TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING – February 17, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members were present:

Doreen Davis, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

In regards to the Pilgrim Pipeline, Supervisor Davis asked for a motion to send a letter, that in its current layout, the Town of Catskill is not interested in participating in the Pipeline due to negative economic review. *Resolution # 23-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh & McCulloch, to send a letter, that in its current layout, the Town of Catskill has no interest in participating in the Pipeline due to the negative economic impact it will have on the Town. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Ms. Herman wished to state there is a time sensitive issued involved with the scoping process, which allows the opportunity for the public and involved agencies to present potential problems that should be in an environmental statement.

Ms. Herman also stated the project will use two parcels owned by the Town of Catskill; one by the Highway Department and the other between the Catskill Creek and Route 23B.

Ms. Herman presented to the board a list of relevant property owners with connecting roads for access to the project.

She is requesting the town participate in the scoping process by asking the Town Attorney if the town property is in the Thruway ROW; follow up with engineers regarding potential infrastructure damage/traffic impact; consult with IDA regarding impact of potential development where the pipelines will be installed; and that the town make available maps from the pilgrim pipeline website available on the town's website.

Supervisor Davis stated her request is under advisement. She has spoken with the IDA and we will be involved in the scoping aspect. Ms. Herman stated the website for Pilgrim Pipeline is stoppilgrimpipeline.com.

Mr. Grob stated the pipelines will decrease private properties who will in turn sue the town to have their taxes reduced. He believes this private venture will jeopardize our water source as the Catskills are known for their purity of air and water.

Supervisor Davis stated there will be an informational discussion with the Village of Catskill regarding a proposed fire district with her and Councilman Antonelli.

She received a call from Solar City to meet on an informational basis. Mr. Izzo, Planning Board Chairman, stated NYS has a solar permit which can be temporarily used for planning but the town board needs to pass. Zoning regulations will be reviewed in April. There are various ways to approach solar projects and the board will have something for the town board to look at in the next three to four months.

Supervisor Davis stated we have items which will need resolutions:

Resolution # 24-2016 with motion by Councilman McCulloch, second by Councilman Vosburgh to appoint Gary Harvey as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Regina Daley as Vice-Chair. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes.

Resolution # 25-2016 with motion by Councilman Antonelli, second by Councilman McCulloch to continue the professional service agreement for landfill monitoring with Barton & LoGuidice for a three year term. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 26-2016 with motion by Councilman McCulloch, second by Councilman Antonelli to extend the contract with Digitech for ambulance billing for a six month period. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 27-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Antonelli to adopt Local Law 1 of 2016: Sewer Use Law. Adopted 5 Yes

DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Ambulance: Mr. June presented a brief overview of 2015. The call volume has increased 100 calls from the year before. We respond to calls in other communities two times as often as they help us. He stated the average charge per call collection is not where we want to be. In regards

to the ALS program, the narcotics application has been forwarded to the bureau of narcotics and we are awaiting their response.

Supervisor Davis mentioned an automobile accident on Route 23A, praised the ambulance department and mentioned using the Village's speed sign to review driver speed for that road.

Highway: Mr. Beers stated he will find out the delivery of the one truck. He has received a price on road maintenance and will review with Patrick and Paul. He has a meeting with Gary Harvey regarding culvert and options.

Supervisor Davis asked about CHIP money. Mr. Beers stated he has not heard yet.

Supervisor Davis mentioned the Hazard/Mitigation Resilience Plan which will be given to the Highway Committee.

TOWN BOARD COMMENT:

Councilman Giordiano stated he and the Supervisor met with the Silver Linings senior group at the Senior Center for the Valentine Day lunch. He stated we have an incredible building and we need to see what the seniors need.

Supervisor Davis asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel hiring at the Senior Center. No further business will be conducted. Motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh. Executive session began 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

Motion to exit executive session was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh. Meeting ended 8:15 pm.