

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting and Budget Workshop
Catskill Town Hall
October 7, 2025 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Patrick McCulloch, Supervisor
 Jared Giordiano, Councilman
 Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman
 Steven Espel, Councilman
 Brian Kozloski, Councilman

Supervisor McCulloch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

September 2, 2025 Town Board Monthly Meeting
September 17, 2025 Town Board Committee Meeting

Motion: Councilman Espel Second: Councilman Kozloski, carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Greene County Resolution No. 284-25 Awarding Bid for Abrasives (Dry Screened and Washed) Used in Snow & Ice Control.

NEW BUSINESS:

Senior Center Use – Patti Dushane to use the center Sunday, November 23rd for a Thanksgiving Dinner event. *Supervisor McCulloch stated we have not had Thanksgiving Dinner there for quite some time. Resolution # 108-2025 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Espel authorizing use of the Senior Center to hold a Thanksgiving Day Dinner event on Sunday, November 23rd by Matthew 25 Food Pantry. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Private Road Name – Sarah Ashcroft of Vita Foras would like to name a private road Heron Creek Road in the development. *Resolution # 109-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco approving the private road name Heron Creek Road at the request of Sarah Ashcroft, Vita Foras Catskill Manager, LLC. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Civic Plus website upgrade quote. Civic Plus will no longer be supported by Drupal, they are migrating their customers to their own platform, and we will be able to refresh our website in the process. *Resolution # 110-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco to accept the quote from Civic Plus for municipal website hosting in the amount of \$6,827.10 for year one and two. Adopted Vote 5 Yes*

Palenville Pocket Park – Councilman Espel called several fencing companies for quotes and only one company submitted a quote. Mid-Hudson Fence Company’s quote is \$11,400.00 including labor and materials. The fence is being installed for liability purposes. *Resolution # 111-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco accepting the quote from Mid-Hudson Fence Company in the amount of \$11,400.00 for installation of the fence at the Palenville Pocket Park. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eliza Victor asked about the town having an occupancy tax. Supervisor McCulloch stated it has not come up nor is it on a future agenda. Councilman Giordiano was hoping the County would have one but the town may need to do it in the future.

Ms. Victor asked if she could send information to the board to review. Supervisor McCulloch stated they would be happy to review anything sent.

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

Supervisor McCulloch stated George June is here and first to review is Ambulance.

Salary – Kirsten Bulich stated it is 5% and extrapolated out to 20 years on the wage step.

Supervisor McCulloch stated the current wage step ends at 10 years. We have employees who have been here 15 plus years and feel it would be a good idea to extend the step from 10 years to 20 years. Councilman Giordiano agreed.

Ambulance Clerk – PT and increasing the hours will not increase the line. Supervisor McCulloch stated the rest of the lines are contractual.

Shift differential was increased.

Kirsten stated George would like the FT 9 Para and FT EMT# 10 in the budget. Mr. June gave his reasoning to support those lines. The board discussed the reasoning and effect on the budget. Supervisor McCulloch stated to fund the FT EMT tentatively and see what the difference in the budget will be.

Supervisor McCulloch asked about the overtime line. Mr. June stated he is ok with it as long as it trends as it has.

Ambulance replacement – Mr. June would like to replace an ambulance in 2026. The fleet has three new ambulances in one year due to the accident so he would like to replace one in 26 and two more in two years.

Computer line increased as tablets need to be replaced. Electric line fine. Telephone should decrease with the new phone system.

Building maintenance. The fire alarm system uses an auto dialer and there is only one phone line. The solution is to go cellular. Mr. June will check into it further.

Medical supplies have increased as we have ventilators now.

Mr. June stated two of the Lucas devices are nearing end of life and the manufacturer will no longer cover the service agreement. The cost of each device is \$19,700, which includes a six-year service agreement. Mr. June will compare finance agreement between the manufacturer and a local bank.

Discussion about bonding or purchasing an ambulance. Supervisor McCulloch would like to pay cash for an ambulance and finance the equipment but this is a board decision.

Mileage was reduced as the ambulance is not being charged toll charges on the RVW bridge and there is pending legislation not to charge emergency vehicles on the thruway.

Billing increased as our revenues increased so the cost of Digitech will increase.

Mr. June stated he received notification from NYSDOT about their project on Route 23A and the road closure which will affect their response times to Kiskatom and Palenville. Discussion about having a unit at KFD during construction. Supervisor McCulloch stated DOT is also replacing the singing bridge at the same time.

Town Board – no changes. No one is interested in training in NYC.

Town Justices – Kirsten stated they asked for 5% increase and 5% for the court clerks and increase the hours of the PT Clerk to 25.

After discussion about PT elected officials' salary increases, a resolution was motioned by Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco for a zero percent increase in 2026 for PT elected official's salaries. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Councilwoman Scannapieco feels a 5% increase should be voted on. She feels it is a lot for town residents to swallow. She never received a raise like that before. Supervisor McCulloch asked what she would propose. 3% for all non-union employees. Councilman Giordiano does not want the town to be where we fall behind with market value and then it needs to be equalized. Councilman Kozloski recommended seeing what a 3% increase would look like in the budget. Kirsten will run the numbers.

Town Justices dues \$150.00.

Supervisor – plans to attend the AOT training next year.

Finance – reviewed.

Tax – requested a 17.5% increase in salary.

Assessor – 5%. Legal services decreased by \$5,000 and Tech decreased by \$5,000.

Clerk – 5%. Training removed.

Attorney – no change.

Senior Center – decreased hours to 1,000. \$1,500 for office supplies.

Cemetery – the PT labor covered the extra seasonals. Councilman Giordiano stated Marc will need another PT laborer. Everyone is ok with funding the line.

Councilman Giordiano stated a mower will need to be replaced. Kirsten stated there is \$3,700 left in the line and the monies can be encumbered for next year.

IT – Webjogger will be at the budget meeting Thursday.

Dog – Same

Parks – increasing funding discussed as we will have two parks to maintain.

Youth – Kirsten stated \$10,000 was encumbered last year. Roll the \$4,000 over. PS line increased to \$34,000.

Celebrations – Memorial Day and the 250-year celebration. Supervisor McCulloch is unsure if the county will fund the 250-year event or give monies to each town to do something. Councilman Giordiano stated to roll what is left in the fund for next year.

Revenues – Skipped.

Code – Eliminate one PT Inspector, reduce legal service, increase mobile phone.

Planning – Keep as is.

Supervisor McCulloch stated the fee schedule will need to be reviewed. Thursday's budget meeting will be with IT.

With no further discussion a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski. The meeting ended at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo

Town Clerk