh. It was decided the entire board should be present.

Supervisor Markou opened the floor to public comment. Dick Schloss was present and spoke about his road again. He stated the work is a patch and it isn't acceptable. He stated the engineer who looked at the road for the Town does not have an engineering degree to come up with a solution. He is not sure who he needs to speak to. He stated he is not getting any satisfaction from Alfie Beers. He wants people to take it seriously.

Supervisor Markou stated the board has taken the problem seriously but where do we get the money to fix it. This is a tough budget year and next year even tougher. Mr. Schloss stated he feels that the attitude is when it falls in we will fix it.

Councilman Antonelli stated this is not the board's call; it is the highway superintendents. Mr. Schloss stated even his grass on that road hasn't been moved. It is knee deep.

Supervisor Markou stated he understood DOT was looking at it also. Councilman Lennon said he looked at it after it was repaired. Some looked appropriately repaired. We should reach out to Alfie again and go down and discuss the situation with him. He stated he (Alfie) is making a list of roads that need attention and hopefully we will get some grant money. Mr. Schloss foresees a problem. He stated we haven't had horrible weather for some time. Councilman Lennon state he will speak with Alfie Beers.

Supervisor Markou asked if anyone else would like to address the board. Mr. Burnett approached the board regarding the noise ordinance and what is happening with it. Mr. Burnett stated calling the cops/troopers every holiday is not working.

Councilman Lennon asked if it was bad again this weekend. He stated he didn't have an opportunity to swing by. Mr. Burnett stated the noise was going until 4-5 o'clock in the morning. Supervisor Markou stated he will speak with the Code Enforcement Officer and see if he has any different ideas. He stated the use of the decibel machine is impossible because you have to be right on top of them and then the noise stops.

Mr. Burnett stated he had the Sheriff's office out there a couple of times but they had two cars patrolling and accidents and stuff comes first.

Councilman Walsh asked if they stop when the Sheriff's office got there. Mr. Burnett stated no. They come in there and two minutes after they leave, it is back to what it was before.

Supervisor Markou stated he will look into it. He stated it is tough. He stated we have a noise ordinance that is unenforceable because the police state they can't calibrate the noise.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Walsh. Meeting ended 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk