

**TOWN OF CATSKILL  
AGENDA  
December 7, 2021**

**MINUTES TO BE ACCEPTED:**

November 2, 2021      Public Hearing 2022 Preliminary Budget, Public Hearing Malden West  
Camp Fire Contract & Town Board Monthly Meeting

November 17, 2021      Catskill Town Board Committee

**RESOLUTION:**

Cementon Sewer Relevy (\$15,217.92)

Cementon Sewer Billing January –June 2022

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Municipal Shelter report from NYS Dept Agriculture & Markets.

Department of Public Works annual outreach program and education campaign re energy costs and links to state and utility financing assistance programs.

HOCA invitation to sponsor Music in the Park 2022 season.

GC Highway reminder of the need for a highway work permit on a county road.

Notice from Trustco Bank the Catskill Branch located at 345 Main St. closing January 28, 2022.

NYS Dept of Public Works letter regarding the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program as a federally funded program providing drinking and wastewater emergency assistance to eligible households. Applications will start to be accepted 12/1 at the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance <http://otda.ny.gov/LIHWAP>

**CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

NYSERDA – LED Street Lighting

Clough Harbor – GIS Mapping Service 2022

Webjogger Quote – Firewall replacement

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Establishing Reserve Accounts for IT and Cemetery Equipment.

Columbia-Greene Humane Society shelter renewal agreement.

Vacant position – Code Office

Letter from Judge Jacobs requesting appointment of Kiera Roush as Clerk to Town Justice effective November 13, 2021.

Letter from Judge Paolino requesting appointment of Ashley Craven as Clerk to Town Justice effective December 13, 2021.

Letter from ROT Sam Aldi of his appointment of Anthony Petrianni as Clerk for the Receiver of Tax office.

Accept resignation Dawn Scannapieco for remaining term effective December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting**  
**Robert C. Antonelli Senior Center**  
**November 17, 2021 6:30 pm**

PRESENT: Dale Finch, Supervisor  
Patrick McCulloch, Councilman  
Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman  
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

Supervisor Finch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Before opening the meeting to public comment regarding marijuana use in the Town of Catskill, he reviewed the procedure for enacting a local law to opt out of any of the four options. He also reviewed the percentage breakdown of revenue received between state, county, town and village and if the town opts out, no revenue would be received by the town from village sales if the village opts in.

Dan Arshack stated the reason the town should participate is people are using town services, driving on town roads and if the town is impacted by that person purchasing, the town should participate in receiving tax revenue but believes the rules are not yet written in stone. Supervisor Finch stated since the rules have not been finalized it is difficult to decide. Mr. Arshack asked what the options are and asked if the town is opting out of onsite use. Supervisor Finch stated they are dispensaries, smoke shop, lounge and café.

Michelle Williams stated a dispensary is like going to a liquor store where the café is like going to the bar for a drink but you can't sell marijuana while selling alcohol. Neva Wartell asked to review the options again. Supervisor Finch stated the first is to be silent, the time expires and the town allows both. The second option is to opt out of both and the third option is to select which to opt of or to opt out of both.

Doreen Davis discussed the issue from an economic perspective and reviewed the loss of revenue/assessed value from the closure of the cement plants and how the town is still at a loss of revenue from 2008. This is a legalized industry and gave the example of the revenue received by Great Barrington from sales of marijuana; \$3 million. She also stated if the board decides to opt out we can always opt back in. This will be a regulated industry. She stressed the importance of getting in at the beginning because if we don't then people will stop at other places, spend their dollars there. This is an opportunity for the town to generate revenue and is strongly in support of sooner the better.

Sandra Cantu stated she lived in CA and worked in the cannabis industry. If the town does not take advantage of this opportunity, you are losing out. She stated cannabis has survived the pandemic. Supervisor Finch appreciated everyone's input and insight and stated he personally feels if we wait on the dispensary side, people will go someplace else. An audience member stated dispensaries are also for medical use.

Mercedes Brantley is pro marijuana and believes this will bring in more tourists and they will spend money here.

Sara stated lounges are not bars and are not rowdy places. If you go to a lounge, you hang out, you shop, and you go to restaurants. It will bring jobs and business and a lounge is a great idea. Supervisor Finch stated his view on lounges is different as how is someone to get home. In the Village people can walk. Dan asked if he asked that question to a bar. Councilwoman Scannapieco stated lounges are

more upscale and it can create new businesses, Uber or Lyft. Neva Wartell stated she is for both but her concern is people making money are people who have made money from the industry and have the money to invest. She would like to see a local startup instead of a corporation. Councilman McCulloch stated in the Village the LDC may get involved. Supervisor Finch stated the lounge aspect will help the local restaurant owner or business which is one upside of a lounge.

Lester stated there is a distinction between lounges in the village and town. He lives on Route 32 and believes it is a growth opportunity for the town. Lounges are attractive prospects for Airbnb's. He stated the real consideration is the cost of doing nothing. He doesn't want to see money going to Hudson or Great Barrington.

Dan Arshack stated he feels a consensus that the direction would be missing the train if you don't get on. He asked where the marijuana would be coming from as it is currently a federal offense to cross state lines. Greene County is an agricultural community and we have the land to grow and it is legal for farmers to grow. This will start to employ farmers and support them. Keep the income and the product here. It will help eliminate illicit businesses as there will be no profit any longer. Councilwoman Scannapieco stated it will be pure marijuana and not laced with something you don't know either. Mr. Arshack stated he welcomes dispensaries and lounges.

Michelle Williams advocated for lounges as being a business owner and stated she supports both. Elliott Matos lives in the village and has lived in the Netherlands and the Dutch government makes 100 million euros annually. Lounges are an important part of the business. It provides a safe space to engage.

Crane Davis stated lounges would drive business. The question of people being on the road, they are now. Doreen Davis stated Hunter is ready to pull the trigger and whatever can be done from an economic perspective to have businesses come to Catskill, should be done; welcomed and encouraged.

Supervisor Finch asked if there was any further comment. Justin stated he lives in Leeds and is in support of all activity. Dan Arshack asked the objection to a lounge. Supervisor Finch stated he needs more information to make a decision. Dispensaries are an easy decision. He isn't against lounges it is just an easier decision on dispensaries. Mr. Arshack stated you either do or you don't and to jump into the deep end and do it right. Supervisor Finch stated if we decide to opt in we will need to market. Councilman Vosburgh stated the state needs to give guidance. Doreen Davis stated the first thing is for the town to make a decision and then look at the data to see which town in the state is an option. Crane Davis stated if the board's decision is to opt out it can be taken to a permissive referendum.

William Hawthorne stated there should be dispensaries and coffee shops. It takes it out of the back alley and makes it safe. The coffee shops are key to make it safe for usage. The town should specifically vote to do this and be proactive.

Supervisor Finch thanked everyone for their comments. He stated we received eight emails and one is against. He also mentioned Councilman Giordano's input which is for both dispensaries and lounges.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 109-2021 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman McCulloch appointing Albert Gasperini as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Giordano)

Resolution # 108-2021 on motion of Supervisor Finch second by Councilman McCulloch to accept the certiorari settlement with HD Development of Maryland Inc. (Home Depot). Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Giordiano)

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Supervisor Finch stated an invoice was sent to the property owner on S. Jefferson Avenue for the maintenance of the grinder pump and sewer lateral as this was a neglect item and lack of maintenance.

ARPA monies for bonuses of employees who worked through COVID. This can wait until the December meeting. Everyone was given the spreadsheet and it can be reviewed again. The total amount to employees is \$38,250. He spoke with the collective bargaining representatives and they are in agreement. *Resolution # 110-2021 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilwoman Scannapieco to use ARPA funding for a one-time premium payment to employees who worked from February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021 as follows: FT Ambulance \$1,000 PT Ambulance \$500; FT Town Hall and Highway \$500 PT Town Hall & Highway \$250; FT Cemetery \$750 PT Cemetery \$350. Elected officials excluded. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Giordiano)*

Highway Purchase – Councilman McCulloch stated Shawn received a quote to purchase a loader with payment after January. He can sign the agreement and hold it for 90 days. Councilman Vosburgh stated the amount is \$5,000 less than budgeted. Supervisor Finch stated it is in stock. *Resolution # 111-2021 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman McCulloch authorizing the Highway Superintendent enter into an agreement with United Construction & Forestry to purchase a 2022 John Deere Loader in 2022 not to exceed \$160,000. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Giordiano)*

With no further business a motion to enter into executive session inviting the Town Attorney and Town Clerk to discuss a personnel issue was made by Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Vosburgh. No further matters will come before the board after the executive session. Executive session began 7:58 pm.

Motion to end the executive session and the meeting was made by Councilwoman Scannapieco and seconded by Councilman McCulloch. Meeting ended 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo  
Town Clerk

**Monthly Town Board Meeting  
Catskill Town Hall  
November 2, 2021 6:50 pm**

PRESENT: Dale Finch, Supervisor  
Jared Giordiano, Councilman  
Patrick McCulloch, Councilman  
Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman  
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

Supervisor Finch segued into the board meeting after ending the public hearing for the 2022 Preliminary Budget. The following changes are to be made to the preliminary budget. The Leeds Fire Company line is to be increased to \$125,183, Kiskatom Fire District budget number is \$184,063, the summary of funds column moved and the tax levy limit is \$4,165,549. Mr. Torchia stated the fire district affects only those in the district. *Resolution # 101-2021 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco second by Councilman Vosburgh to make those changes as stated above to the 2022 Preliminary Budget. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Mr. Torchia stated he will finalize the tax cap. Supervisor Finch stated the budget will be adopted tonight and thanked Mike and Kirsten on an excellent job.

**MINUTES:**

October 5, 2021 Town Board Meeting  
October 13, 2021 Budget Workshop Meeting  
October 14, 2021 Budget Workshop Meeting  
October 19, 2021 Budget Workshop Meeting  
October 20, 2021 Town Board Budget Workshop & Committee Meeting  
October 27, 2021 Public Hearing Leeds Fire Protection Contract  
Motion: Councilman Giordiano Second: Councilman McCulloch; carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution # 102-2021 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman Giordiano authorizing the Supervisor sign the contract with Malden West Camp Fire Company for fire protection in said Fire Protection District No. 1 for a five year term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$5,000 annually. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 103-2021 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilwoman Scannapieco entering into a joint contract with the Town of Athens and Leeds Fire Company No. 1 for fire protection to the Leeds Fire Protection District No. 1 for a one year term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 in the amount (Catskill's share \$125,183). Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 104-2021 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Giordiano adopting the 2022 Preliminary Budget, with changes, as the 2022 Final Budget. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

Greene County Resolution # 261-21 establishing the equalization rates; Catskill 48%. *Mr. Izzo stated this number is really killing you. As the number decreases, the town will be hurt. It requires a revaluation which is tough to do. Supervisor Finch stated the projected cost per the Assessor is \$450,000.*

Letter from Central Hudson regarding routine line clearance program.

Notice from Catskill Village Water System of high trihalomethane levels.

Letter from Rotary Club of Catskill for restoration of the Wacky Raft Race to be sponsored by the Rotary.

Email from DPS regarding public statement hearing transcript relating to an amendment for the Champlain Hudson Power Express application October 20, 2021.

Notice of Planning Board resignation from Brenda Vandermark.

#### CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Quote – Ambulance refurb and upfit. A quote was received by North Eastern Rescue Vehicle for the 2016 Braun/Chevy ambulance in the amount of \$23,650. *Resolution # 105-2021 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman McCulloch authorizing the expenditure of \$23,650 for the refurbishment and upfit of the 2016 Braun/Chevy Ambulance. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

New Sign – Ambulance Building. After discussion on which sign to go with the following resolution was adopted. *Resolution # 106-2021 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilwoman Scannapieco to accept the quote from Next Gens Sign in the amount of \$1,800 to replace the sign at the Ambulance Building. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Little Red Schoolhouse –availability for DAR Meetings. Supervisor Finch stated the furnace needs to be serviced first before allowing them to meet.

Schedule Information Meeting – Marijuana. Supervisor Finch stated we will have public comment at our next meeting with the meeting to be held at the Senior Center. Mr. Torchia stated opting out needs to be done by local law.

BAR - Letter of interest. Audre Higbee, Town Assessor, has received a letter of interest from Matthew Goodell to become a member of the BAR. This would fill the unexpired term of Wayne Sheridan. *Resolution 106-2021 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Giordiano appointing Matthew Goodell to fill the unexpired term of Wayne Sheridan with term ending September 30, 2023. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Councilman McCulloch stated the board will need to hash out the details for the first responders in regards to the bonuses. Mr. Torchia gave the example of what Columbia County is doing. After discussion, first responders whether PT or FT who worked will get \$1,000. Supervisor Finch stated we can do this as a bonus and fine tune it. Councilman McCulloch stated we can work out Town Hall,

Cemetery and Highway later. Supervisor Finch stated Town Hall FT \$500 PT \$250. He will have Kirsten run the numbers and then we can fine tune and settle and work through.

With no further business, Councilman Giordiano motioned to enter into executive session to discuss a specific personnel issue. No further business will be conducted at the close of executive session. Motion to enter into executive session made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman McCulloch. Executive session began 7:31 pm.

Motion to exit executive session and end the meeting was made by Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman Giordiano. Meeting ended 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo  
Town Clerk



**Public Hearing 2022 Preliminary Budget  
Catskill Town Hall  
November 2, 2021 6:15 pm**

PRESENT: Dale Finch, Supervisor  
Jared Giordiano, Councilman  
Patrick McCulloch, Councilman  
Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman  
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

Also Attending: Michael Torchia, CPA

Supervisor Finch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and asked the clerk to read the notice.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Catskill for the fiscal year January, 1, 2022 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, 439 Main St., Catskill, NY where it is available upon inspection by any interested person during office hours 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday. Further notice is given that the Town Board of the Town of Catskill will meet and review said Preliminary Budget and will hold a Public Hearing thereon at Town Hall, 439 Main St., Catskill, NY on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 6:15 pm. Pursuant to Section 108 of Town Law the proposed salaries of the following offices are hereby specified as follows: Supervisor \$15,125; Councilman (1) \$10,000; Councilman (3) \$8,000 (\$24,000 total); Town Clerk \$57,035; Highway Superintendent \$64,425. By Order of the Catskill Town Board, Elizabeth Izzo, Town Clerk

Supervisor Finch gave a brief recap of where we were and where we ended; COVID, reopening the Senior Center, revenue rebounding, home sales increasing. He reviewed the ARPA Rescue Plan and the money received to date and how it is to be used as the rules and regulations are changing on a regular basis. He reviewed the fund balance and stated the town would ideally like a 6 month fund balance. He reviewed the tax increase for the village and town. The Village is \$4.20 per hundred thousand and the Town is \$1.32 per hundred thousand. He then opened the meeting up for public comment.

Dave Brockway asked what the Supervisor's salary is. Supervisor Finch stated \$15,125. Mr. Brockway asked about the mortgage tax and if the town receives money and how it has been. Supervisor Finch stated it has been fantastic. Mr. Torchia stated properties are selling and if they are cash deals then the town receives no tax. Mr. Brockway asked about Greene EMS and if the town is contributing. Councilman McCulloch answered no. Supervisor Finch stated this is a work in progress.

Joseph Izzo asked the annual salary increase of the unions and non-union. Councilman McCulloch stated 2.5% and 3%. Mr. Izzo asked about the Assessor and CEO. Councilman McCulloch stated the CEO is flat and the Assessor is more than 2%. Supervisor Finch stated this was discussed in budget meetings. Councilwoman Scannapieco stated the town is creating a pay schedule for each category with step and then percent increases each year.

Mr. Izzo asked if the town plans on using ARPA funds for a bonus for employees who worked through COVID and not just ambulance workers. Councilman Giordiano stated this is to be discussed in our regular meeting. Mr. Torchia explained the process that has to be created to dispense those funds. Mr. Izzo asked if the funds will be used for water and/or sewer infrastructure. Supervisor Finch stated no decisions have been made yet.

Mr. Izzo asked what the elected officials received and how much. The Town Board received a \$2,000 increase or 32% increase. Mr. Izzo stated FT employees are receiving a 2.5% increase and the board is receiving a 32% increase.

Mr. Izzo asked if there was money in fund balance to offset the tax increase. Councilman Giordiano stated no. Supervisor Finch stated we are trying to increase the fund balance. Discussion about how the town is made whole with the tax collection, fund balance increases due to expenditure decreases and the history of the fund balance. Mr. Izzo asked about highway outside village appropriations and the reason it changed from the tentative budget. The answer was a delay in a piece of equipment.

Mr. Izzo stated the budget has lost money since it is not taking into account the 5-6% inflation rate and if there is a contingency plan or any recommendations being made from either finance or the town's CPA. Supervisor Finch stated the board makes the decisions collectively and refer to Kirsten or CPA to keep us moving.

Supervisor Finch asked if there were any more comments on the budget. Mr. Brockway asked about the money being paid to people and if it would be available to people being sick. Supervisor Finch stated if you had COVID and couldn't come to work, you were still being paid. Mr. Izzo commended the board for giving first responders a bonus to do the work they did through COVID and that the county is not giving bonuses. Supervisor Finch stated there are rules and regulations to get approval first.

With no further comment a motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh. Public hearing ended 6:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo  
Town Clerk

**Public Hearing Malden West Camp Fire Contract  
Catskill Town Hall  
November 2, 2021 6:10 pm**

Attendance:	Dale Finch,	Supervisor
	Jared Giordiano,	Councilman
	Patrick McCulloch,	Councilman
	Dawn Scannapieco,	Councilwoman
	Paul Vosburgh,	Councilman

Supervisor Finch opened the public hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance and asked the clerk to read the notice:

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Catskill Town Board, Greene County, New York, pursuant to the provisions of Section 184 of Town Law of the State of New York at Catskill Town Hall, 439 Main St., Catskill, NY on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 6:10 pm for the purpose of contracting with Malden West-Camp Fire District for fire protection to be furnished by said Fire Department to the protection district established in said Town of Catskill upon the following terms to wit: a. The Fire Department shall answer and attend all calls in said Town of Catskill; b. For such service said District shall receive and the Town shall pay as follows: Year 2022 \$5,000; Year 2023 \$5,000; Year 2024 \$5,000; Year 2025 \$5,000; Year 2026 \$5,000; c. The said District shall procure sufficient insurance and will cause the policy to be endorsed in such manner as to protect the Town and Fire Protection District; d. This contract shall remain in effect for five (5) years; e. Such other incidental terms as may be necessary or proper in connection with such contracting. All persons interested in this matter shall be heard at the aforementioned time and place. By Order of the Catskill Town Board, Elizabeth Izzo, Catskill Town Clerk

Supervisor Finch asked if anyone had any comment. With no comment being heard a motion to end the public hearing was made by Councilwoman Scannapieco second by Councilman Giordiano. Public hearing ended 6:10 pm.

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Catskill Town Hall  
December 7, 2021 6:30 pm

RESOLUTION NO. 114-2021

AUTHORIZATION OF DELINQUET SEWER  
CHARGE FOR CEMENTON SEWER DISTRICTS

Council \_\_\_\_\_ presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, delinquent sewer charges need to be made part of the tax levy for 2022; and

WHEREAS, there are relevies for the sewer district within the town; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board hereby authorize the Supervisor sign the relevies for Cementon Sewer District in the amount \$15,217.92.

Council \_\_\_\_\_ seconded this motion.

Ayes            Nays            Absent

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting  
Catskill Town Hall  
December 7, 2021 6:30 pm

RESOLUTION # 115-2021

CEMENTON SEWER BILLING JANUARY - JUNE 2022

Council \_\_\_\_\_ presented the following for consideration and adoption,

WHEREAS, the bi-annual Cementon Sewer User fee for the first half of 2022 will be due commencing January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the user fee for the first half of the year is \$297.75 per unit; so

THEREFORE WE, the Catskill Town Board approve the Cementon Sewer User fee for January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$297.75 per unit.

Council \_\_\_\_\_ seconded this motion.

Ayes                Nays                Absent



## Agriculture and Markets

November 23, 2021

Dale Finch  
Town Supervisor - Town of Catskill  
439 Main St  
Catskill, NY 12414

Enclosed is the **Municipal Shelter Inspection Report** completed on **11/22/2021**. This inspection relates to Agriculture and Markets Laws and Regulations which may be viewed on the website below.

As the report indicates, dog shelter services were rated "Satisfactory". Please make note of any comments listed on the report.

Municipal dog shelters are subject to inspection by this agency on a regular basis.

Please notify this office within 30 days of any changes in municipal shelter services.

If you have any questions regarding this inspection, please call me.

Kim Volpe  
Animal Health Inspector  
(845) 325-3076

**MUNICIPAL SHELTER INSPECTION REPORT - DL-90**

Rating: **Satisfactory365**

Purpose: **Inspection**

DATE/TOA: **11/22/21 12:15 pm**

**COLUMBIA GREENE HUMANE SOCIETY  
111 HUMANE SOCIETY ROAD  
HUDSON NY 12534**

Inspector: **Kim Volpe**

Inspector #: **61**

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These are the findings of an inspection of your facility on the date(s) indicated above:

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| <b>1. Shelter is structurally sound</b>   | Yes |
| <b>2. Housing area and equipment is sanitized regularly</b>                           | Yes |
| <b>3. Repairs are done when necessary</b>   | Yes |
| <b>4. Dogs are handled safely</b>   | Yes |
| <b>5. Adequate space is available for all dogs</b>                                    | Yes |
| <b>6. Light is sufficient for observation</b>   | Yes |
| <b>7. Ventilation is adequate</b>   | Yes |
| <b>8. Drainage is adequate</b>  | Yes |
| <b>9. Temperature extremes are avoided</b>  | Yes |
| <b>10. Clean food and water is available and in ample amount</b>                      | Yes |
| <b>11. Veterinary care is provided when necessary</b>                                 | Yes |
| <b>12. Dogs are euthanized humanely, by authorized personnel</b>                      | Yes |
| <b>13. Complete intake and disposition records are maintained for all seized dogs</b> | Yes |
| <b>14. Dogs transferred for purposes of adoption in compliance with Article 7</b>     | Yes |
| <b>15. Redemption period is observed before adoption, euthanasia or transfer</b>      | Yes |
| <b>16. Owners of identified dogs are properly notified</b>                            | Yes |
| <b>17. Redeemed dogs are licensed before release</b>                                  | Yes |
| <b>18. Proper impoundment fees paid before dogs are released</b>                      | Yes |
| <b>19. Written contract or lease with municipality</b>                                | Yes |



## Department of Public Service

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www.dps.ny.gov

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November 2021

Dear Community Leaders & Elected Officials:

As the winter season approaches, many New Yorkers will face a difficult time managing their energy costs. This situation may be particularly hard on the elderly and those with fixed or low incomes. It is important that consumers are made aware of steps they can take, and the programs they can participate in, to reduce their energy use and help control energy bills this winter.

The New York State Department of Public Service's annual winter outreach and education campaign is intended to help consumers manage their energy bills while staying warm and safe during the cold weather months. We encourage consumers to take simple, low-cost energy savings measures to reduce energy use and to consider bill payment options and financial assistance programs to help manage their winter heating costs.

I am writing to ask for your assistance with our outreach and education effort. We launched a webpage dedicated to winter preparedness: [www.dps.ny.gov/winter](http://www.dps.ny.gov/winter). This page has information for consumers about controlling heating costs, including links to state and utility financial assistance programs, consumer protections, energy efficiency and winter safety. I am enclosing our winter preparedness flyer, including a QR code that opens directly to the webpage, to encourage consumers to visit the site.

In addition, enclosed is a list of publications related to the upcoming winter season. Copies of these materials are available in limited quantities by using the enclosed form or by ordering from our winter webpage. The webpage also includes digital versions of the publications, which may be downloaded or shared electronically. We encourage you to distribute these publications by placing them in high traffic areas in your community or distributing the publications through your digital networks.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss ways we can work together to inform consumers about utility issues, please contact Sangeetha Kailas of the Office of Consumer Services by phone at (212) 837-7258 or by e-mail at [Sangeetha.Kailas@dps.ny.gov](mailto:Sangeetha.Kailas@dps.ny.gov).

Sincerely,

Bruce Alch, Director  
Office of Consumer Services

Enclosure





PO Box 721  
Catskill, NY 12414  
518-943-0989  
HeartofCatskill@outlook.com

Greetings from the Heart of Catskill Association,

We invite you to join us in presenting Catskill's longest-running summer concerts held every Thursday evening at Dutchman's Landing Park in Catskill.

Despite the pandemic, Music in the Park has successfully carried on our weekly concerts following the required restrictions during both the 2020 and 2021 series. Music in the Park is embraced by the local community and draws a substantial number of visitors who are enjoying our beautiful Hudson Valley region.

We depend greatly on our sponsors' support to continue offering quality programs that present both local bands and other excellent musicians in the region.

Before every concert begins, we announce and thank all our sponsors for their generous support. We also prominently list Music in the Park's sponsors in all our announcements, internet pages and publications.

Enclosed with this letter is the 2022 Music in the Park sponsor form. Please consider choosing an appropriate category as we move into our 23rd season of sponsoring the best bands our region offers.

We hope you will accompany the Heart of Catskill Association as a financial supporter of the Music in the Park concerts in summer 2022.

Sincerely,

Vic Deyglio  
Music in the Park Coordinator



*Proudly celebrating our 24th year!*

# MUSIC IN THE PARK

## 2022

We would like to invite you to become a part of this long running summer concert series on Thursday evenings at Dutchman’s Landing Park. Located right along the majestic Hudson River. You couldn’t pick a better location to have friends and family join you to listen to the musical talents we have to provide! Our concerts run 12 weeks from mid June through early September.

Please take a look below at the different levels of Sponsorship you have to choose from. We appreciate your time and dedication to the community and helping us bring music to Dutchman’s Landing in 2022!

Sponsorship Levels:	Donation Amounts	Check One	Recognition
Platinum	\$2,500		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Platinum recognition on marketing materials</li> <li>One concert sponsored by organization</li> <li>Organization banner displayed at each event</li> <li>Direct link to organization from HOCA website</li> <li>Recognition announced at each event</li> </ul>
Gold	\$1,000		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gold recognition on marketing materials</li> <li>Organization banner displayed at each event</li> <li>Direct link to organization from HOCA website</li> <li>Recognition announced at each event</li> </ul>
Silver	\$500		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Silver recognition on marketing materials</li> <li>Direct link to organization from HOCA website</li> <li>Recognition announced at each event</li> </ul>
Associate	\$250		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associate recognition on marketing materials</li> <li>Recognition announced at each event</li> </ul>

Sponsor name to be listed on promotional materials: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks can be made out to: **Heart of Catskill Association**  
 MasterCard, Visa, and Discover accepted  
 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ MC Visa Discover  
 Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form with your payment to:**  
 Heart of Catskill Association  
 PO Box 721

**For more information:**  
 518-943-0989  
[HeartofCatskill@outlook.com](mailto:HeartofCatskill@outlook.com)



**Greene County  
Highway and Solid Waste  
Department**

240 West Main Street  
Post Office Box 485  
Catskill, New York 12414

**Scott R. Templeton**  
Superintendent

November 15, 2021

Town of Catskill Clerk  
Elizabeth Izzo  
439 Main Street  
Catskill, NY 12414

**RE: Greene County Highway Work Permit**

Dear Ms. Izzo:

With the recent surge of new construction within Greene County it has come to the attention of the Greene County Highway Department that many new driveways have been installed on county roads without completion of a Highway Work Permit, or approval issued by the county.

The Highway Work Permit is free of charge. It is required by any property owners or contractors installing a new driveway, or doing work within the county Right-of-way. The permit process ensures that all new driveways are installed in the best possible location; to confirm adequate sight distance, and that any storm water drainage impacts are properly mitigated, thus providing for the safety of the travelling public.

To obtain a Highway Work Permit, call the Greene County Highway Department offices at (518)-943-4600 or email a request to [highway@discovergreene.com](mailto:highway@discovergreene.com). Once an application has been received, Greene County personnel will conduct a sight visit to verify that the proposed driveway, or work within the Right-of-Way, may proceed as planned. If the county does not have the opportunity to conduct this review it may result in additional costs for property owners, and could in some cases require that a driveway entrance be moved.

Please inform all Code Enforcement officers and Local Planning Boards within your municipality of these requirements. Any questions may be directed to the Greene County Highway Department.

Respectfully,

Scott R. Templeton  
Superintendent  
Greene County Highway and Solid Waste

Cc: Dale Finch, Town of Catskill Supervisor

P: 518-943-4600 F: 518-943-3868

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**Customer Notice of Branch Closing**

October 28, 2021

TOWN OF CATSKILL  
439 MAIN ST  
CATSKILL, NY 12414

Dear Customer:

On *Friday, January, 28<sup>th</sup> 2022*, our Tanners Main Branch located at 345 Main St, Catskill, NY 12414 will close. All accounts currently maintained at this branch will be transferred to our Tanners West Branch, located at 238 W Bridge St, Catskill, NY 12414. Your accounts will be transferred automatically to the branch. No action by you will be necessary.

Our Tanners West branch, along with our many other locations provide all the services that our Tanners Main branch had. We welcome you to any of our other branch locations. For a full list of our branch locations please contact the Tanners West branch at (518) 943-5090 or visit our website at [www.trustcobank.com](http://www.trustcobank.com).

Any person wishing to comment on this proposed branch closing may file comments with the director for district licensing at 340 Madison Avenue, Fifth Floor, New York, NY 10173-0002. Comments should be received by the proposed closing date.

If you have any questions, call us at (518) 943-5090. We look forward to serving your banking needs for years to come.

Sincerely,

Carly Batista  
Administrative Vice President  
Branch Administration

PO Box 1082 • Schenectady, NY 12301  
(518) 377-3311





**Department of  
Public Service**

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Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350  
www.dps.ny.gov

November 23, 2021

Dear Community Leader/Elected Official:

The **Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)** is a new Federally funded program providing drinking water and wastewater emergency assistance to eligible households. This assistance is targeted at low income households and income guidelines will mirror that of the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

LIHWAP benefits are based on the actual amount of drinking water and/or wastewater arrears, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per drinking water or wastewater provider, or \$5,000 if drinking water and wastewater services are combined, per household. Benefits are paid directly to the household's drinking water and/or wastewater vendor(s), including private water companies, municipalities, and public water authorities.

I would appreciate your assistance informing your constituents about LIHWAP. It is the Commission's intent to promote the availability of utility assistance programs and encourage eligible households to apply. The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) will begin accepting LIHWAP applications on **Wednesday, December 1, 2021**. For more information, please visit <https://otda.ny.gov/LIHWAP>.

Regards,

Bruce Alch, Director  
Office of Consumer Services

Enc.  
Rory Lancman, Special Counsel

# New York State **Low Income Household Water Assistance Program**

## **Do you need help paying for overdue water and wastewater bills?**

The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) can help.

LIHWAP is a drinking water and wastewater emergency assistance program funded through new federal resources. Benefits are based on the amount of unpaid water and wastewater bills owed by applicants. This assistance is targeted at low income households and income guidelines will mirror that of the Home Energy Assistance Program.

LIHWAP benefits are based on the actual amount of drinking water and/or wastewater arrears, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per drinking water or wastewater provider, or \$5,000 if drinking water and wastewater services are combined, per household. Benefits are paid directly to the household's drinking water and/or wastewater vendor(s).

Eligibility and benefits are based on:

- income,
- household size,
- household includes a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or qualified alien, and
- amount owed to drinking water and/or wastewater provider(s).

Primary applicants must provide:

- Proof of identity
- Proof of residence
- Documentation of earned and unearned income
- A drinking water, wastewater, or combined drinking water and wastewater bill listing their permanent and primary residence
- A valid Social Security Number (SSN)
  - SSNs of additional household members will be requested

For more information, visit <https://otda.ny.gov/LIHWAP>





DATE:	11/05/2021
CHA PROJECT NO.	066651.000
CLIENT PROJECT NO./ID	NA
CONTRACT DATE	11/16/2020
EWA NO.	X73100

**EXTRA WORK AUTHORIZATION**

<b>PROJECT:</b>	Municipal Web GIS Mapping Application
<b>EWA DESCRIPTION:</b>	2022 Web GIS Hosting
<b>CLIENT:</b>	Town of Catskill

Hereby authorizes CHA Integrated Solutions, LLC to proceed with additional services as follows:

**SCOPE OF SERVICES**

CHA Integrated Solutions, LLC (CHA) is pleased to submit this extra work authorization (EWA) to extend hosting services for the Town's existing web GIS mapping application through December 31, 2022. CHA will continue to support and maintain the application as described in the original scope of services.

(Website Link: <http://www.chamaps.com/catskill/>)

**SCHEDULE**

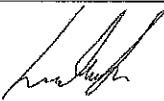
CHA is prepared to schedule work on this project immediately upon receiving written authorization to proceed. The hosting period will extend from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

**FEE**

CHA will perform these services on a fixed fee basis. The Town will be billed at the beginning of the hosting period for a lump sum of **\$6,000**.

**Upon return of a fully executed authorization, this Supplement shall become a part of the Agreement identified above.**

**AUTHORIZED BY:**

<b>CHA Integrated Solutions, LLC</b>	<b>Town of Catskill</b>
NAME: Leslie Fullop	NAME:
SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE:
TITLE: Project Team Lead	TITLE:
DATE: November 5, 2021	DATE:

141 Longwater Drive, Suite 104, Norwell, MA 02061-1620  
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Quote Prepared For

**Dale Finch**  
**Town of Catskill, NY**  
 439 Main Street  
 Catskill, NY 12414  
 Phone:(518) 943-2141  
 dfinch@townofcatskillny.gov

Quote Prepared By

**Shawn Conklin**  
**Webjogger**  
 194 West Kerleys Road  
 Tivoli, New York 12583  
 Phone:(845) 757-4000  
 Fax:(845) 757-2680  
[sconklin@webjogger.com](mailto:sconklin@webjogger.com)

Item#	Quantity	Item	Unit Price	Unit Discount	Adjusted Unit Price	Extended Price
<b>One-Time Items</b>						
1)	1	*** Note *** All firewalls in use at all town locations are reaching end of support life. They can be renewed for a single additional year of support but not beyond. Extending service for an additional year will force the replacement of the units into the same budget year as recommended server replacement (2023). We recommend replacing the units in 2022.	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
2)	1	Firewall FortiGate-60F Firewall 3 Year 24x7 FortiCare and FortiGuard Unified Threat Protection (UTP)  Primary Unit for Town Hall	\$2,194.80	\$658.44	\$1,536.36	\$1,536.36
3)	4	Firewall FortiGate-40F Firewall 3 Year 24x7 FortiCare and FortiGuard Unified Threat Protection (UTP)  Secondary Units for : Ambulance Highway Department Cemetery Senior Center	\$1,563.00	\$468.90	\$1,094.10	\$4,376.40
4)	1	*** Pricing Note *** Vendor supplied discounted pricing is based on purchasing all units at the same time.  Pricing is only valid for 30 days and will have to be re-priced when in 2022 budget season before final order.	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
5)	1	Engineering - Configure and replace firewall in Town Hall after hours. - Configure and replace four additional sites after hours as needed.	\$2,750.00		\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
<b>One-Time Total</b>						<b>\$8,662.76</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>						<b>\$8,662.76</b>
<b>Total Taxes</b>						<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$8,662.76</b>

Authorizing Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Interest Charges on Past Due Accounts and Collection Costs  
 Overdue amounts shall be subject to a monthly finance charge. In addition, customer shall reimburse all costs and expenses for attorney's fees incurred in collecting any amounts past due.  
 Additional training or Professional Services can be provided at our standard rates.  
 Terms Of Service: <http://www.webjogger.net/legal/>





*Celebrating Over 65 Years of Caring for Animals in Need*

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**President & CEO**

Ronald Perez Jr.

October 23, 2022

Dear Town, City, and Village Supervisors and Board Members:

Enclosed are the Contracts for housing with the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA for the year 2022. Please read the contracts thoroughly. Our contract **will not be alterable** on a per-municipality basis.

Please note that our fee structure has not changed. Fee highlights are as follows:

- \$35 per dog, per day for the first ten days of housing. This will cover holding the dog for the entire course of its five-day redemption period mandated by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets law, as well as an additional five days to permit the owner to redeem their dog before it is eligible for adoption. This structure will benefit municipalities by staggering the housing cost depending on how quickly an animal is redeemed by its owner.
- On the eleventh day of housing, it will be assumed that the dog will not be redeemed by an owner, and it will become the responsibility and custody of CGHS/SPCA. A flat charge of \$300 will then be added to cover any and all services beyond the first ten days until the point of disposition.

Days that CGHS/SPCA is closed are exempted from the ten day period. If you should ever have any questions regarding our fee structure, please call us to be certain.

Please keep one copy of your contract on file for your records, and return the other signed copy to us no later than **December 31, 2021** in order for us to remain housing for you smoothly into the New Year. Municipalities with no contract on file for dog housing are subject to be placed in non-compliance by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.

We are also requesting that you provide your most current impoundment fee structure, so we can verify our files to be correct. If you make any changes to either your impoundment fees or your Dog Control Officer, please notify us immediately so we can make the proper adjustments and transition your changes seamlessly.

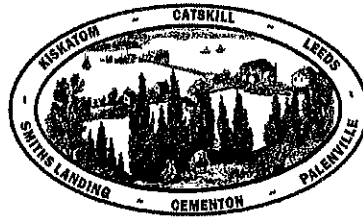
The number of dogs coming in from your municipality from January 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021 has been provided for your budgetary needs. Thank you for your attention. Please contact me with any questions regarding our new fee structure at (518) 828-6044 ext. 107 or at [ronperez@cghs.org](mailto:ronperez@cghs.org).

Sincerely,

Ronald Perez, Jr.  
President and CEO

Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA

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**Town of Catskill**



Hon. William R. Jacobs

Hon. Richard C. Paolino Jr.

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Mr. Dale Finch,  
Town Supervisor  
441 Main Street  
Catskill, NY 12414

November 22, 2021

Dear Supervisor Finch & Board members;

I am requesting the Town Board appoint Court Clerk Kiera Roush as Confidential Clerk of the Court for the remainder of 2021 and 2022. She is a new hire and will be trained and evaluated by me during the next several months.

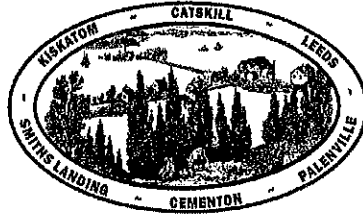
Respectfully,

Hon. William R. Jacobs

cc: Town Clerk, Elizabeth Izzo

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Mr. Dale Finch,  
Town Supervisor  
441 Main Street  
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November 22, 2021

Dear Supervisor Finch & Board members;

I am requesting the Town Board appoint Court Clerk Ashley Craven as Confidential Clerk of the Court for the remainder of 2021 and 2022. She is a new hire and will be trained and evaluated by me during the next several months.

Respectfully,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Paolino Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Hon. Richard C. Paolino Jr.

cc: Town Clerk, Elizabeth Izzo

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Dawn F. Scannapieco  
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Catskill, New York 12414  
[Dawn92866@yahoo.com](mailto:Dawn92866@yahoo.com)

December 1, 2021

Dear Supervisor Finch & TOC Councilmen,

I am submitting this letter of resignation from the Town of Catskill Town Board to be effective on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. I must resign from this position in order to have the New York State Teacher Retirement System recognize my service to the Town of Catskill. My retirement date is January 3, 2022.

I look forward to the January Swearing in Ceremony for 2022-2025.

Respectfully,

  
Dawn Scannapieco