

TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING

NOVEMBER 4, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their monthly meeting November 4, 2014 at 6:30 pm at Catskill Town Hall. The meeting was opened with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Joseph Leggio, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Patrick Walsh, Councilman
Gary Carlson, Councilman
Jared Giordiano, Councilman

MINUTES:

10/01/2014	Government Operations Meeting Motion Antonelli Second Carlson Adopted 5 Ayes
10/07/2014	Town Board Monthly Meeting M: Antonelli S: Walsh Adopted 5 Ayes
10/08/2014	Budget Workshop Meeting M: Antonelli S: Giordiano Adopted 5 Ayes
10/10/2014	Department Head Meeting M: Antonelli S: Carlson Adopted 5 Ayes
10/14/2014	Budget Workshop Meeting M: Antonelli S: Walsh Adopted 5 Ayes
10/15/2014	Town Board Committee Meeting M: Antonelli S: Giordiano Adopted 5 Ayes
10/21/2014	Budget Workshop Meeting M: Antonelli S: Carlson Adopted 5 Ayes
10/24/2014	Government Operations Meeting M: Antonelli S: Walsh Adopted 5 Ayes

CORRESPONDENCE:

Private Road Name request from GC Emergency Services. Applicant is Deborah Seidner of 1760 High Falls Rd requesting name of private road to be Ridgeway. *Resolution 110-2014 with motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Antonelli to name a private road Ridgeway. Adopted 5 Ayes*

Letter from Laberge Group offering to review municipal infrastructure to see if the Town is eligible for any grant or loan programs.

Letter from GCEMS stating they approved their 2015 budget and attached town and county share for 2015 total calls. Catskill's fee is \$189,533.

Invitation to Cornell Cooperative Extensions' 3rd Annual Meeting, Tuesday, November 8th at CGCC 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Invitation from Kathleen Farrell, Superintendent of CCSD, for the GC School Board Association fall meeting being held December 8th at the school. RSVP's requested.

Letter from Kathleen Farrell, Superintendent of CCSD, support events/efforts of the Catskill Community Center.

Response letter from Kathleen Farrell, Superintendent CCSD, regarding items discussed brought to the attention of the BOE.

Letter from Glen Kubista & Asso. regarding Rip Van Winkle Brewing Co Inc, Angela's Pizzeria & Brewpub liquor license application.

Letter of resignation from Harry Sacco, Highway Clerk, effective December 31, 2014.

Resignation from Alfie Beers, Highway Superintendent, effective December 31, 2014.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Code Office report

Cemetery report

Email from Assessor for board to consider appointing James (Rick) Gerard to the Board of Assessment Review to fill the unexpired term of Jeanette Pleugh (9/16). *Resolution #109-2014 with motion by Councilman Walsh second by Councilman Giordiano appointing James (Rick) Gerard to fill the unexpired term of Jeannette Pleugh effective November 4, 2014 to September 30, 2016. Adopted 5 Ayes*

Highway Department: DHS Pat McCulloch would like to hire John Del Vecchio and Robert Wade as temporary/on call seasonal employees. *Four to five more people are being interviewed. Councilman Antonelli stated to hold off until all are interviewed and do all at one time. Supervisor Leggio tabled until the next meeting.*

Quote from Albany Tank Service to clean, pump out, and remove three above ground fuel oil tanks that are no longer being used. Cost is \$4,900.00 (w/ prevailing wage).

RESOLUTIONS:

Res 105-14 General DB Highway Fund Budget Amendment
M: Antonelli S: Carlson Adopted 5 Ayes

Res 106-14 General Fund Budget Amendment
M: Antonelli S: Giordiano Adopted 5 Ayes

Res 107-14 Authorize the Supervisor to sign agreement for collection &
Legal services with Solomon & Solomon PC
M: Antonelli S: Walsh Adopted 5 Ayes

NEW BUSINESS:

Donna Meo asked when her concerns will be addressed about her road. Supervisor Leggio stated he dropped the ball about contacting Rich Praetorius. He will get in touch with him and hopefully this Saturday or the next have him look at the road and come up with a plan to make accessible for it to happen.

Pat Manning of Viridian Energy approached the board regarding affordable green energy. He would like to review our energy bills and present options for savings. Councilman Giordiano stated it sounded good to him. Supervisor Leggio stated he does not have a problem and to please leave your card and contact information.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Resolution needed for adoption of 2015 Final Budget. *Resolution # 108-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to adopt the 2015 Preliminary Budget as the 2015 Final Budget. Adopted 3 Ayes 2 Nays (Giordiano & Carlson)*

Contract with CCSD-Ski Program: Kevin Lennon approached the board with the 2014-2015 agreement for the ski program for the Supervisor to sign. He asked if a resolution was passed to have the Community Center take over the program. Supervisor Leggio stated he met with the Superintendent and in discussion asked if the Town were to relinquish the program to the Community Center if the school would still fund. The Superintendent stated she would get back to us. Councilman Carlson stated the program is admirable but his contention is government should not be involved in recreational programs and made a motion to terminate the town's involvement with the ski program.

Supervisor Leggio asked Mr. Talbott if the Community Center has entertained the idea. Mr. Talbott stated he has only first heard about it at a budget meeting and it has not been discussed. Supervisor Leggio stated there is \$3,800 left and we are not taking the money and putting in the general fund. We will do it this year. Councilman Giordiano stated again we are at the 11th hour and if we are changing it should be discussed early next year. Councilman Carlson stated it was discussed last year to end it. Councilman Walsh stated it doesn't cost the town anything. Mr. Lennon asked if it was passed in the budget; if there is a line item for the ski program. Councilman Carlson stated he does not believe there is and stated to not confuse the merits of the program with his belief town government should not be involved.

Supervisor Leggio stated there is a motion on the floor. *Resolution # 111-2014 with motion by Councilman Carlson second by Councilman Antonelli to end the administration of the ski program. Motion failed 2 Ayes 3 Nays (Leggio, Walsh, and Giordiano)*

Supervisor Leggio stated if the Community Center is going to be a true Community Center then they should function all of the youth programs. No one is criticizing the program however we would rather see the Community Center handle it. If the School District signs the contract, then he will. Mr. Talbott stated he would be happy to have a discussion with Mr. Lennon about administering the program.

Supervisor Leggio asked for a motion to accept resignations:

Resolution # 112-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to accept the resignation of Harry Sacco effective December 31, 2014. Adopted 5 Ayes

Resolution #113-2014 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Walsh to accept the resolution of Alfred Beers, Highway Supervisor, effective December 31, 2014. Adopted 5 Ayes

With no further business a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Carlson second by Councilman Antonelli. Meeting ended 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk