

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
November 4, 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 and welcomed all in attendance.

Public Hearing Local Law 6 of 2025 Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2026

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Catskill Town Board will have a public hearing on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 6:30 pm at Catskill Town Hall, 439 Main St., Catskill, NY at which time any interested party may be heard regarding Local Law 6 of 2025 Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2026. By Order of the Catskill Town Board, Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

Supervisor McCulloch asked if anyone had any comment. With none being heard, a motion to end the public hearing was made by Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski, carried. The public hearing ended at 6:33 pm.

Public Hearing 2026 Preliminary Budget

GREENE COUNTY NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Catskill for the fiscal year January 1, 2026 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, 439 Main St., Catskill, NY where it is available upon inspection by any interested person during office hours 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday. Further notice is given that the Town Boar of the Town of Catskill will meet and review said Preliminary Budget and will a hold a public hearing thereon on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 6:40 pm. Pursuant to Section 108 of Town Law the proposed salaries of the following offices are hereby specified as follows: Supervisor \$16,480.00; Councilman (1) \$10,300.00; Councilman (3) \$8,240.00 (\$24,720.00 total); Town Clerk \$67,550.00; Highway Superintendent \$79,091.00. By Order of the Catskill Town Board, Elizabeht Izzo, Town Clerk

Supervisor McCulloch asked if anyone had any comment. Mr. Izzo asked if the budget is over the tax cap. Supervisor McCulloch stated yes by \$32,000 using \$700,000 in fund balance.

Discussion about Greene County giving towns money for emergency services. Supervisor McCulloch stated we have not heard any amount and have not put a hypothetical amount in the budget. We have until the 19th to adopt, so hopefully we will know before then.

Mr. Izzo asked how using \$700,000 in fund balance would have an affect on the town. Supervisor McCulloch stated the town still has 4 ½ months operating expenses but the board will need to keep in mind the need for a revaluation. Only two pieces of equipment where added to the budget, which is a truck for Central Garage and a mower for Cemetery.

Patty Fitzgerald what the town property tax increase would be. Supervisor McCulloch stated it is increasing 4.28% or \$30.00 per \$100,000 assessed value.

Aliza Dichter stated the county budget has a surplus and if the town could advocate for sharing. Supervisor McCulloch stated the town has for over a decade asked for the county to share sales tax and excess revenue with the towns but to no avail.

With no further discussion, a motion to keep the public hearing open till the November 19th meeting was made by Councilman Espel, second Councilman Kozloski, carried.

The regular monthly meeting began at 6:57 pm.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution # 118-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco to adopt Local Law 6 of 2025 Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2026. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE:

Greene County Resolution No. 315-25 Amounts Due to County Treasurer (Catskill \$37,424.80)

Greene County Resolution No. 316-25 Establishing Equalization Rate for 2025 (Catskill 28.00)

CONTUINING BUSINESS:

Merchant Agreement – Allpaid. Supervisor McCulloch stated this will allow town departments to accept credit cards. *Resolution # 119-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco authorizing the Supervisor sign the merchant agreement with Allpaid. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

CSEA Labor Agreement – Supervisor McCulloch stated he and Brian met with the union. He reviewed the proposed contract and asked if there were any questions. With none being

heard, a motion to approve the CSEA contract was made by Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski (Resolution # 120-2025). Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Supervisor McCulloch stated the town did not use an outside agency for negotiations and it worked out well. Councilman Kozloski stated he feels the employees felt heard.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rental Agreement – Greene County Human Services and Robert C. Antonelli Senior Center. The renewal agreement is the same as the existing agreement. Resolution # 121-2025 on motion of Councilman Espel, second Councilwoman Scannapieco authoring the Supervisor sign the renewal agreement for use of the senior center by Greene County Human Resources. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Engagement Renewal – RBT CPA. Supervisor McCulloch stated the amount is \$10,600 plus an hourly rate for other partners, managers. Kirsten is happy with them. He is happy with them. Reports are filed on time and are accurate. Resolution # 122-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco authorizing the Supervisor sign the renewal agreement with RBT CPA. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

VOC Correspondence – a letter from Wayne Thompson, Village Attorney, to increase the fee for leachate for the old landfill. There are five other municipalities involved. Town Attorney Hilscher stated the board could vote to act as it would not take affect without all towns. Resolution # 123-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco to approve the increase in the leachate fee for the old landfill. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Service Agreement with VOC for Leeds Jefferson Heights Sewer District. Supervisor McCulloch stated we have 35 pump stations the village takes care of. The contract expired in September. The yearly amount is \$18,650 which is an increase of \$2,000 from last year. Resolution # 124-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel to approve the agreement with the water district being removed from the agreement as it only pertains to the sewer district. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

MINUTES:

October 1, 2025	Special Meeting – Presentation of 2026 Tentative Budget
October 7, 2025	Town Board Monthly Meeting & Budget Workshop
October 9, 2025	Budget Workshop Meeting II
October 14, 2025	Budget Workshop Meeting III
October 15, 2025	Town Board Committee Meeting & Budget Workshop IV
October 16, 2025	Budget Workshop Meeting V

Motion: Councilman Espel, second Councilman Kozloski; carried.

Proposal Civic Plus for Agenda and Minute Software. The software will make it easier for residents to view the agendas and minutes on the website. Resolution # 125-2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco authorizing the Supervisor sign the proposal. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Contract with Town of Athens for Ambulance Service. Supervisor McCulloch stated the amount is \$144,750 for BLS coverage for the residents of the Town of Athens. Resolution # 126-2025 authorizing the Supervisor sign the agreement with the Town of Athens for BLS coverage by the Town of Catskill Ambulance Service. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Senior Citizen and Low-Income Disability Tax Exemption. Supervisor McCulloch stated we will need to schedule a public hearing on the new income limits. Resolution # 127-2025 on motion of Councilman Espel, second Councilman Kozloski to schedule a public hearing for Local Law 7 of 2025 regarding the Senior Citizen and Low-Income Disability Tax Exemption for Wednesday, November 19th at 6:35 pm at Town Hall. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes.

BOARD COMMENT – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Joe Izzo stated the meeting regarding the county-wide ambulance system had a presentation by the Montgomery County Sheriff who oversees it and they post their financials every month on their website and if the town is interested they can find out the revenue/cost per month and wondered if the town would consider placing their ambulance revenue/cost quarterly on the website.

With no further business, a motion to enter executive session to discuss a legal issue, including the Town Attorney, was made by Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco. The executive session began at 7:24 pm.

Executive Session – the Town Clerk interrupted the executive session and stated the continuation of the public hearing on the 2026 preliminary budget cannot extend beyond November 15th. A motion to have a special meeting to continue the public hearing on the 2026 preliminary budget for November 13th at 5:00 pm at Town Hall was made by Councilman Espel, second by Councilman Giordiano. Continuation of the executive session without the Town Clerk proceeded.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

As told by Supervisor McCulloch, the executive session and meeting ended at 7:40 pm on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Espel.

