

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
October 4, 2011 6:30 pm

Attendance: Pat Walsh, Acting Supervisor; Robert Antonelli, Councilman;
 Michael Smith, Councilman; Kevin Lennon, Councilman;
 Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

Acting Supervisor Walsh opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following minutes were reviewed:

09/02/2011 Government Operations Meeting
 Motion Councilman Antonelli
 Second Councilman Smith
 Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

09/06/2011 Catskill Town Board Meeting
 Motion Councilman Antonelli
 Second Councilman Smith
 Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

09/21/2011 Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
 Motion Councilman Antonelli
 Second Councilman Smith
 Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Acting Supervisor Walsh reviewed the resolution:

RESOLUTION # 73-2011 TO USE WASHINGTON IRVING
 SENIOR CENTER FOR FREE-WILL
 THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, volunteers within the Town & Village of Catskill have been sponsoring a free-will Thanksgiving Day Dinner for the residents of the Town & Village of Catskill since 2006; and

WHEREAS, this even has been held at the Washington Irving Senior Center; so

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Councilman Smith presented the following for consideration and adoption,

He stated the Little League has spent about five thousand dollars on the field so far. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated we have a tentative agreement. Councilman Antonelli stated the agreement is a five year contract only during the Little League season. They are to maintain the field and can use the concession stand with any monies raised to be theirs and that they will not do any negotiation with the High School or any other agency regarding the field. He stated this is the understanding he had with Kevin. He then mentioned the Valley Cats giving the League \$35,000. Ed DuPont stated there was never a monetary donation. What was discussed was they received estimates for a total of \$35,000 from the person who helped the Elliot Park field. Ed stated there was a meeting with the Valley Cats and Kevin and himself. The plan is to level the field, redo the sod edges, and bring in premium dirt. Ed stated Kevin mentioned getting donations from the Home Depot and Lowes and working through the Town to get help with the drainage. He stated the field is not draining. Ed stated because of the drainage the kids don't play all the games as scheduled. Councilman Antonelli stated there is a problem with the drainage. He also stated someone keeps covering up the drains in the ground. Ed stated no work has been done to that extent. Councilman Antonelli stated he is concerned about where the money is coming from. Ed stated the Valley Cats will help us put the field in; they will not be handing out money.

Councilman Antonelli stated there is more work up there. Ed stated it is about a three year project. The embankment is an issue too. That will have to be dealt with but in the short term, the infield needs to be addressed. Councilman Antonelli stated the only thing that was left at the last meeting was that Kevin was to draw up the contract and as long as he agreed to what was in there, he had no problem. He stated he never had a problem. He stated it all comes down to him hearing Bob Antonelli is against the Little League. He stated he has never said that he did not want the kids to play up there. It came down to ownership and he wanted the Town to retain ownership.

Marty Liepshutz stated he has been a resident of Catskill for 40 years now and that field is in the same condition now as it was when he played on it 25 years ago. No one did anything to improve that field. He stated it is embarrassing to go to Hudson or Athens who have better fields and we have a volunteer organization who will fix it. Councilman Antonelli disagreed because he stated modifications were made to the field when Babe Ruth was there with some of the old timers. He stated there are some people who will work when their kids are in college. He stated there is a turnover with people and that can create some problems.

Ed stated he wanted the town board to be aware that in the last two seasons they have had two teams go to the State finals. He stated the District League would not schedule All Star games on our field. He stated they had to travel for two years and the parents and grandparents who wanted to see their children play had to travel. We need to address the infield. Ed stated he tried to work with Babe Ruth. They offered \$5,000 to help fix the field and they turned them down. Ed just wants to help the kids. He stated the problem they had was that first agreement was for six months and then the second was nine months and then a three year license agreement and then a five year license agreement and then was told we couldn't play there and then there was also if he didn't come back as President, we wouldn't get the lease. Councilman Antonelli stated he doesn't know who told him that. He stated if Kevin told you that that was his opinion because he didn't say anything and neither did Councilman Smith.

Ed stated we are not troublemakers but we have been on a three year rollercoaster. He stated he wants the kids coming up behind to have the same field as Elliot Park. Councilman Antonelli stated he doesn't have a problem. Councilman Smith stated let's have a lease in front of us and we can vote on it. Ed stated he is on the cusp of not getting any help from the Valley Cats. He stated we cannot lose that. It will not be offered next year.

Councilman Smith made the suggestion that when we get the lease in front of us we can vote on it. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated the next meeting is on the 14th and we can pass a resolution at that time. Councilman Lennon stated the lease hasn't changed. The only thing that changed is the dates. He stated the guidelines were written and some of those guidelines are in the lease. He stated the only thing on the guideline is the mowing and when the League isn't playing the

High School will maintain it and then the Town. He stated the board had the agreement four months ago. Nothing has changed but the time frame of the agreement. Since we can't lose the Valley Cats and the weather starting to change being a factor, this needs to get signed so we can get the field set for April 1st. Ed stated he will come in whenever he needs to in order to get this signed. Councilman Antonelli stated we can meet any day. Councilman Lennon made a motion to accept the lease agreement and the working guidelines. There was no second.

Councilman Smith stated we need a final version of the document. He stated it is inappropriate professionally and legally to pass a document that is not complete. We need a complete document that is prepared for execution. He stated he will come in for a meeting. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated we will have the final document and have a government operations meeting tomorrow at 5:00 pm. Councilman Smith made a motion to have government operations meeting to discuss and pass this agreement. Councilman Antonelli seconded. All were in favor.

Acting Supervisor Walsh reviewed the correspondence:

Invite from Catskill Fire Company annual banquet at Pollace's honoring Richard Overbaugh for 50 years of service.

Thank you from Sprouts for the Town's generosity.

Acting Supervisor Walsh reviewed the monthly reports:

Town of Catskill Comptroller's Report for month of August
Town of Catskill Code Enforcement Report for month of September
Town of Catskill Highway Report for month of September

Acting Supervisor Walsh opened the meeting to public comment. Two comments relating to when the budget would be available and when the workshop meetings were mentioned.

Acting Supervisor Walsh asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss an employment issue. Motion made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Lennon. Executive session started 7:21 pm.

Executive session ended 7:31 pm and the regular meeting resumed. The following resolution was discussed:

RESOLUTION # 75-2011

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR SIGN
CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the violations continue to exits, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board, authorize the Highway Department to remove said violations with aid of the Code Enforcement Office and costs to be assessed to the property tax roll for the 2011 taxable year.

Councilman Lennon, seconded this motion

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0 Motion Carried

Councilman Lennon next mentioned wanting to schedule a Government Operations meeting for the Village of Catskill Fire Contract, Malden West Camp contract, Leeds Hose Company contract, the Leeds Hose Company-Athens Fire Contract, Certification of Need for the Town of Catskill and Town of Athens, and the Town of Athens Ambulance contract. Councilman Lennon stated we need these numbers for the town budget this year.

Councilman Smith stated since we have a budget workshop meeting on the 12th we can schedule a government operations meeting that night too. Acting Supervisor Walsh asked how long the meetings would take. Councilman Lennon stated we would need to sit down with each of the departments prior to adopting the contracts. The Town Clerk stated you would need to have public hearings before you can adopt the contracts. She stated the Village of Catskill wants to sit down with the board before their October 24th meeting. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated we can do that on the 12th. He stated that will be scheduled for 5 pm next Wednesday. Councilman Antonelli stated when we do these meetings like this, they never work out. We do not need a meeting with Malden.

Councilman Lennon stated we need a meeting with Lee Palmateer to discuss the ambulance contract. All were going over their schedules. It was decided to have the meeting on the 12th at 5:00 pm with the Village of Catskill and 7 pm with Leeds Fire Company.

With no further business a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Smith. Meeting ended 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

