

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
November 5, 2024 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.

Public Hearing 2025 Preliminary Budget. Supervisor McCulloch asked the clerk to read the notice.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Catskill for the fiscal year January 1, 2025 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 Board of the Town of Catskill will meet and review said Preliminary Budget and will hold a public hearing thereon at Town Hall, 439 Main St., Catskill, NY on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 6:30 pm. Pursuant to Section 108 of Town Law the proposed salaries of the following offices are hereby specified as follows: Supervisor \$16,480; Councilman (1) \$10,300; Councilman (3) \$8,240 (\$24,720 total); Town Clerk \$63,236; Highway Superintendent \$71,428. By Order of the Catskill Town Board, Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

Supervisor McCulloch asked if anyone had any comment. Mr. Izzo asked about the fund balance. Supervisor McCulloch stated the balance is \$566,000, which leaves 4 months of expense coverage as recommended by our accountants. With no further comment a motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel. The public meeting ended at 6:35 pm.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW 3 OF 2024

Supervisor McCulloch asked the clerk to read the notice.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Catskill Town Board will have a public hearing on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 6:35 pm at Catskill Town Hall, 439 Main St., Catskill, NY at which time any interested party may be heard regarding Local Law 3 of 2024 Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2025. By Order of the Catskill Town Board, Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

Supervisor McCulloch asked if anyone had any comment. Ms. Fitzgerald asked for an explanation of it. Supervisor McCulloch stated this local law would allow the town to override the 2% tax cap the state has set. It is a precautionary measure. With no further comment a motion to end the public hearing was made by Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski. The public hearing ended at 6:38 pm.

The regular meeting is reconvened at 6:38 pm.

MINUTES:

October 1, 2024	Town Board Monthly Meeting
October 7, 2024	Budget Workshop Meeting 1
October 8, 2024	Budget Workshop Meeting 2
October 15, 2024	Budget Workshop Meeting 3
October 16, 2024	Town Board Committee Meeting
October 23, 2024	Bid Opening – Game Farm Road Culvert Replacement

Motion: Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel; carried.

RESOLUTION:

Adoption of Local Law 3 of 2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski.
Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)

Adoption of 2025 Final Budget with changes to the assessed value, A Fund appropriation of \$299,000, B Fund moving \$3,100 from EQ to Legal Services Code, DB Fund adding \$5,700 to Contractual Services for fuel pump software on motion of Councilman Espel, second Councilman Kozloski. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)

Designation of Supervisor McCulloch to vote at the Business Section of the Association of Town's Meeting in February, 2025 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Scannapieco)

Leisure Village Certiorari Settlement from \$1,524,900 assessed value to \$1,137,500 for years 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski. Adopted Vote: 3 Yes 1 No (Espel) 1 Absent (Scannapieco)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Greene County Resolutions No. 378 Establishing Equalization Rates for 2024 (Catskill 32.50) and Resolution No. 379 Amounts Due to County Treasurer (Catskill \$25,929.99)

Letter of gratitude from Round Top Volunteer Fire Co., for this year's fire convention.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Game Farm Road Culvert Bid Award. Supervisor McCulloch stated three bids were received and were reviewed by Foit Albert. It is their recommendation to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Birdsall Excavation. The project, however, was under budgeted \$150,000 so we will need to bond the total project amount and the state will reimburse us.

Councilwoman Scannapieco entered the meeting 6:50 pm.

Resolution # 146-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel to award the bid to Birdsall Excavation in the amount of \$844,251.00 for the Game Farm Road Culvert project. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Roof Replacement Expense. All reviewed the estimates submitted by Garland. Supervisor McCulloch stated the best plan will be to have this completed next year and we will start the process in January as our capital improvement bond will be paid off. Councilman Giordiano stated the ambulance roof is in the worst shape.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor McCulloch mentioned the letter to DEC for the Hampton Inn project asking them to allow the hook-up to the Village of Catskill's sanitary collection system. *Resolution # 147-2024 on motion of Councilman Espel, second Councilwoman Scannapieco authorizing the Supervisor sign the letter. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

ROT Audit – Sam Aldi inquired about an audit of his books. Supervisor McCulloch stated it was not budgeted this year. Councilman Giordiano asked to table it till the committee meeting for a decision.

Senior Citizen & Low-Income Disability Tax Exemption – Greene County Real Property Tax as well as our Assessor agrees to increase the exemption limit. *Resolution # 148-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel to schedule a public hearing for Local Law 4 of 2024 increasing the Senior Citizen & Low-Income Tax Exemption for December 3, 2024 at 6:30 pm. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Cementon Sewer Relevy – *Resolution # 149-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco authorizing the Cementon Sewer Charges to be included on the tax rolls for the current year. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Pickleball Court – Councilman Giordiano stated Sports Pro out of New Jersey is on a state contract. The basketball cost is \$232,115 and the pickleball is \$134,668. We do not have enough money for both. After discussion, it was decided to build a pickleball court. *Resolution # 150-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco to have Sports Pro build a pickleball court at the Ricky Cramer Field in an amount not to exceed \$135,000 and to also purchase benches using ARPA funds. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

EV Charging Station – *Resolution # 151-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco to have TZ Electric install the EV Charging Station in the PBA building in the amount of \$1,575.00 using ARPA funds. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

COUNCILMAN COMMENTS:

Councilman Espel spoke about the DCO training course the Sheriff's office had. He would like to have the DCO use the dog order and seizure report form that was distributed at the course for internal use only. *Resolution # 152-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski to authorize the DCO use the dog order and seizure report forms for internal use only. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Supervisor McCulloch updated the board about the GC Sheriff's office taking over the town's DCO and asked the board their thoughts. It would begin in January of 2025 and we would pay them what is budgeted for dog control. Councilman Giordiano questions why we would pay them and asked how many towns would be participating. Councilman Kozloski would like to see a 6-month trial if we were the pilot town which would give everyone time to see how it works out. Councilman Giordiano stated

we would need to appoint the Sheriff's Office as DCO for the town and keep our DCO for 6 months. There should also be an agreement with the Village of Catskill and the GCSD.

Councilwoman Scannapieco would like the activity schedule for the Senior Center on the website.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Izzo cautioned the board to enter into an agreement with the GCSD for dog control until they see how the County Legislature feels about it and if they want to enter a pilot program.

With no further discussion, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel. The meeting ended at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk