

TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

February 18, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their committee meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Joseph Leggio, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Pat Walsh, Councilman
Gary Carlson, Councilman

Absent: Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Also Attending: Michael Smith, Town Attorney

CORRESPONDENCE:

Invitation from the Cub Scouts Pack 44 to their Blue & Gold Banquet being held Saturday, February 28th at the Senior Center; RSVP by February 21st.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ryan Osswald and Lori Tedford of the Catskill Little League approached the board about using the Ricky Cramer field as they will be fielding a 14 year old junior program this year. Supervisor Leggio stated last year, by virtue of no use, the contract with the LL ended up being null and void. He doesn't feel we need to have a contract but will need an insurance certificate and, as all we ask of entities using the field, is to go over their scheduling together so there are no conflicts.

Councilman Carlson mentioned there was an issue with the concession stand last year. Mr. Osswald stated in the past the LL has run the stand but there is no desire now to do that. Councilman Antonelli recommended having a contract drawn up so as there is no confusion about the maintenance of the field.

CONTUINING BUSINESS:

Alan Tavenner of Delaware Engineering: Leeds Jefferson Heights Sewer District. Submitted to the board a list of easements not received from homeowners or businesses to date. Supervisor Leggio stated to contact the individuals by phone first and then if we need to schedule a day to go door to door we will.

Central Hudson will run a gas line through Jefferson Heights, Wildwing Park with the line ending at the car wash. Mr. Tavenner stated when the project is being bid on the contractor will need to start in Leeds to give CH time to prepare.

Councilman Antonelli asked if we are set to go under the thruway. Mr. Tavenner stated we have a permit from DOT.

Mr. Smith asked about the county line issue. Mr. Tavenner stated a description needs to be attached to the agreement.

Mr. Tavenner stated additional test borings will need to be done on 23. He also stated easements will be needed for the grinder pumps. Supervisor Leggio doesn't believe most people will have an issue with that.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Leggio stated an email was received from HOCA regarding sponsorship of Music in the Park at the \$5,000 level and also sponsoring of a cat this year. He asked the board their concerns. Councilman Carlson doesn't believe town government should be involved in recreation; however, with sponsoring a cat individually, he is happy to do if all other board members wish too. Councilman Walsh stated yes to sponsorship of the cat and stated we should contribute to Music in the Park. Supervisor Leggio stated the Bank of Greene County and Sawyer Motors is each donating \$2,500. Councilman Antonelli recommended we donate \$2,500 but stated he has no interest in sponsoring a cat. *Resolution #15-2015 with motion by Councilman Walsh second by Councilman Antonelli to sponsor Music in the Park in the amount of \$2,500. Adopted 3 Yes 1 No (Carlson) 1 Absent (Giordiano)*

Supervisor Leggio stated we will pull Councilman Giordiano when he returns about his interest in the cat and get back to them.

Supervisor Leggio asked the board if everyone thought about the proposed local laws in regards to the Code Office. Mr. Smith stated the most important modification is in the event the court imposes a penalty, notice is sent to the defendant demanding the penalty be paid and in the event it is ignored, the penalty is doubled and relieved onto the taxes. The issue in the past is the court did not have the ability to enforce the penalty absent of a subpoena of arrest which the justices are reluctant to do. With the modification the judgments would not be hollow.

Supervisor Leggio questioned how if a payment is partial and the person doesn't follow with payment in full, a lien can be put on someone's property. Mr. Smith stated a fine is a fine and if

the balance is not paid subject to a 15 day notice and not paid within the course of a year, it is relieved on their taxes.

Councilman Antonelli stated if we want to enforce then there are things we need to do. In talking with John, Billy is not interested but Rick seems to be. Mr. Smith stated Judge Jacobs has scheduled a separate time for Code Enforcement cases. He suggests John have a meeting with the judges to thank but to also alert them to the modification in the local law. Mr. Smith stated the board will need to schedule a public hearing, which can be done tonight, and then after can make a decision to adopt. Supervisor Leggio stated a date will be set at the next meeting which will give everyone more time to discuss. He asked if there was any further comment. He asked if the public had any comment. With no one wishing to be heard Councilman Antonelli made a motion to end the meeting with a second by Councilman Carlson. Meeting ended 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk