

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
January 21, 2009 6:30 pm

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

Absent: Peter Markou, Supervisor

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

First order of business was to pass the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION # 8-2009 AMEND LOCAL LAW TO INCREASE
AMOUNT OF INCOME FOR SENIOR
CITIZEN TAX EXEMPTION

Councilman Antonelli, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the Catskill Town Board held a public hearing on January 21, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. to hear public comment on increasing the Town of Catskill's Senior Citizen Income Exemption pursuant with Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over, who are owners of Real Property shall be exempt from Town taxes to the extent of fifty (50) percent of assessed valuation, and

WHEREAS, if said owners fulfill certain qualifications, including a limited income, which does not exceed an amount filed by this Board, so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board, resolve that the income of the owner, or the combined income of the owners of Real property who are sixty-five (65) years of age or over must not exceed \$19,500, and

RESOLVED, that the "sliding scale" provision of Real Property Tax Law Section 467, paragraph 1 (b)(1) shall remain in effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that at the same public hearing, the proposition of whether or not the Town should adopt the provisions of Real Property Tax Law, Section 467, Paragraph 1(b)(2) and 1(b)(3), which is known as the "sliding scale" option be and hereby are adopted regarding Senior Citizen Tax Exemptions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this income amount shall be effective for the assessment rolls based on the taxable status date of March 1, 2009 and after.

Councilman Smith, seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Supervisor Markou) Motion Carried

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Markou:	Absent
Councilman Antonelli:	Yes
Councilman O'Connor:	Yes
Deputy Supervisor Walsh:	Yes
Councilman Smith:	Yes

RESOLUTION # 9-2009

AMEND LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE
EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES & LIMITED INCOME

Councilman O'Connor, presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 459-c of the Real Property Law, and exemption can be granted to qualifying persons with disabilities and limited income; and

WHEREAS, each Town must authorize the exemption and set the maximum income limits; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board, resolve that the "Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes" be and is hereby authorized for qualifying persons within the Town of Catskill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the maximum income limit for the 50% exemption be \$19,500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the provisions of Real Property Tax Law Section 459-c, Paragraph 1(b), which is known as the "sliding scale" option, be and hereby adopted regarding this exemption.

Councilman Smith & Councilman Antonelli, seconded this motion.

Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Supervisor Markou) Motion Carried

Deputy Supervisor Walsh polled the Board since there was no new business on the agenda.

Councilman O'Connor stated that there is one room in the Ambulance building that still does not have heat but that it is being worked on (Kathy's office). He stated he will

having the pricing for the awning for the Board at the next meeting and what it will be to finish the landscaping.

Councilman Smith stated they are proceeding with the union contract negotiations for the Ambulance and the Highway. There was a meeting yesterday and a proposal will be sent in answer to the counter proposal within the next several days (ambulance).

He stated the Highway negotiations are almost complete. There is a memo of understanding being drafted to be sent to the Highway Department Representative and the Town anticipates that it will be executed.

With no further comment a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Antonelli and seconded by Councilman Smith. Meeting ended at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk