ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Catskill Town Hall
January 7, 2025 6:22 pm

PRESENT:	Patrick McCulloch,	Supervisor
	Jared Giordiano,	Councilman
	Steven Espel,	Councilman
	Brian Kozloski,	Councilman
Absent:	Dawn Scannapieco,	Councilwoman

Supervisor McCulloch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Councilman Giordiano second Councilman Espel to accept the salaries of the following as set forth in the 2025 budget: Supervisor $16,480; Council (1) $10,300; Council (3) $8,240 each; Highway Superintendent $71,428; Town Clerk $63,236; Receiver of Tax $17,026; Town Justice (2) $26,571 each; Town Assessor $37,763; Ambulance Administrator $77,834; Registrar $13,000. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Councilman Giordiano second Councilman Kozloski to designate the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm as the official Town Board meeting. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Councilman Giordiano second Councilman Espel to designate the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm as the Town Board Committee Meeting.
Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Councilman Giordiano second Councilman Kozloski designating the Bank of Greene County as the official depository of the Town of Catskill. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Councilman Kozloski second Councilman Giordiano pursuant to Town Law 64(11) to designate the Catskill Daily Mail and the Kingston Freeman as the official newspapers for the Town of Catskill and to designate the Catskill Daily Mail as the one official newspaper to publish the Supervisor's Report and other legal notices as directed by the Town Board for the year 2025. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Councilman Giordiano second Councilman Espel to designate the firm Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill as the accountants for the Town of Catskill. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Councilman Giordiano second Councilman Kozloski to approve the IRS allowance for mileage reimbursement at a rate of 70 cents per mile for personal vehicle use in conjunction with town business. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Councilman Giordiano second Councilman Espel approving the charge of $20.00 for each check tendered as payment returned for insufficient funds according to Section 5-328 Subsection 2A of the General Obligations Law of the State of New York. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Councilman Giordiano second Councilman Espel for the Town Justices and the Town Attorney to use stenographic clerks as required. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Kozloski allowing the Highway Superintendent purchase without prior board approval, but with a purchase order, tools and equipment not exceeding $3,000.00 in cost. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Councilman Espel second by Councilman Giordiano authorizing the Highway Superintendent accept state and county bids for sand, salt, fuel, washed stone, plant mix, pipe transmit mix, concrete, tubes, and tires whenever possible. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Councilman Giordiano second Councilman Espel to adopt the General Rules and Procedures for all town meetings. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Councilman Kozloski second Councilman Giordiano to adopt the Procurement Policy for the year 2025. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Council _____ second Council _____ appointing _____ as Health Officer for the year 2025. Adopted Vote: *Tabled*.

Motion by Council _____ second Council _____ appointing _____ as Town Historian for the year 2025. Adopted Vote: *Tabled*.

Motion by Councilman Giordiano second Councilman Kozloski appointing Kerensa Demarest as Planning & Zoning Clerk at a rate of $21.37 for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2025. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Council _____ second Council _____ appointing John Acconero as Dog Control Officer for a one-year term at a stipend of $7,500. Adopted Vote: *Tabled*.

Motion by Councilman Giordiano second Councilman Espel appointing John Gotebiowski as Part-time Data Processor for the Assessor's Office at a rate of $20.14 for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2025. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Councilman Espel second Councilman Kozloski appointing Jamie Story as Recreation Director Senior Center at a rate of pay $21.84 per hour for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2025. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Councilman Giordiano second Councilman Kozloski appointing Matthew Carlile as Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Catskill at a rate of pay of $30.94 per hour for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2025. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Councilman Espel second Councilman Giordiano appointing Fred Popp as Part-time Building Inspector for the Town of Catskill at a rate of $15.00 for a one-year period commencing January 1, 2025. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Councilman Espel second Councilman Kozloski appointing John Acconero as Part-time Fire Inspector at a rate of pay of $22.65 per hour for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2025. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Council _____ second Council _____ appointing Laurie Schmidt as Planning Board Member for a term ending December 31, 2031. Adopted Vote: *Tabled*.

Motion by Council _____ second Council _____ appointing Albert Gasparini as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending December 31, 2029. Adopted Vote: *Tabled*.

Motion by Council _____ second Council _____ appointing _____as Zoning Board of Appeals Chair and _____ Zoning Board of Appeals Vice Chair for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2025. Vote: **The ZBA did not meet in December but has a meeting scheduled in January. *Tabled*.**

Motion by Councilman Giordiano second Councilman Kozloski appointing Teresa Golden as Planning Board Chair and Larry Federman as Planning Board Vice Chair for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2025. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Motion by Councilman Giordiano second Councilman Espel appointing J. Theodore Hilscher as Town Attorney at the budgeted amount of $45,000 for the year 2025. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

The Town Supervisor made the following appointment: Jared Giordiano as Deputy Supervisor for the year 2025. Motion: Councilman Espel Second: Councilman Kozloski, Adopted

Town Justice William R. Jacobs made the following appointment: Kiera Roush as Court Clerk at a rate of pay of $23.31 per hour for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2025. Motion: Councilman Giordiano Second: Councilman Espel, Adopted

Town Justice Richard Paolino made the following appointment: Ashley Craven as Court Clerk at a rate of $23.31 per hour for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2025. Motion: Councilman Kozloski Second: Councilman Espel, Adopted

The Receiver of Tax Sam Aldi made the following appointment: Elizabeth Liberti as Deputy Receiver of Tax at rate of pay $18.88 per hour for a one-year period beginning January 1, 2025. Motion: Councilman Giordiano Second: Councilman Espel Adopted

Supervisor McCulloch stated the following for committee chairs and vices. A motion to accept was made by Councilman Giordiano second Councilman Espel:

2025 TOWN BOARD COMMITTEES

Ambulance	Chair Councilman Giordiano	Vice Councilwoman Scannapieco
Central Garage	Chair Councilman Giordiano	Vice Councilman Espel
Highway/Cemetery	Chair Councilman Kozloski	Vice Councilman Giordiano
Technology	Chair Councilman Giordiano	Vice Councilman Kozloski
Finance	Chair Councilwoman Scannapieco	Vice Councilman Kozloski
Senior Center	Chair Councilwoman Scannapieco	Vice Councilman Espel
Code/Animal	Chair Councilman Giordiano	Vice Councilman Espel
HR	Chair Councilwoman Scannapieco	Vice Councilman Espel
Town Clerk	Chair Councilman Giordiano	Vice Councilman Kozloski
Planning & Zoning	Chair Councilman Kozloski	Vice Councilwoman Scannapieco
Emergency Services	Chair Councilman Kozloski	Vice Councilman Espel
Youth Services	Chair Supervisor McCulloch	Vice Councilman Giordiano

With no further business a motion to end the Organizational Meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Espel. The meeting ended at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk