

Catskill Town Board Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
November 2, 2010 6:30 pm

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

Supervisor Markou opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following minutes were reviewed.

10/05/2010	Reconvene Public Hearing 5 of 2010 Fire Protection Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Smith Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
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10/05/2010	Town Board Monthly Meeting Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Smith Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
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10/13/2010	Budget Workshop I Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
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10/20/2010	Budget Workshop II Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Smith Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
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10/20/2010	Town Board Committee Meeting Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Lennon Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
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The following resolutions were adopted.

RESOLUTION # 108-2010

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING
ON LOCAL LAW # 4-2010
DOG LICENSING

Councilman Antonelli offered the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, NYS Dept. of Ag. & Mkt. has determined it will no longer be involved in Dog Licensing process; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to implement a Local Law for the Town of Catskill; so

THEREFORE, WE, the Catskill Town Board resolve to hold a Public Hearing on December 07, 2010, at 06:00pm, at Catskill Town Hall, 439-441 Main Street, to hear comments and concerns regarding Local Law #4-2010, Dog Licensing.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 109-2010

ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS
2011 ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET

Councilman Antonelli offered the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Catskill held a Public Hearing on the Preliminary 2011 Town Budget on November 2, 2010 at 5:30 pm, with all in attendance having had an opportunity to be heard; and

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the Preliminary Budget as the Town of Catskill's 2011 Annual Budget and authorize the Town Clerk to present this approved 2011 Town Budget to the Town Supervisor according to Town Law §109. The Town Supervisor within ten (10) days must submit said 2011 Annual Budget to the County Legislature as prescribed in Town Law §115.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor,	Peter Markou	Yes
Councilman,	Robert Antonelli	No
Councilman,	Patrick Walsh	Yes
Councilman,	Michael Smith	Yes
Councilman,	Kevin Lennon	Yes

Ayes 4, Nays 1, Absent 0

Motion Carried

The County resolutions were reviewed.

Res 503-10 Reimbursement to Community Colleges
(Catskill \$14,588.29)

Res 504-10 Establishing Equalization Rates
(Catskill 59.80)

Res 505-10 Authorizing Chargeback of Assessment Roll Related
Services and Materials (Catskill \$174.20)

Supervisor Markou moved on to new business. Councilman Lennon stated he received correspondence from Matt about hiring two employees and would like to pass a resolution at the next meeting hiring two part-time ambulance employees. He also wants to pass a resolution at the next meeting to go out for quotes for a new communication system at the ambulance building. He states this is critical so they don't miss calls.

Councilman Walsh stated the boiler inspector was back and two more valves need to be taken off. Once finished, everything should be fine.

Supervisor Markou spoke about hiring the new clerk for the Senior Center. On the recommendation of Ronni Travers review of the applications, she is recommending Janet Buskirk be hired as the replacement clerk. Councilman Walsh stated after interviewing the applicants he feels she is the best qualified.

RESOLUTION # 110-2010

TO HIRE PART TIME SENIOR
CENTER CLERK

Councilman Walsh presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy for a Part-time Senior Center Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Human Resource Advisor recommended hiring Janet Buskirk;
so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the hiring of Janet Buskirk as Part-time Senior Center Clerk effective immediately at a pay rate of \$10.98 per hour.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 1 (Antonelli), Absent 0

Motion Carried

Supervisor Markou mentioned to the Board that Allen Uhler's wife passed away. He is a member of the Town's Planning Board. He wished to express the condolences of the board.

Councilman Lennon wished to propose a resolution that we give Ms. McCurry 30 days to finish cleaning her property.

RESOLUTION # 111-2010

REMOVAL OF JUNK AT
DOROTHY MCCURRY'S
PROPERTY, CATSKILL, NY

Councilman Lennon, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, existing violations of the Code of the Town of Catskill-Junk, Chapter 15, Article 2, Section 115-19m exist at 6 High Falls Road, Catskill, NY, Tax Map # 170.03-2-6; and

WHEREAS, an Order to Remedy # 54-2010 was issued by the Code Enforcement Office; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing # 6-2010 was held on November 2, 2010 at 6:00 pm at Catskill Town Hall, 439-441 Main Street, Catskill NY to hear comments and concerns on the aforementioned property; and

WHEREAS, to date, the property is in the process of being cleaned up; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby grant a 30 day extension to allow the property owner to finish cleaning up the property. If the property is not fully cleaned up by that time, we authorize a business, yet to be named, to remove said violations and costs to be assessed to the property tax roll.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 3, Nays 2 (Smith/Antonelli) Absent 0 Motion Carried

Supervisor Markou asked Alfie Beers, Highway Superintendent, to talk about his need for a snow plow. He stated the specs were given to the board. It is a new truck in the amount of \$174,000 and is under State bid.

Councilman Antonelli asked that we look it over and discuss it at the next meeting and make a decision then. Supervisor Markou stated the package will be left with the Clerk.

Supervisor Markou opened the meeting to public comment. He apologized to the Rodriguez's because the board has not heard from our attorney yet. He assured them that the board will move as quickly as they can.

Joe Izzo, Chairman of the Planning Board, approached the Board regarding the Planning Board fees. He states sometimes applicants come for a special use permit and a site plan review. He states the applicant is normally charged a special use permit and if approved, they move on to the site plan, but there is no charge for that review. The question arose

and the board asked him to address the Town Board to look at their fees. He is wondering if the board would like to modify the site plan review fee, make it a little less than it normally is, if there is a special use permit in combination with the site plan review.

He also wanted the board to know they are caught up to date on all the applications. The items they have open are Mr. DeSantis, which is before the Courts and the judge has yet to rule on it; Mr. Murarui from Palenville; and CJ Properties on Cairo Junction Road. The board just issued a negative declaration for CJ Properties and will be having a public hearing. It is 27 units to be built off of Cairo Junction Road. The Murarui property is a renovation of an old hotel on 23A which has some individuals who strongly oppose that project.

Supervisor Markou asked for an update on the Gjergji situation. Mr. Izzo stated the Gjergji situation is not before the Planning Board. He stated it came to the Planning Board and they indicated to the applicant that he needed a zoning variance before they could look at it. The applicant went to the Zoning Board and they denied his request so his application is mute before the Planning Board.

Councilman Smith stated he was aware of the threat of litigation of various elements of the overall that project (Murarui's) and asked Mr. Izzo if he was. Mr. Izzo stated no. He stated the Planning Board has not made a decision on that property. He stated they are aware of a dispute between an individual on the property and the owner of the property in regards to a right of way. He stated this is a property owner's issue and not something the Planning Board is talking about. He stated the Planning Board is not close to making a decision on this project.

Alfie Beers, Highway Superintendent, stated he contacted DEC who was down Thursday regarding the Palenville stream. It is blocked off completely and all the water is coming down Pennsylvania Avenue. DEC is to give an ER permit to we can fix the problem. Everything is scheduled to go as soon as the permit is received.

Joe Izzo had a comment in regards to the Highway Superintendent's request for a new snow plow. He asked if the truck was needed now and asked because if it is needed for the winter time it will take at least 2 months to get through the paperwork for bonding the project.

Alfie stated he sent the paperwork to the board in March and hadn't received an answer. He realizes times are difficult. He has three trucks that are almost 40 years old. The parts are difficult to get.

Supervisor Markou asked if one truck is enough. Mr. Beers stated at this time yes because the people can't afford more. He stated it would be nice to have more than one though.

Supervisor Markou stated we will move as quickly as we can on this subject. Snow is coming. Mr. Izzo stated interest rates will increase too.

With no further comment, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Smith. Meeting ended 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk