

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting – December 4, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Doreen Davis, Supervisor
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

MINUTES:

11/6/18 Public Hearing – LL 4 of 2018 Property Tax Levy Limit Override
Public Hearing – 2019 Preliminary Budget
Public Hearing – Village of Catskill Fire Protection Contract
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Motion: Councilman McCulloch Second: Councilman Giordiano, carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Greene County Resolution 307-18 authorizing the distribution of mortgage tax. Catskill's share is \$73,072.59. *Supervisor Davis stated this is an increase of \$50,000 over our anticipated budget. Ambulance is on target, Cemetery is slightly over and Justice projected to come in a little over in terms of revenue.*

Letter from out-going Congressman Faso thanking the town for bi-partisan support while he was in office.

Letter from OSPA Engineering Services regarding the Catskill Central School District Improvement project stating they are seeking to be lead agent on said project. As required by SEQRA they must inform all involved agencies having jurisdiction over the project. *Supervisor Davis stated the town has no conflict in the CCSD being lead agent.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Contract with Columbia Greene Humane Society/SPCA. *Res 86-18 authorizing the Supervisor sign the contract with CGSPCA. Motion by Councilman Vosburgh seconded by Councilman McCulloch. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Bay State Elevator Company Maintenance Agreement – five year non-renewing full service contract \$667.50 per quarter. *Res 87-18 authorizing the Supervisor sign the contract with Bay State Elevator Company. Motion by Councilman McCulloch seconded by Councilwoman Scannapieco. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Metroland lease agreement for copiers with Metroland. Res 88-18 authorizing the Supervisor sign the lease agreement with Metroland for copiers for town officers for a 5 year lease in the amount of \$459.53 per month. Motion by Councilman Giordiano seconded by Councilman Vosburgh. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Rene VanSchaack – update on IDA projects:

Mr. VanSchaack gave a brief overview of the two IDA projects. The first project, Exit 21 West, has had the houses demolished and site improvement thereafter. The road was relocated. The next step will be to combine the lots into a larger lot which will be an action in front of the Planning Board. Once one large lot, they can build as needed and subdivide per development. The garage has some interest in leasing or purchasing or they may keep as a storage facility. Grading will need to be done on two acres. Mr. VanSchaack stated there will not be a water park as they are building where LEGOLAND is. Marketing will commence with a focus on the tourism industry and a base for sales tax.

The Quality Inn site will be a RFP. The IDA is already being contacted by individuals/businesses for that site. They are speaking with Stewart's and GC Tourism to switch locations. The hotel has been cleaned out. Seventy percent of the contents were repurposed. They are waiting on the contractor to demo the building. He foresees no issue with the town's deadline for the grant which is in March.

He is in talks with the Thruway to purchase 2 acres and they will benefit from the purchase. Talks are slow.

He mentioned the town's having an easement for the pump station; the creation of a road. He needs to know where the sewer line will be so everyone will stay in the public ROW. Mr. VanSchaack stated after a more detailed/defined map is drawn, formal action will be taken regarding the easement. He would like the lot-line adjustments completed before the taxable status date. Mr. Izzo, Planning Board Chair, stated a lot line adjustment is a simple matter before the board and does not require a public hearing nor a SEQRA. Supervisor Davis thanked Mr. VanSchaack for the update.

- Letter from Planning Board regarding request for no parking High Falls Rd at/near The Kaaterskill.

Supervisor Davis asked Mr. Izzo regarding this. Mr. Izzo stated the property is the Hirsch property and they have an application before the Planning Board for a special use permit for wedding and other functions on their property. There is currently no parking so they will be requiring parking but neighbors have complained of past events at the property where parking has been on HFR with limited access. There are currently two open violations with the Code Office. The PB would like the Highway Superintendent to place no parking signs on the road. Mr. Beers sees no issue but the town has a process. Supervisor Davis stated she has received complaints regarding the parking and not being able to get an ER vehicle thru. She asked Mr. Izzo to notify the board of the PB's timeline for the SUP. The request tabled until that time.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Elliott Fishman – review of proposed Local Law 5 of 2018 Signs. Supervisor Davis stated the board has had significant discussions and this is the final version. The digital sign lag time matches NYSDOT criteria. Language has been added regarding the brightness of signs. This review was done due to inconsistencies within the current law. Res 89-18 on motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman McCulloch to schedule a public hearing for LL 5 of 2018 Signs for 12/19 at 6:30 PM. Adopted

Vote: 5 Yes

Mr. June, Ambulance Administrator - approached the board regarding promoting two employees from EMT to AEMT effective December 10th. Each has completed paramedic training and are approved to practice at the AEMT level by Dr. Stanger. *Resolution #90-18 on motion by Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Giordiano to promote Brian Tumey and Kevin McGee from EMT to AEMT effective December 10, 2018. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Leeds Jefferson Heights Sewer – Tucker Lewis was present from Delaware Engineering and gave a brief update. They are working on the easement for the bone and joint center. Supervisor Davis stated Alan, Travis and herself will review the end of year financials. Supervisor Davis asked for a formal timeline of digging for the existing easements so we can place on our social media to give notice. Tucker stated the roads will be open with alternating traffic. He stated they are having an issue with the driller and electrician as they do not seem to want to work. There are three pumps left to install but won't be installed until after the force mains are done.

Supervisor Davis asked if there were any other questions. With no comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Giordiano. Meeting ended 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk