

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
December 6, 2011 6:30 pm

Attendance: Pat Walsh, Acting Supervisor; Robert Antonelli, Councilman; Michael Smith, Councilman; Kevin Lennon, Councilman; Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

Acting Supervisor Walsh called the meeting to order. The following minutes were accepted:

10/31/2011

Public Hearing Catskill Fire District Contract

Motion Councilman Antonelli

Second Councilman Smith

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 0

Public Hearing 2012 Preliminary Budget

Motion Councilman Antonelli

Second Councilman Smith

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 0

Government Operations Meeting

Motion Councilman Antonelli

Second Councilman Lennon

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 0

Catskill Town Board Meeting

Motion Councilman Antonelli

Second Councilman Smith

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 0

11/09/2011

Public Hearing Leeds Fire District Contract

Motion Councilman Antonelli

Second Councilman Lennon

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 0

11/16/2011

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting

Motion Councilman Antonelli

Second Councilman Lennon

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 0

11/29/2011

Public Hearing Malden West Camp Fire Contract

Motion Councilman Antonelli

Second Councilman Smith

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 0

Government Operations Meeting

Motion Councilman Antonelli

Second Councilman Lennon

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 0

The following resolutions were discussed:

RESOLUTION # 102-2011

CONTRACT BETWEEN TOWN OF CATSKILL
AND MALDEN WEST CAMP FIRE COMPANY

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the contract between the Town of Catskill and the Malden West Camp Fire Company for fire protection to Fire Protection District No. 1 will expire December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill held a public hearing on November 29, 2011 at 5:45 pm to enter into a contract for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2016; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby affirm the contract between the Town of Catskill and the Malden West Camp Fire Company for fire protection for Fire Protection District No. 1 for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2016 subject to the conditions as set forth in said contract.

Councilman Antonelli seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 103-2011

GENERAL A-FUND BUDGET TRANSFERS

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the following budget transfers for 2011 need to be made to the following accounts:

General Fund Appropriations

A1110.11	Justice Clerks	\$6,300.00
A1315.4	Pattison Acct. Contractual	\$2,000.00
A6772.11	Senior Center Clerk	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
Total Transfer		\$12,300.00, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the following transfers from the below accounts to the accounts listed above:

A1110.4	Justice Contractual	\$6,300.00
A1315.34	Comptroller Ambulance	\$2,000.00
A6772.12	Senior Center Cleaner	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
Total to transfer		\$12,300.00

Councilman Smith seconded this motion

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 104-2011 HIGHWAY DB FUND BUDGET TRANSFERS

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the following budget transfers for 2011 need to be made to the following accounts:

Highway DB Appropriations

DB5110.1.63	MEO PS	\$10,951.00
DB5110.1.64	HEO PS	\$5,144.00
DB130.1	Mechanic PS	\$9,350.00
DB5142.1	MEO PS	\$13,917.00
DB5142.64	HEO PS	<u>\$4,500.00</u>
Total Transfer		\$43,862.00, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby approve the following transfers from the below accounts to the accounts listed above:

DB1990.4	Contingency	\$14,828.00
DB5140.1	Brush & Weeds PS	\$13,917.00
DB5140.4	Brush & Weeds Contr.	\$1,267.00
DB5130.4	Mechanic Contr.	\$9,350.00
DB5110.4	General Repairs Contr.	<u>\$4,500.00</u>

Total Transfer		\$43,862.00
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Councilman Lennon seconded this motion

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 105-2011 ASSESSMENT SETTLEMENT VERIZON OF
NEW YORK INC. & THE TOWN OF CATSKILL

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, Verizon of New York, Inc. and the Town of Catskill are desirous of having certain assessment issues resolved as to property owned by Verizon of New York, Inc. in the Town of Catskill; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal resolving pending tax certiorari litigation was recommended by Daniel G. Vincelette, trial counsel to 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 the parties; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby accept a proposed settlement for the 2009, 2010 and 2011 tax certiorari proceeding filed by Verizon of New York Inc. in which the assessed value of the subject property shall remain fixed as follows without costs or refunds as to either party against the other:

<u>Parcel ID#</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
156.78-1-2	519,100

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the assessed value for the subject property for the 2012, 2013, and 2014 final assessment roll be reduced as follows:

<u>Parcel ID#</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
156.78-1-2	400,000	(119,100)

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt this resolution to end litigation between Verizon of New York Inc. and the Town of Catskill as to the above reference assessment.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0 Motion Carried

Roll Call:	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Acting Supervisor Walsh	x	
Councilman Antonelli	x	
Councilman Smith	x	
Councilman Lennon	x	

RESOLUTION # 106-2011

REPAIR WORK CEMENTON SEWER

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Cementon Sewer Plant is in need of repairs to the Gorman Rupp Station #04-6573-AM; and

WHEREAS, Joe Myers received a proposal from Siewert Equipment for such work; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board authorize the repair work in an amount not to exceed \$4,604.00.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 107-2011

COLUMBIA-GREENE HUMANE
SOCIETY & TOWN OF CATSKILL
CONTRACT FOR 2012

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Columbia-Greene Humane Society and the Town of Catskill contract is up for renewal for the year 2012; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the agreement specifies that the Town agrees to pay the Humane Society the amount of \$305.00 per dog, upon receipt of the voucher each month, for the year 2012; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board approve the aforementioned contract between Columbia-Greene Humane Society and the Town of Catskill for the year 2012.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

The following County resolutions were reviewed:

Res 356-11 Accepting Proposals for FEMA Consulting Firm

Res 406-11 Approving Reimbursement to Comm Colleges
(Catskill's share \$16,576.60)

The following reports were mentioned as being available in the Town Clerk's office:

Catskill Town Cemetery Report for November
Catskill Town Comptroller's Report for October
Catskill Town Code's Report for November
Catskill Town Highway Report for November

Acting Supervisor Walsh mentioned the Town Highway asking to auction off three pieces of equipment that are not used any longer, a 1975 John Deer Brush Cutter, a 1973 Oshkosh Snow Plow #21 and a 1974 Oshkosh Snow Plow #24.

RESOLUTION # 108-2011

SALE OF SURPLUS HIGHWAY
EQUIPMENT

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board has surplus highway equipment for sale; and

WHEREAS, the items identified can be viewed at the Town Highway Garage during normal business hours and will also be placed on an on-line bidding site; and

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board has the right to reject any and all bids; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board, instruct the Town Clerk and the Highway Clerk to place an ad in the paper and ads online for the sale of the surplus highway equipment.

Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Acting Supervisor Walsh moved on to new business. Margie Riley approached the board. She represents the American Legion baseball team. She is requesting use of the Ricky Cramer field in Jefferson. The American Legion of Coxsackie Post 166 sponsors a Catskill base team. Lou Martin from Coxsackie is the Greene County based chairman. Several Catskill residents have volunteered to help Mr. Martin as he is responsible. Ms. Riley stated the reason forming this team is in memorial of Michael White, a student and ball player who was killed in an accident, and who played with this group of boys. She stated these boys played senior little league last year and played at State. They are an exceptional group of kids. She stated at the end of the tournament the boys approached them and stated they wanted to play a higher level of baseball and wanted to play in Catskill. Some kids tried playing in Hudson. She stated they are a lot of positive values, leadership, keeping them off the streets, happy and keeping them together, in forming this league. She stated Jeff Dodic and Jeff Pilatich, who each played Division I in college, have a lot of talents and skills. They are each coaches. They believe the boys have some talent. There are other coaches who want to participate too as well as parents who want to volunteer their time. She stated they are willing to work with any organization. They would like a couple days a week for practices starting in June and July with games on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She stated her reason for doing this is for the kids and it is to do something good and it is a good thing.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated the reason why we took back the field is because it wasn't run properly. The field is in rough shape. At this point we are committed with the High School and the Little League and as much as we would like to accommodate you, we do not know if we can at this point. We can look at the schedules and try to work something out but we cannot promise you anything.

Marge Riley stated her son plays school ball and she knows the Little League schedule and asks if there is a problem with use of the field and scheduling time for them. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated he doesn't know. At this point it is the Little League and the High School and see if we can work around them. Ms. Riley stated she is willing to work. She stated she knows Bruce Schmidt very well as she is the President of the booster club. She stated she is willing to work with the Little League. Acting Supervisor Walsh stated we have to work together if we are going to make it work. He reiterated that we need to sit down with everyone and see what the schedules are. He stated he would like to see it work but commitments right now are with the High School and Little League.

Councilman Lennon stated we should look at all three schedules and see if it could work out. There is a lot of construction in April and hopefully we will be able to accommodate the High School for use of the field as long as everything goes as planned. We should sit down and talk about the issues that are forthcoming with the start of the American Legion League and how that is going to impact the Senior/Junior Division of the Catskill Little League. Councilman Lennon asked if a meeting has been had with the Little League to discuss that issue.

Ms. Riley stated she offered to have a meeting with them and has not received a response. She stated she is certainly willing to sit down with the Little League board. Councilman Lennon asked if they were still in the process of putting all the information together or if they are already past that. Ms. Riley stated the American Legion in Greene County has been around for 50 years. There was no team last year but they have had either a Cairo based team or a Cossackie based team. The infrastructure is in place for that team. Mr. Martin has all the contacts. The team will move forward. We are asking where we can play. It is an established team.

Ed DuPont stated the Little League met with the two coaches, Jeff Dodic and Chris Miller. He stated to Ms. Riley that he is unsure if the information was relayed back to her. Ms. Riley stated she appreciates that but she would like to meet as a team, with both boards there, and keep everything transparent. She wants to meet together as a group so everyone understands who is on the same page.

Councilman Lennon asked if the American Legion has a board of directors with President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and if not, is one going to be established. Ms. Riley stated no. Mr. Martin is the person responsible for the team as the American Legion is set up.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated we need to get together. Councilman Lennon stated we need to get Mr. Martin to a meeting to discuss with the board his perspective of running the American Legion over the years and his skill level and how he has kept it going over the years.

Councilman Antonelli stated the main problem this year is that there is one field there. We are trying to get a grant to build another field. There are a lot of problems there that have to be addressed. He stated everyone wants to play there and we have no problems with that but we need to correct the problems we have there now. We are committed to Little League and CHS. He is unsure how much more we can fit just in one field to play. There are problems with drainage, the dugouts, etc. There is a host of issues there and until they are all corrected, which takes money, and even though we have applied for a grant, it is a slow process.

Ms. Riley stated amongst all the parents here, we are certainly willing to help with the field. Her husband is on the Little League board and he is willing to help. He has put a lot of time and effort into that board. She stated he and her son go and mow the grass on that field. It isn't that we are not willing to help because we would. Councilman Antonelli stated it isn't a question of not willing to help. Some of this work has to be done by professionals. There are drainage problems. There is a hill to contend with. If the other field was in there, we could have more teams there to play. To try to squeeze it in this year, he doesn't see it. Especially with all the problems we have up there. Ms. Riley stated there will be a team this year no matter where we may play.

Acting Supervisor Walsh stated we need to sit down with Little League and CHS and see what their schedules are and then get back to you. Mary Hiatt, part of the American Legion, stated their schedule starts after CHS stops. We wouldn't interfere with them at all.

Paul Cira stated at Elliot Park, there are 9 teams that play on that field with only 2 games each. Scheduling at Ricky Cramer will not be an issue with what Little League had last year and what they are looking at this year.

Ed DuPont stated the real issue is that he does not know how these two leagues will coexist recruiting the same at exact age brackets. He stated American Legion is calling their divisions the Junior and Senior Divisions which is exactly what Little League is doing. They are recruiting kids 13 to 19 which is the same demographic group. The problem is that one or the other will not exist. He stated he agrees to have an older league that caters to 17, 18, and 19 year old kids. He stated they would support that fully but obviously cannot support American Legion based on them recruiting the same demographic group that we are in.

Ms. Riley stated she doesn't understand. She stated these boys went to play in Hudson. They went to play in Bethlehem. They are going to Saugerties and playing. What is the difference of them playing in Hudson or them playing here? Ed stated the difference, he reiterated Ms. Riley's statement of mentioning the kids playing with Michael, who grew up in Little League, those kids went through it together and he stated we all feel his loss, but the thing is those certain kids, no names stated but he knows who they are, there are only a certain amount of kids they (American Legion) are worried about. He stated Little League is worried about all the kids. Little League does not cut kids. If you sign up, you play. American Legion cuts kids. Ms. Riley agrees. He stated if Little League folds then those kids, all the rest of the kids in town, who won't have a place to play, who don't have the skill set to play there and their families cannot afford to pay for travel ball or American Legion ball. This is the real issue. He stated we are concerned for all the kids. The American Legion is concerned about a certain segment of the kids. That is the difference. He stated he fully supports them wanting an older league. He stated several of them of come to his board for support. He stated we cannot support a league that actively recruits the same demographic kids, their age group, that we also support.

Ms. Riley asked Ed to explain to her what the difference is in them playing in Hudson and them playing in Catskill. He stated it is simple. He stated there are seven or eight kids that play in Hudson. His own son plays in Coxsackie. We try to tailor the schedule so there would be no conflicts. Last year unfortunately with the Senior Division, it wasn't done the way it was suppose to be done. No disrespect to anyone but the schedule was to be done with no conflicts. He stated the difference is in what you are talking about, playing in Hudson, is that when you create a Catskill based team that is here in Catskill, now you draw a bigger amount of kids and now instead of having eight kids that play away, now you have 16 or 17. It will be different. It will be more kids. He knows this because he has had Jeff and Chris tell me that they want to recruit the older kids but is now finding out that there are 15 year olds and 16 year olds and his teams will cease to exist.

Paul Cira stated why shouldn't we give other kids a chance to play travel ball instead of the eight or nine that played last year in Hudson, Bethlehem or Coxsackie. Why should we be able to give our local kids a chance to play in a more competitive league here and have the opportunity to do it on a home base? We have plenty of kids that are coming up saying they want to try out for a team. Ed stated the kids he is talking about have the ability to play anywhere. He stated to your point, they have been, but what about if there is more kids here, a larger body to play, and junior senior fail to exist anymore. Mr. Cira stated we shouldn't be holding back other children if they want to play more competitive ball. Ed stated he is not trying to hold them back. They have the opportunity to play in Coxsackie etc.

Acting Supervisor Walsh put an end to this conversation. He stated we will try to work something out and if it works it works. Councilman Lennon asked both leagues to submit facts of the American Legion and their schedules etc.

Acting Supervisor Walsh asked Joe Wolodkevich of Intelligent Technology Solutions, Inc. to approach the board. Councilman Antonelli asked Joe why the time clocks have not been installed. Joe stated the software has not been configured by someone within the town. He stated we cannot configure and set up the policies within the software. Councilman Antonelli stated he has not been notified by this. Joe stated he has been in contact with Kevin and Sandy. Councilman Antonelli wants to know the exact steps to get this done. He stated he has spoken with the Human Resource manager to get the policies drawn up and does not know what the problem is but will find out. Joe stated there are rules and policies with the system and those need to be defined within the time clock software, such as what is the allotment an employee can clock in prior to their assigned shift time. We cannot define that for the town. Joe stated he can go through the checklist. Joe stated you cannot load the employee data before the policies are inputted.

Acting Supervisor Walsh asked where we are. Joe stated the initial portion is ready to be utilized but the policies/rules need to be loaded. Councilman Antonelli stated he will talk to Ronni. Councilman Lennon stated as Councilman we are all responsible to make sure this project was moving forward. He gave the timeline of events of what he had been discussing with Joe. We all want the project completed and asked Joe what will it take to get this done. Joe stated the software needs to be configured and the virtual server is ready to go.

Acting Supervisor Walsh mentioned his yearly contract that needs to be passed.

RESOLUTION # 109-2011

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR SIGN
2012 CONTRACT WITH ITS

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill wishes to enter into a professional service agreement with Intelligent Technology Solutions, Inc. for information technology service; so
THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorize the Acting Supervisor to sign the professional service agreement for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 at a total contract cost of \$10,450.00 exclusive of emergency rates.
Councilman Smith seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Sandy's motherboard on her computer crashed and she needs to purchase new computers.

RESOLUTION # 110-2011

PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS FOR
COMPTROLLERS OFFICE

Councilman Antonelli presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the computers in the Comptroller's Office has a motherboard failure; and

WHEREAS, Joe Wolodkevich of Intelligent Technology Solutions, Inc. prepared a quote for two computers in the amount of \$2,638.00; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board approve the purchase of the new computers for the Comptroller's office.

Councilman Lennon seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

Acting Supervisor Walsh pulled the board. Councilman Lennon stated he has a meeting with FEMA contractor to review invoices. He is to meet with the three contractors to correct the clerical errors and then meet with the PACS & PALS team to review the invoices. This needs to be in by next week. He next mentioned passing a resolution for Pratorius engineering services for the roads and bridges that need to be repaired from damage sustained with Irene.

RESOLUTION # 111-2011

HIRE ENGINEERING FIRM-HURRICANE
IRENE

Councilman Lennon presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catskill sustained damage to roads and bridges in the wake of Hurricane Irene; and

WHEREAS, these roads and bridges require professional engineering studies to be fixed; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board authorize Pratorius & Conrad of Saugerties, NY to submit specs for rebuilding of roads and bridges within the Town of Catskill.

Councilman Antonelli seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 0

Motion Carried

With no further comment a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Smith. Meeting ended 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk