

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
November 6, 2012 6:30 pm

Attendance: Joseph Leggio, Supervisor; Robert Antonelli, Councilman; Pat Walsh, Councilman; Gary Carlson, Councilman; Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

Supervisor Leggio opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following minutes were reviewed:

10/2/2012	Public Hearing #7-2012 Fire District Contract VOC Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Lennon)
10/2/2012	Town Board Monthly Meeting Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Carlson Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Lennon)
10/10/2012	Budget Workshop Meeting I Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Lennon)
10/11/2012	Government Operations Meeting Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Carlson Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Lennon)
10/17/2012	Budget Workshop Meeting II Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Lennon)
10/17/2012	Town Board Committee Meeting Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Carlson Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Lennon)

10/24/2012 Budget Workshop Meeting III
Motion Councilman Antonelli
Second Councilman Walsh
Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Lennon)

10/29/2012 Special Meeting #3-2012
Motion Councilman Antonelli
Second Councilman Carlson
Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Lennon)

Supervisor Leggio reviewed correspondence:

Email from Young Explosives requesting permission for a fireworks display Dec 6th for Greene County Chamber Event at RVW Country Club, Palenville. Motion made by Councilman Walsh and seconded by Supervisor Leggio to permit the display. Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Lennon)
Motion accepted.

Letter from Catskill Central School District regarding defending certiorari cases. Supervisor Leggio stated this is under litigation.

Invitation from The Center for Research, Regional Engagement & Outreach regarding public policy forum: The Constitutional Dimension

The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development invitation to two events.

Letter from Greene County Dept of Economic Development, Tourism & Planning. They have been awarded \$118,000 grant for preparation of a Trail-Based Tourism Plan.

Letter from Catskill Fire Company, Inc requesting monetary donation for next year's GCVFAC to be held September 3-7, 2013. Supervisor Leggio stated we do not have to pass this tonight and asked the Clerk if they gave a dollar amount. She stated no. Councilman Carlson stated we had put some money in the budget. Supervisor Leggio stated we can set up a meeting with them to see what they want. Councilman Carlson thought we put \$1,500 in and thought there was a monetary amount that Councilman Lennon brought up. Supervisor Leggio stated he did but wasn't sure of the amount. It will have to be the same for everyone. It will be confirmed as there is plenty of time.

Letter from Eileen Dees, organizer of a "Day in December" to be held 12/1 asking for Community Center to be open for respite and if the town would pay for a firework display. The cost is \$2,000. Motion made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Walsh to

pay for the firework display after the tree lightening ceremony. Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Lennon)
Motion accepted.

Invitation to Leeds Fire Department Annual Banquet 11/17 6 pm at Anthony's. The invitation was for a couple of people to attend. Councilman Walsh and Carlson stated they will not be able to attend. Councilman Antonelli stated he needs to look at his schedule.

Letter from Catskill Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary regarding Parade of Lights on Nov 23 at 7 pm asking if the Town wants to participate.

Letter from residents of Foster Road thanking the board for their assistance in code related matter.

Supervisor Leggio reviewed the reports.

Supervisor Leggio stated the people from Johnson Controls were at the ambulance last week and they are to return next Monday or Tuesday to install the new control boards. He stated there were two quotes for the repairs to the Senior Center and service contracts. Family Danz has been doing it and he asked them to give a quote for the ambulance building and they said it would be a fee to give us a price. He wanted another quote from someone local. Huber Enterprises submitted a quote and their price is \$1,295 and Family Danz is \$1,395. Motion by Councilman Walsh and seconded by Councilman Carlson to accept Huber Enterprises one year service contract in the amount of \$1,295. Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Lennon) Motion accepted.

Supervisor Leggio stated we need a motion to accept the Preliminary Budget as the 2013 Final Adopted Budget. Motion made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Walsh. Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Lennon) Motion accepted.

Supervisor Leggio stated we need to go out to bid for two ambulances. Councilman Antonelli stated the last one was replaced years ago was a box type. The ambulances were not being rotated so wear/mileage has occurred more than if there were. The new boxes are on Chevy chassis. They are aluminum boxes and they do not rust. They run about \$125,000 each. Supervisor Leggio stated if we order before the end of 2012 we can save \$8-10,000. Motion made by Councilman Walsh to go out to bid upon receiving the specs from the Ambulance Administrator seconded by Councilman Antonelli. Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Lennon) Motion accepted.

Supervisor Leggio stated health insurance enrollment forms are due by the 9th and the Comptroller's office has not received any from the highway department. We will probably end up in arbitration over the health insurance change.

Supervisor Leggio stated Dr. Rabadi, who owns the property next to the Little Red Schoolhouse, had asked if the trees could be trimmed. Supervisor Leggio stated he would send someone over to trim it. He stated a week ago he drove by about 6 pm at night and he sees a guy in the tree and the tree is half gone and he asked him what is going on and he stated Dr. Rabadi told him to cut the tree up and the Supervisor told him he is on private property and the gentlemen stated he knew but that the Town Supervisor gave him permission to cut it. He told him you are meeting the Town Supervisor. The State Police came. Story's Nursery stated to put a value on the damage done to the tree is approximately seven to eight thousand dollars. The tree was butchered and the tree needs someone to trim where they cut it and they split and tore it. He doesn't believe the town should be footing the bill. He told the Town Attorney to send him a copy of the bill and we want to be reimbursed. It may seem trivial but the fact of the matter is this tree was huge and it is the principal of the matter. Councilman Antonelli stated it was a beautiful tree. He recommends if he doesn't want to reimburse then we sue him. Councilman Carlson asked the purpose of cutting it up and Councilman Antonelli told him he didn't want the leaves on his car. Councilman Walsh stated he should be held accountable.

Supervisor Leggio stated he received a quote for computer services. He needs someone to make heads or tails of it as he is not computer literate enough. Councilman Antonelli suggested contacting John Wynne. Supervisor Leggio will reach out.

Supervisor Leggio stated he spoke with Rich Praetorius and they are moving along with the projects in Palenville. On Mill Lane the toe rocks are in. They are building up the bank and will be out of there in the next few days. They have started on the lower end near Kaaterskill Avenue. He stated he received a call from Mr. Higgins who owns the house on the corner of 32A and wants to know what the town is going to do to protect his property. Rich will look into it. The rock outcroppings come out of the ground but the creek, he is going to look and give us an idea. The culvert on 23A is done and the wall on Woodstock Avenue behind the firehouse will not be done this year. We do not have the permits until next June even though the contracts were signed and we were on schedule. It just didn't work out but we bonded \$2.1 million a month ago and the payment due on April 14th is approximately \$40,000 for the whole year. Rich's suggestion is the cost of the work on the two projects is around 4 to \$500,000. The recommendation is to take \$1.5 million and pay off that portion of the bond, save the interest, and re-bond in the spring which the cost to do will be \$2,500 but we probably will save 12 to \$15,000 in interest in the next six to seven months. Councilman Walsh asked if the bank will allow that. Supervisor Leggio stated they told us there were no prepayment penalties. Councilman Carlson stated it makes sense. His only worry is, and it may not be with this economy, is that the interest rate will start go to up. He stated it makes fiscal sense to do it this way. Motion to pay back \$1.2 million of the bond made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Walsh. Voted: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Lennon) Motion accepted.

Supervisor Leggio asked to go into executive session to discuss an employee issue. Motion made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Walsh. Executive session began 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Catskill Town Clerk

Motion made by Councilman Walsh and seconded by Councilman Carlson to exit executive session and end the meeting. Meeting ended 7:20 pm.