

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
December 1, 2009 6:30 pm

Attendance: Peter Markou, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Lewis O'Connor, Councilman
Patrick Walsh, Councilman
Michael Smith, Councilman
Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

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

He reviewed the following minutes:

11/03/09

2010 Preliminary Budget
Motion Councilman O'Connor
Second Councilman Antonelli
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0

Public Hearing #14-09 JUNK: Saunders
Motion Councilman Antonelli
Second Councilman Smith
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0

Public Hearing #15-09 Proposed LL 3 of 2009, Amending
Chapter 140 Town of Catskill Zoning Law
Motion Councilman Antonelli
Second Councilman Walsh
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0

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Motion Councilman Antonelli
Second Councilman O'Connor
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0

Public Hearing 16-09 Proposed LL 4 and 5 of 2009
Amending Subdivision of Land & Streets and Sidewalks
Motion Councilman Antonelli
Second Councilman Walsh
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0

11/18/09

Town Board Committee Meeting
Motion Councilman Antonelli
Second Councilman Smith

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0

The following resolutions were reviewed:

RESOLUTION # 131-2009

RESOLVED ASSESSMENT BETWEEN
TOWN OF CATSKILL AND MAIN
STREET CATSKILL, LLC

Councilman _____ presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Main Street Catskill LLC and the Town of Catskill are desirous of having certain assessment issues resolved as to property owned by Main Street Catskill LLC in the Town of Catskill, and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal resolving pending tax certiorari litigation was recommended by Daniel G. Vincelette, Trial Counsel for the Town of Catskill, and reviewed by the Catskill Town Board at its regular monthly meeting, and

WHEREAS, such a proposed settlement would present the parties with an expeditious and economic alternative to further litigation so as to resolve issues between parties, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the proposed settlement is in the best interests of the Town; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby accept a proposed settlement for the 2009 tax certiorari proceeding filed by Main Street Catskill LLC in which the 2009 assessed value of the subject properties shall be revised as follows, consistent with the provisions of Real Property Tax Law:

Parcel	2009 Assessed Value	Revised Assessed Value
156.78-2-39	\$443,700	\$250,600
156.78-2-17	\$255,300	\$129,900
156.70-5-19	\$244,300	\$123,400
156.78-2-18.2	\$39,700	\$39,700

and it is further

RESOLVED, that Main Street Catskill LLC shall be entitled to a refund in excess taxes paid based upon the above revision, and that the assessment shall remain unchanged for the 2010, 2011, and 2012 assessment rolls, subject to Real Property Tax Law §727;

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt this resolution to end the litigation between Main Street Catskill LLC and the Town of Catskill as to the above referenced assessments.

Councilman _____ seconded this motion.

Ayes Nays Absent

**TABLED TILL NEXT MEETING FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION
(12/16/09)**

RESOLUTION # 132-2009

LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWN
OF CATSKILL AND VILLAGE OF
CATSKILL PBA

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill leases to the Village of Catskill PBA, property on
Brandow's Alley, in building owned by the Town, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board resolve to lease all of the upstairs of the
two-story brick building at Brandow's Alley, Catskill, Greene County, New York, for a
meeting place.

The lease does not include any portion of the downstairs area. The Town will not be
responsible or liable for any damage. This resolution supersedes any and all prior
resolutions.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0 Abstention 1 (O'Connor) Motion Carried

The Board in Athens is changing. There was some confusion regarding the proposed
contract that was submitted to Athens. This needs to be straightened out so for the year
2010 it was decided to keep the contract as is.

Councilman O'Connor stated that we should charge them what we want to charge and if
they do not like it they can find coverage somewhere else. He believes it is not fair for
the Town of Catskill taxpayers to pay.

Councilman Smith wanted to extend the contract for only 90 days.

Matt Leibowitz stated the contract should be like the one we have with Greene County
EMS where we are charged for each call they ride in on, not all calls toned out.

RESOLUTION #133-2009

CONTRACT WITH TOWN OF ATHENS
FOR BASIC/ADVANCED LIFE
SUPPORT EMERGENCY SERVICE

Resolution # 367-09	Approving Reimbursement to Community Colleges (Catskill's share \$20,499.99)
Resolution # 368-09	Authorizing Obtaining and Furnishing of Election Related Services & Materials
Resolution # 371-09	Authorizing Distribution of Mortgage Tax (Catskill's share \$108,514.59)

New business:

Matt Leibowitz approached the Board regarding going out to bid for a new ambulance. He stated the oldest one in the fleet is a 2004 with 130,000 miles. She stated she is in a bit of rough shape. The second oldest ambulance is a 2006 with 100,000 miles on it. Since there are two ambulances out of four with over 100,000 miles, we are due for a new one.

The ambulance has received their bariatric stretcher. He would like to know if we should bid the ambulance taking this new stretcher into account. This stretcher is used for obese patients.

Councilman Antonelli asked if we bid for a van ambulance it would be about \$80,000 and a box would be about \$100,000. Matt stated to outfit for a bariatric it would be at \$115,000.

Councilman O'Connor asked if we budgeted for an ambulance.

Councilman Antonelli stated the ambulance should have an equipment account. He stated we should bid for the box to save the money so we can build this account.

Matt stated if we get a new ambulance he would be able to stretch the life of the oldest ambulances.

Councilman O'Connor stated we should buy a van type for transports.

Supervisor Markou stated the money for this would come from Matt's 2009 budget.

Councilman Smith asked if we could forestall this purchase. Councilman Antonelli stated if we did then in 2010 Matt would be asking for two new ambulances in the 2011 budget.

RESOLUTION #135-2009

TO GO OUT TO BID FOR AMBULANCE

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill wishes to add to its fleet, and

WHEREAS, this new ambulance would allow the extension of the life of the two oldest ambulances and will enhance the quality of the fleet by allowing more room for the bariatric stretcher (when needed), so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorize the bid of a new box style ambulance.

Councilman Walsh seconded this motion.

Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Matt also stated that when they had switched billing companies it was discussed to start EPCR's. We were all set but we stopped because the company we were going to use had a copy right issue.

Matt stated over the last few months the Greene County EMS Council along with Rural Health have contacted all agencies for EPCR. They have a company, ESO Solutions. The Rural Health Network to help facilitate this has set aside \$50,000 for all the Towns to implement this project. Catskill's share is \$12,250. If we go with them, the first year (software only) would be \$9,273. The money left over could be applied the second year to renew the contract with ESO, which would be a little under \$3,000, or it could help pay for the laptops.

We also spoke with Digitech that they would pick up this cost and the percentage rate we give back would increase from 8% to 10%.

Matt stated NYS will not be printing anymore PCR's due to their financial crisis. They are stating the Town's will need to photocopy the PCR's in triplicate.

Supervisor Markou stated he likes the EPCR.

Councilman O'Connor stated to ask Digitech for the hardware. Matt stated we could ask them. He stated six tablets would be about \$3,500 a tablet and we will need six tablets.

Supervisor Markou asked Matt to call Digitech and tell them we are interested in negotiating the percentage.

Councilman Walsh stated he is trying to get hold of Mike Sterthous and hopefully at the next meeting it will be taken care of.

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Smith. Meeting ended 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk