

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
December 4, 2012 6:30 pm

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

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

11/01/2012	Government Operations Meeting Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
11/06/2012	Public Hearing 2013 Preliminary Budget Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
11/06/2012	Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Carlson Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
11/14/2012	Public Hearing #7-2013 JUNK-Antonio Pecora Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
11/14/2012	Public Hearing #9-2012 NYS PMC-Karen Roberts Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Carlson Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
11/14/2012	Town of Catskill Committee Meeting Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0

11/28/2012	Informational Meeting I Wastewater Project Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
11/28/2012	Informational Meeting II Wastewater Project Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent -
11/29/2012	Informational Meeting III Wastewater Project Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Carlson Ayes 4 Nays 1(Lennon) Absent 0
11/30/2012	Bid Opening #4-2012 Ambulance Motion Councilman Antonelli Second Councilman Walsh Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0

Supervisor Leggio reviewed the County resolutions:

Res 388-12	Approving Reimbursement Comm Colleges (Catskill's share \$17,723.14)
Res 389-12	Authorizing Distribution Mortgage Tax (Catskill's share \$76,334.70)

Supervisor Leggio reviewed correspondence:

NYS Dept of Public Service winter outreach and education campaign regarding consumer's energy costs.

Memo from Code Enforcement Office requesting approval for three annual memberships for the Building Official's Conference, total cost \$105. Motion by Councilman Lennon seconded by Councilman Walsh approving membership fee. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion accepted.

Memo from Assessor's Office regarding Senior Citizen & Physically Disabled Tax Exemption maximum income limits for 2013. Motion by Councilman Lennon to schedule a public hearing

December 19th at 6:00 pm for these exemptions seconded by Councilman Walsh. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion accepted.

Memo from Ed Ferratto requesting public hearing for violation of the junk code for property owned by Donald Whateley, 4500 Route 32. Motion by Councilman Walsh seconded by Councilman Antonelli to schedule a public hearing on December 19th at 6:15 pm. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion accepted.

Resignation letter from Dan Howard of the Planning Board to be effective January 1, 2013. Supervisor Leggio stated Tracy VanDyke is the alternate and she should be appointed to fill his vacancy. This will be done after the first of the year. Councilman Lennon made a motion to advertise in the paper for Planning Board vacancy seconded by Councilman Walsh. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion accepted.

Supervisor Leggio reviewed new business. A motion to renew the contract with Columbia Greene SPCA for dog care per Article 7 of the NYS Ag & Market Code was made by Councilman Walsh seconded by Councilman Antonelli. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion accepted.

Supervisor Leggio stated he has received letters in support of the proposed sewer system in Leeds.

Supervisor Leggio stated he has received letters of interest from Ron Dombrowski of Palenville and Chris Sutherland of Kiskatom for the open seat on the board. Councilman Lennon urged the board to consider the option of replacing his seat.

Supervisor Leggio stated Mike Budris of Delaware Engineering was present. Mr. Budris thanked the board for holding the three informational meetings and stated the attendance was good. He stated the next step will be working with the Village of Catskill. He is currently working with them on the water district creating a map of the district for those already served by it. This will also help create the sewer district boundaries. Agreements will need to be made with the Village and Mary Beth can send templates to the board. Supervisor Leggio asked about the scope of work with the Village. Mr. Budris stated it will be to create a map plan formation of the district and identify the infrastructure improvements with Lou and Crawford & Associates. He stated we will also need to work with the Thruway for the requirements needed to get under the thruway.

Councilman Antonelli asked about the tunnel. Mr. Budris stated the tunnel's edge is close to the thruway. There is an option for a directional drill and it will be mentioned to them. There is no negative impact that way. Supervisor Leggio stated there should be a meeting in the near future

with the Village. Mr. Budris stated yes and it would be looking at the infrastructure and nailing down exactly what is needed and to also start the inter-municipal agreement process.

Councilman Lennon asked about the cost of the water, sewer and tunnel. Mr. Budris stated there will be no tunnel a directional bore will be used. He stated there is an agreement for the water district in place already and their work entails importing GIS and drawing the line and map as residents are already provided with water. Councilman Lennon asked if this entails a new agreement. Mr. Budris recommended a new agreement and then we can start on the early phases of a sewer agreement. Councilman Lennon asked if there was any discussion with the County regarding the pipe and if there should be an agreement there. Mr. Budris stated an agreement will need to be made. Supervisor Leggio stated if the town forms a district the County will more than likely turn over the pipe. Mr. Budris stated the County does not want to be in the sewer business. Supervisor Leggio thanked Mr. Budris for the update and stated he will be in touch soon.

Supervisor Leggio stated the heat at the Ambulance building is working. Johnson Controls put in a new control board. There was no fresh air coming into the building and upon inspection it was not connected. That has been corrected and they will send a report with other recommendations.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the grievance process with the union and it is moving forward.

Supervisor Leggio mentioned the computer services. He received quotes from two other companies. He stated it is difficult to decipher as he is not computer literate and he will give copies to the board for their review. He stated it is all the same thing but spelled differently.

Supervisor Leggio polled the board. Councilman Lennon stated we need a declaration for Hurricane Sandy to make us eligible for FEMA/State monies. Supervisor Leggio asked why we need it. Councilman Lennon stated from an emergency aspect for potential FEMA funding. Supervisor Leggio stated he received an email stating the county was \$50,000 short for meeting the threshold. We asked the fire companies and town agencies if they incurred any costs and the only one who had was ambulance. Councilman Lennon stated there were two crews from highway during the storm. Councilman Walsh stated it doesn't hurt to have a declaration. Motion by Councilman Lennon to declare a State of Emergency for Hurricane Sandy seconded by Councilman Walsh. Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion accepted.

Councilman Lennon gave an update on the Mills/Kaaterskill project. He stated we received the extension of the permit and the end date is December 15th. He hopes to be done by December 7th. He stated we need to look at Plan C for Pennsylvania Avenue and the culvert there to protect

the property owners. He stated he spoke with the engineer to look at replacements of roads and culverts to minimize future impact.

Councilman Lennon suggested we donate to the Parade of Lights that had just occurred in the amount of \$500.00. Supervisor Leggio stated they did not ask us for a donation only if we would be participating. It is now after the fact. Councilman Carlson asked if there was any money left in the budget. Councilman Lennon stated there is \$4,000. Supervisor Leggio stated there will need to be money transfers at the end of the year and he will review with Sandy if there are enough funds left and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Councilman Lennon mentioned the GCVFA and what amount of funding we will be giving. Supervisor Leggio stated we want them to send us a letter with a dollar amount as an adjustment will need to be made for all the fire departments.

Councilman Antonelli asked if we received the \$250,000 from FEMA. Councilman Lennon stated the review has been completed and full sign off received for the blue book for the monetary amount. He stated the remedial work in place and they will send down a PAL to review the invoices. The blue book is the project worksheet and end statement for signature. This is the process to allocate money. He stated he received one for Woodstock wall and he spoke with Rich and the paperwork updated and into the right hands.

Supervisor Leggio stated the construction cost will need to be updated for next year. Councilman Lennon told him Rich is to reach out to them. Supervisor Leggio stated he road past Kaaterskill Ave and Mill Lane and it looks like they did a good job on Mill Lane. He stated Kaaterskill Ave is moving along but DEC is agitated about a little brown streak in the water. He stated the work we are doing there always seems to be a problem but on Pennsylvania Ave, there were three people on the bridge and there was no creek and an excavator is sitting in the middle of the creek. NRCS stated they were not in the water because they diverted the water. He questions how they can do that there and their project is moving along and we are under someone's thumb with every step we make. He stated the Town Clerk was going through minutes in the 80's and there was an issue then in the stream and we are no better controlling Mother Nature now as we were in 1983. We jump through hoops to get these projects done and the window of opportunity passes and the worst case scenario is fines. He hopes everything will work out.

Supervisor Leggio opened the meeting to public comment. An audience member who lives on Edgewood Ave wanted to know if the water can be diverted around her house. She stated nothing is being done about her house. Her house sticks out like a jetty and no one has addressed any issue above her house, erosion from the bridge to her house. It moves with every storm. There needs to be some kind of rip rap. She stated the erosion is eating away at the soil and there

should be rocks there. Supervisor Leggio and Councilman Lennon stated they will revisit that part of the creek. Supervisor Leggio stated with the wall project maybe we can put large concrete and stabilize the bank in front of her house but that project is next year. A problem also arises because we are not allowed on private property.

Another audience member stated the online map shows several streams beyond the main stream and now it is just a main stream. The stream has changed since it has been placed online. He stated it has progressively moved to one stream and finds it interesting it was allowed to do this.

An audience member stated her house was also flooded and she is on Edgewood Drive near the main road. She stated when the water breached she had 30 feet of water in her yard and it caused a lot of damage to her house. She had 32 inches of water in her basement.

First audience member stated she has brought her property in line as far as she can go. She stated it only takes two or three feet and then it is behind her house. She stated there were four breaches on that road and it took life, property, home and roads.

Supervisor Leggio stated he is not sure what the answer is for the whole area. He stated January's committee meeting is in Palenville and we can have Rich Praetorius there.

Supervisor Leggio asked if there was further comment. Ron Dombrowsi approached the board stating his interest in serving on the board. He stated he hopes his resume shows his diverse activities.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Walsh. Meeting ended 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk