TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING – October 3, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their monthly meeting Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 6:03 pm at Town Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Davis welcomed all in attendance.

The following members were present: Doreen Davis, Supervisor; Robert Antonelli, Councilman; Jared Giordiano, Councilman; Patrick McCulloch, Councilman; Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

MINUTES:

09/05/2017 Town Board Meeting
09/07/2017 Department Head Meeting
09/20/2017 Town Board Committee Meeting

Motion: Councilman Vosburgh Second: Councilman McCulloch, carried

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #89-2017 Adoption of Local Law 4 of 2017
Motion: Councilman Giordiano Second: Councilman McCulloch, Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution #90-2017 Adoption of Local Law 5 of 2017
Motion: Councilman Vosburgh Second: Councilman Giordiano, Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

COUNTY RESOLUTION:

Amounts Due County Treasurer for chargebacks and erroneous assessments: Catskill's amount is $23,869.89.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Draft Rental Agreement for use of Senior Center with GCDHS for senior nutrition. *Resolution # 91-2017 with motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Giordiano authorizing the Supervisor sign the rental agreement with GCDHS for use of the Senior Center for senior nutrition. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

GC Senior Angels Program donation request. *Will be distributed among board members and employees to see if the town wishes to adopt a senior as a group.*

Letter from Congressman John Faso regarding a noise complaint from Shakespeare on the Hudson. *Complainant lives across the river. Supervisor Davis will contact.*

GC Real Property Tax list of delinquent payments, rents and charges for tax levy purposes/notice

of estimated state aid/taxable assessed valuations (2017 assessment roll).

PKHB contract for accounting services.

Letter of satisfactory rating from NYSDEC SPEDES for inspection of Catskill Sewer District #4.

Letter from Kevin VanVechten regarding the sewer project. *Supervisor Davis stated she and Travis met with Mr. VanVechten and discussed the challenges and his concerns of the project.*

Letter of intent from Cypress Creek Renewables to construct a solar energy system at 1180 Bogart Rd, Palenville. *Supervisor Davis stated this is a work in progress. The PB is taking lead. Current discussions for PILOT and inter-municipal agreement with the County and School District.*

Permit Application from US Army Corp of Engineers to Cypress Creek Renewables, stating a permit will not be required by them for the proposed project.

Letter from NYS Department of Public Service regarding Central Hudson's request to increase electric and gas delivery rates.

Letter from Delaware Engineering regarding the site plan review application from Cypress Creek Renewables special use permit and SEQRA review. TOC Planning Board declared their intent to act as lead agent.

Order from NYSDOT for speed limit reduction on Woodstock Ave between the Greene/Ulster County Line and Route 32A. *The speed limit was never posted before on Woodstock Ave. and now receiving complaints 35 mph too fast. DOT will not act on another review to reduce speed limit for three years.*

Letter from the Greene County Acting Clerk requesting two certified copies of our 2018 final budget no later than November 20th.

Liquor license renewal from Michael's Restaurant Bar and Inn, Inc., Palenville

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County New York ReLeaf Workshop, Thursday, October 12th.

Email from the Eliot requesting use of the ballfield parking lot for their Community Harvest Festival being held Sunday, October 29th. *Councilman McCulloch stated to have the Eliot send us a copy of their insurance naming the town as additional insured for use of the parking lot.*

Laberge Group final version of the Code Enforcement Efficiency Study.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation of the 2018 Tentative Budget to the Town Board. *The Town Clerk presented the 2018 Tentative Budget. Workshop meetings have been scheduled and are posted on our website.*

Amendment to Local Law 3 of 2008 Cold War Veteran Exemption. *The amendment is to eliminate the ten year limitation on the current law as signed by Governor Cuomo Laws of NY Chapter 290 of 2017. Resolution # 92-2017 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh to schedule a public hearing for Local Law 7 of 2017 Cold War Veteran Exemption for 10/18/17 at 6:30 pm. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Restore NY Grant Application – Palenville. *Supervisor Davis recused herself from the discussion and asked the Deputy Supervisor to take over the meeting. Deputy Supervisor McCulloch asked Crane Davis and Gary Harvey to present their idea to the board. Mr. Harvey stated he purchased a piece of property in Palenville and is looking at the possibilities for the building. There is a Restore NY Grant opportunity for commercial use. Ideas are having a shuttle from Palenville to Tannersville and the historic Mountain House loop and long path trail connection as New York and New Jersey are the only states it connects with. The idea of a town square has also been raised with green space in front since this parcel is in the center of town. The idea of an electronic charging station has also been broached.*

The sidewalk project has the potential of being extended to the Country Club and from the Post Office to the trail head which lends itself to the idea of a shuttle with a parking area being across from the golf course and the turn-around or the shuttle being his building which is conducive since it has ingress and egress on Route 32 and Route 32A.

The municipality needs to apply for the grant as the sponsor. Mr. Davis stated this is an opportunity to put a brownfield site back into use. Both Councilman Giordiano and McCulloch thought the idea to be great.

Resolution # 93-2017 with motion by Councilman Vosburgh, seconded by Councilman Giordiano for the Town of Catskill to apply for a Restore NY Grant for said project, intent to apply is by October 13th. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Abstain (Davis)

CONTUINUING BUSINESS:

Leeds/JH Sewer District - Travis Smigel of Delaware Engineering gave an update on the sewer project. Streets in Leeds are being connected to the main line. Once complete it will be tested and people will be able to connect in 2018.

Laterals are being connected in Jefferson Heights. There is an ongoing punch list of items to take care of.

EFC will not be funding the water piece of water from sewer funds. The board can apply for a

short term loan. If the town moves forward water lines will be replaced in Park loop (not Park Ave.) but not on Green Lake Road or Forest Hills Ave. It is the recommendation that the town move forward. He will have a resolution before the board soon. Supervisor Davis stated we will have guidance from bond counsel.

Road Name Application – Allan Schiller. Mr. Schiller had previously requested a road name change from Lacorte to Paradise Lake Rd Ext but that is too confusing. He wishes to rename the road Tao Road. *Resolution # 93-2017 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to rename Paradise Lake Rd. Ext to Tao Road as requested by Allan Schiller. Adopted 5 Yes*

CEMETERY FUNDS – Supervisor Davis stated there are legal constraints regarding cemetery funds. The Town Attorney would like second counsel for assistance in this manner and his recommendation is Ted Hilscher. Councilman McCulloch was fine as long as the money spent doesn't exceed the money received.

LANDFILL – Supervisor Davis stated she spoke to Barton & Loguidice regarding the landfill which sunsets in 2022. There is $1.1 million in the account and we spend about $35-36 thousand a year for upkeep. We will need to look at it from a contractual perspective as to the timeframe and we will see what DEC has to say.

HIGHWAY BIDS – Councilman McCulloch mentioned the highway bids for the roof repair. Mr. Beers stated there was a large difference between the two bids. We cannot do it this year. *Resolution # 94-2017 with motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Giordiano to reject the two bids received for repair/replacement of the highway roof. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Councilman McCulloch stated Central Garage needs a computer. IT priced it out at $1,098.78. Supervisor Davis stated we will look at the account before purchase.

Mr. Beers wishes to hire seasonal help and would like it on the website.

Supervisor Davis mentioned an artist photographic project through GCCA and we sent a letter of support.

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh. Meeting ended 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk