

TOWN OF CATSKILL
AGENDA
October 3, 2023

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING 6:30 PM – Local Law 4 of 2023 Zoning Amendments

PUBLIC HEARING Unsafe Building, Hickory Notch Cabins, Palenville, NY

PUBLIC HEARING Local Law 5 of 2023 Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2024

MINUTES TO BE ACCEPTED:

September 5, 2023 Town Board Monthly Meeting with Public Hearings
September 20, 2023 Town Board Committee Meeting with Public Hearings

RESOLUTION:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Greene County Res 305-23 Amounts Due by Respective Towns for BOE Chargebacks, Real Property Tax Chargebacks and Erroneous Assessments (Catskill's share \$43,802.47)

Greene County Resolution 291-23 Awarding Bids for Abrasives used in Snow Control and Ice Control.

Letter from Shaun Groden, County Administrator, regarding parking lot at the Senior Center.

Letter from Silver Linings Senior Club requesting a stipend for bus trips.

Email from Judge Jacobs regarding use of the courtroom for Peer Court/Community Action of Greene County.

Notice of in-person public statement hearings from NYS Dept Public Service for Central Hudson's request to increase gas and electric fees with the first meeting being held at the Senior Center 10/17 at 1:30 pm.

Email from Sean Mahoney, Hunter Town Supervisor, regarding seasonal parking prohibition being lifted for areas Ice Climbers Lot and Rat Hole Parking Area within the Kaaterskill Clove.

Letter from Greene County Acting Clerk to the GC Legislature, Tammy Sciavillo, requesting the Town's 2024 adopted budget by November 20th.

Request to use the Senior Center by Reverend Turpin for Rev. Sue's birthday celebration, October 21st from Noon to 5 pm.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Adoption of Local Law 4 of 2023

Adoption of Local Law 5 of 2023

Quote – camera system Highway Department

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation of 2024 Tentative Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting with Public Hearings
Catskill Town Hall
September 5, 2023 6:30 PM

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

Also Attending: Ted Hilscher, Town Attorney

Supervisor Finch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONTINUATION PUBLIC HEARING EXPANSION LEEDS JEFFERSON HEIGHTS WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT:

Supervisor Finch asked if there was any comment. Delaware Engineering has performed the flow test but we have no official results yet. Motion to hold the public hearing open until the next meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman McCulloch, so carried.

Public Hearing regarding Local Law 4 of 2023 Changes to the Town Code:

Supervisor Finch passed the reading of the public notice. Town Attorney Hilscher reviewed the proposed changes:

1. PDD (Planned Development District) – this will be a new law. Councilman McCulloch would like # 6 to be all districts, not just RA and if changed, #7 should be changed as well. The number of acres discussed are 10 acres residential, 3 acres commercial and 5 acres industrial. There is a potential to override with a supermajority vote of the board. Councilman McCulloch would like mobile home expansions as part of Section 51-06. Supervisor Finch would like to grandfather existing mobile homes.
2. Chapter 90 Unsafe buildings – notice to be sent by certified mail instead of registered mail. Councilman McCulloch would like notices to be sent to the appropriate fire department also.
3. Chapter 115 Junk – Mr. Hilscher stated the only proposed change is in Section 115-20 Exclusions is eliminating lawn or yard or garden ornaments and lawn and patio furniture as not junk furniture.
4. Chapter 132A Shipping Containers – Councilman Vosburgh asked why and how this came about. Supervisor Finch stated there are a lot of tractor trailer body trucks not registered. Councilman Vosburgh stated that is different than a shipping container. Supervisor Finch under vehicles this can be addressed; registration, inspection but some people do not like shipping containers placed in yards. Councilman Giordiano stated people are building houses out of them. Councilman Vosburgh agreed with some language about them but not getting rid of them. Supervisor Finch wants them prohibited in MDR and HDR zones. Mr. Hilscher stated there are different levels. This law came from New Scotland. He reviewed the language. Allow in RA but with a special use permit. Councilman Vosburgh doesn't agree with the law. Councilman McCulloch stated the square footage is like a shed. Supervisor Finch asked if you would like to see a shipping container on Brooks Lane. The code tells us what we can and can't do and asked the board what you want the town to look like. Mr. Hilscher stated it must meet setbacks. Farm,

acceptable; RA by special use permit; HC/I can have. Five-year renewable permit. In GC residential zone not allowed unless temporary but can be grandfathered if someone has one now if they sign up with the CEO. Councilwoman Scannapieco asked how would the property owner know they need to sign up? Mr. Hilscher stated that is the catch, they wouldn't. Supervisor Finch stated he is not sure they need to renew every five years. Councilman Giordiano asked who would be responsible for that timeline and in GC, people use for extra storage. Discussion ensued. Councilwoman Scannapieco asked how this got brought up. Supervisor Finch stated it was his idea. After further discussion, Mr. Hilscher asked for directions. It was decided to allow in HC, GC and I zones and in RA allowed but not in the front yard. In residential, would need a special use permit and to meet setbacks and be painted. Mr. Hilscher will amend and the board will review again.

5. Chapter 134B Solar Energy – There is one change. In Section 134B-9 Subsection 8 added in all zones for large scale solar energy systems are permitted only on open space fields which have been mowed, plowed, or otherwise cultivated within the last twenty-four months. This is due because of carbon footprint and to make sure there is no deforestation of 50 acres of trees. Councilman Giordiano would like large scale projects donate due to the loss of green space. Councilman Vosburgh stated the state has laws for large scale. Mr. Hilscher is not sure the state would allow that. Supervisor Finch stated we are trying not to cut trees down.
6. Chapter 138 Streets and Sidewalks – Mr. Hilscher stated Section 138.18 Minimum requirements for private streets -Subsection G is changed to include up to 3 additional lots or residential units do not have to front private or public streets and can use a driveway. No more than three on a driveway and lots cannot be further subdivided.
7. Chapter 140 Subdivision of Land – the change is to the definition of a lot, Section 140-9 Definitions LOT – or in the case of a minor subdivision, on a driveway if otherwise in compliance with section 140-18(12)(i).
8. Chapter 160 Zoning – Section 160-5 Terminology, Accessory Use. This is a specific request from Matt to close a loophole as people are putting up tiny homes as sheds, accessory use, and renting them out. What is added is no building with plumbing shall be considered permitted accessory use, except for a garage with a door or doors permitting vehicular access. Section 160-8D, all parcels fronting on a street or highway, the entire parcel deemed within the boundaries of the district when 75% of the parcel lies within the boundary of the district for which the street or highway lies in.
Multiple Family Dwelling- special use in HR zone.
Mobile Homes – on a permanent or fixed foundation will be permitted in all zones where single-family housing is allowed.
Home Occupancy – permitted in all residential and commercial zones.

Mr. Hilscher stated these are the revisions for now. Supervisor Finch would like to leave the public hearing open. Motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilwoman Scannapieco to leave the public hearing for Local Law 4 of 2023 Zoning Amendments open.

The Town Board monthly meeting convened at 7:49 pm.

MINUTES:

August 1, 2023	Town Board Monthly Meeting and continuation PH
August 16, 2023	Town Board Committee Meeting
August 25, 2023	Special Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes by Councilman McCulloch, second Councilman Giordiano; carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 78-2023 Reappointment of Matthew Goodell to the Board of Assessment Review October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2028. Motion by Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Giordiano. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters from CHPE start of construction for Segment 11 Champlain Hudson Power Express project & notice of submission of Hudson River pre-lay mapping EM & CP for the CHPE project.

Laberge & Group solicitation for 2024 Consolidated Funding Application and Water Infrastructure Improvement grants.

Letter from NYS Department of Public Works regarding Central Hudson's amendment to increase its electric delivery revenue by approximately \$139.5 million (a 31.9% increase) and its natural gas revenue by approximately \$41.5 million (a 20.2% increase). The Department will hold a series of virtual public meetings to seek input and comments regarding the amendments. *Councilman Vosburgh would like a resolution opposing the rate hike by Central Hudson. Resolution # 79-2023 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilwoman Scannapieco opposing Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corp. proceeding on motion of the Commission to rate, charge, rules, and regulations amending electric and gas charges. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Letter from Central Hudson providing notice of their proceeding on motion to change the rates, charges, rules, and regulations of CH electric and gas service.

Copy of resolution from Greene County in opposition of State Senate Bill and State Assembly Bill to amend the Uniform Justice Court Act, Town Law, and Village Law, in relation to requiring certain Town and Village justices be admitted to practice law in the state.

NYS Association of Towns Training for Regional Planning and Zoning Schools: Batavia 9/22; Oneonta 10/13; Corning 10/30.

NYS Association of Towns Annual Meeting and Training School February 18-21, 2024 in NYC. Rooms booked before 10/31 will be available at the 2023 rate.

Notice from Brian Ryan regarding his application for a 4-family dwelling unit 24 N. Jefferson Avenue and the public hearing by the Planning Board, October 10 at 6:50 pm.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Replacement towel and soap dispensers – Town Hall. *The question is to use electric devices which are not readily available. Councilman Vosburgh stated we use recycled paper. Councilman Giordiano stated the issue is with paper towels in the toilet. Supervisor Finch stated the dispensers are old and no longer effective. Resolution # 80-2023 on motion of Supervisor Finch second by Councilwoman Scannapieco to replace the hand and soap dispensers in the bathrooms at Town Hall in the amount of \$737.36 by Aramsco Inc. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Adoption of Local Law 4 of 2023. *The local law will be on hold until after the close of the public hearing.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Schedule Public Hearing for Building Code Violations (tax map # 184.00-5-24). This property is in Palenville. The public hearing is for three buildings to be either torn down or repaired. Mr. Hilscher stated a letter will be sent to the property owner regarding the date and time of the public hearing. *Resolution # 81-2023 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilwoman Scannapieco to schedule a public hearing for property located at 3462 Route 23A, Tax Map # 184.00-5-24 in that it is in violation of Chapter 90 of the Town Code and direct the public hearing by scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 6:30 PM at Catskill Town Hall. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Mr. Hilscher stated after the public hearing rehab will need to commence by October 9th and completed by November 11th. If failed, the Town can demolish the buildings.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

BOARD COMMENT:

Councilman Giordiano mentioned looking into combining the Planning and Zoning Boards. He asked Liz to do some research which would be forwarded to the rest of the board.

Supervisor Finch asked for a motion to enter executive session to discuss a legal matter. No other business will be discussed at the close of the executive session. Motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilwoman Scannapieco. The executive session began at 8:13 pm.

As told by Councilman McCulloch, motion to exit executive session and end the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilwoman Scannapieco. Meeting ended 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting with Public Hearing Continuations
Catskill Town Hall
September 20, 2023 6:30 PM

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

Supervisor Finch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomes all in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUATION – Leeds Jefferson Heights Water and Sewer District Expansion:

Supervisor Finch stated Delaware Engineering completed the flow test on Brooks Lane main line. The results show that the existing pipe conditions do not allow any increase in water usage. Mr. Vipler asked what his options were. Councilman McCulloch stated there is an issue further down at the end of the pipe. Mr. Vipler stated the only way to move forward would be to put in a new line. Councilman McCulloch stated yes; currently, the Town and Village are looking into funding sources to replace the line.

Mr. Vipler will wait to see what happens with the Town and Village. He will ask for an extension of the subdivision approval due to the interpretation of the results. Supervisor Finch believes the Planning Board will have the ability to extend the subdivision approval.

Mr. Vipler will put the project on hold. Studies like this should have been done upfront. With no further discussion a motion to end the public hearing was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilwoman Scannapieco. The public hearing ended at 6:41 pm.

Councilman Giordiano asked that a moratorium on building construction in that area be placed. Councilman Vosburgh believes it should be an ordinance. Supervisor Finch feels single family buildings would be ok. After discussion about the report, further discussion regarding a moratorium for all buildings will be later.

Resolution # 86-2023 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second by Councilwoman Scannapieco to deny the petition of Catskill Golf Resort for an expansion of the Leeds Jefferson Heights Water and Sewer Districts. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUATION – Code Revisions

Supervisor Finch stated Ted will be at the next meeting, October 3rd and we will discuss then. He asked for a motion to keep the public hearing open. Motion by Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Vosburgh to keep the public hearing open; carried.

Regular meeting convened at 6:53 pm.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 82-2023 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh authorizing the Supervisor sign the contract for ambulance service to the Town of Athens for the year 2024 in the amount of \$132,000. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 83-2023 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilwoman Scannapieco adopting a new standard workday and reporting schedule for Councilman Giordiano due to typographical error on the ROA. The ROA should be 6.08 days and not 6.02 days. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 84-2023 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilwoman Scannapieco scheduling a Public Hearing for Local Law 5 of 2023 Overriding the Property Tax Cap Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2024 for October 3, 2023 at 6:40 pm at Town Hall. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 85-2023 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilwoman Scannapieco to appoint Karen Pignataro and Samuel Mozzillo as PT EMT's and Matthew Kay as PT Paramedic pending pre-employment screening effective October 1, 2023. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Supervisor Finch stated we received a notice of resignation today from Troy Ashdown as PT Fire Inspector. We will need to place a help wanted ad. He spoke to him and he is moving to a municipality closer to home.

Peckham meeting: Councilman McCulloch and himself toured their facility. They would like to refurbish the conveyor belt from the quarry to the main line to be able to have two lines for carts to load stone. They are looking to pursue a grant. They can make stone dust which is acceptable for paving and concrete in NYC. Councilman Giordiano stated he is fine with sending a letter of support. Councilman McCulloch stated it will help clean up the site. *Resolution # 87-2023 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco second by Councilman Vosburgh to send a letter of support for Peckham's grant application. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilman McCulloch would like himself and the Town Clerk attend next year's Association of Towns Training School. All were in favor.

Highway – Shawn Beers has a quote from A. Montano Co. Inc for the 2020 Sakai SW354 Roller the Highway Department is currently renting. The price minus one month's rent is \$34,200. *Resolution # 88-2023 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh authorizing the purchase of a 2020 Sakai SW354 Roller in the amount of \$34,200 for the Highway Department. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Councilman McCulloch stated the Leeds Fire Department has cancelled their 100-year celebration.

Town Hall Renovations: Supervisor Finch stated hopefully next week the railing will go in. Next Gen will install a sign. The fence will be installed after the foundation is resurfaced.

Budget Workshop Meetings – discussion about day and time. Budget workshop meetings will be held October 10th, October 12th, and October 18th at Town Hall all at 6:30 pm.

With no further business a motion to enter executive session to discuss pending legal matters was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh. No business will be discussed at the end of the executive session. The executive session began at 7:10 pm.

As told by Councilman McCulloch executive session and the meeting ended 8:00 pm on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk



Resolution No. 305-23

Amounts Due To County Treasurer By Respective Towns

BE IT RESOLVED, that the amounts due the County Treasurer from several towns as shown below, for times such as Board of Elections Chargebacks, Real Property Tax Chargebacks and Erroneous Assessments, be added to the amounts to be raised in the respective Town Budgets, and that the Director of Real Property Tax Services is hereby directed to make these additions for the extension of taxes on the final assessment rolls:

Ashland -----	\$ 5,010.73
Athens -----	13,479.02
Cairo -----	30,592.02
Catskill -----	43,802.47
Coxsackie -----	19,206.55
Durham -----	8,229.24
Greenville -----	11,306.25
Halcott -----	4,727.56
Hunter -----	12,929.54
Jewett -----	8,372.84
Lexington-----	7,192.36
*New Baltimore -----	11,205.80 is to be invoiced by the County Treasurer to the Town of New Baltimore.
Prattsville -----	4,658.10
Windham -----	9,246.45
TOTAL	\$ 178,753.13 *Please note, this total does not include the amount to be invoiced to the Town of New Baltimore.

Meeting History
09/18/23 Finance

MOVED FOR ADOPTION



Resolution No. 291-23

Awarding Bid For Abrasives (Dry Screened And Washed) Used In Snow & Ice Control

WHEREAS, the County Highway and Solid Waste Superintendent did advertise in the Times Union for bids for Abrasives (Dry Screened and Washed) used in Snow & Ice Control for the following:

- 1.) Price per ton and/or cubic yard, FOB, your plant.
- 2.) Price per ton and/or cubic yard for sand, delivered to Greene County Highway Department, Athens Facility
- 3.) Price per ton and/or cubic yard for sand, delivered to Greene County Highway Department Building, Ashland Facility
- 4.) Price per ton and/or cubic yard for sand, delivered to Greene County Highway Department Building, Freehold Facility
- 5.) Price per ton and/or cubic yard for sand, delivered to Greene County Highway Department Building, Hunter Facility
- 6.) Price per ton and/or cubic yard for sand, delivered to Town of Halcott Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, five (5) vendors submitted bids, which were opened, and publicly read on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. for the contract period: September 20, 2023-September 19, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene County Highway and Solid Waste Superintendent be and hereby is authorized to purchase **Washed Abrasives** from the following bidders meeting all specifications for **Item No. 1:**

Callanan Industries, Inc. PO Box 15097 Albany, NY 12212	\$ 9.45 per ton (S. Bethlehem)
Carver Sand & Gravel, LLC 494 Western Turnpike Altamont, NY 12009	\$ 13.25 per ton (Schoharie)
Colarusso Sand & Gravel PO Box 302 Hudson, NY 12534	\$ 16.50 per ton
Peckham Materials Corp. 7065 Rte 9W South Catskill, NY 12414	\$ 14.20 per ton

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Greene County Highway and Solid Waste Superintendent be and hereby is authorized to purchase **Dry Screened Abrasives** from the

To: Dale Finch, Catskill Town Supervisor
And esteemed Town Board Members

Overview: Silver Linings Senior Club of Catskill is seeking supplemental funds to finance day trips via charter bus transportation for members and other senior citizens in the Catskill area in order to provide wholesome outings which will enhance their way of life. This proposal outlines our qualifications, needs, and cost for the project.

Qualifications: Silver Linings Senior Club of Catskill and its ancestral versions have provided for the communal and social needs of Catskill seniors for over seventy years. Our organization has catered to thousands of men and women without prejudice during the latter years of life when a broader social sphere was needed. During my own brief tenure we have served as many as 126 members a year.

Needs: Seniors make up 14% of the population of Catskill. 32% of whom live alone. The median income for this group is \$25,208 annually or approximately \$2100 a month to cover rent, heat, electricity, water, food, and *of course* medical expenses as well as everyday needs. As such 27% of us rely on food stamps for sustenance. While meals on wheels and medical transport (of which I am a long-time volunteer) provide basic necessary service, there should be more to life ...and \$70 a day doesn't allow much "more".

Silver Linings Senior Club strives to upgrade the lives of our members by providing information, socialization and diversion for the older members of this community who have worked, volunteered, served in every capacity, **and continue** to pay taxes to support other resident needs.

One of the most longed-for activities is an occasional day trip. At present the average price of a bus rental in our area is \$800-\$900 a day, even for a school bus! Silver Linings has not had one trip in 2023 due to rising costs and only one trip in 2022. Of the *seven* senior groups in the mountain area (Mountain Top Golden Agers, WAJLP Golden Age Club, Greenville Golden Years, Athens Senior Citizens, Cairo Golden Agers, Senior Citizens of Coxsackie and Silver Linings Senior Club of Catskill) Silver Linings is the **ONLY** one that receives no subsidy of any kind from any source. **Every other** group is underwritten by Town, Village, and/or Corporate funding. And while we are grateful to meet at the Robert Antonelli Senior Center, our jurisdiction is limited to two hours once a month on the second Thursday from 1pm-3pm and is allocated to the main meeting area where we bring and pay for our food, coffee, milk and paper products.

Costs: Silver Linings Senior Club of Catskill is petitioning the Catskill Town Board to provide an annual stipend of \$4000 to subsidize the cost of bus transportation for trips during the calendar year January-December beginning in 2024. This amount will provide 4-6 possible days (out of 365) to offer senior citizens a "getaway". These monies will be used solely to provide safe, suitable transportation to venues of historic or entertainment value which will broaden the experiences of our members and provide a brief respite from the monotony of daily life.

I feel sure that *every* member of this Board knows at least one person who will benefit from the implementation of this proposal. I urge you to make its appropriation part of the 2024 Catskill Town Board budget.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Sheila Pedersen
President
Silver Linings Senior Club of Catskill

From: Hon. William R. Jacobs <wjacobs@catkill.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 11:58 AM
To: Elizabeth Izzo
Cc: Catskill Town Court; Hon Richard C Paolino; Sabrina Matis; Stephanie Spordone
Subject: Use of the Board/Court room

Liz,
Would you please propose the Community Action request at the next Town Board meeting? Thank you for your help on this.

WRJ

I was contacted by the Community Action of Greene County regarding their request to utilize the Board/Court room one day per month to hold "Peer Court" for the Catskill High School. Peer courts are programs designed to divert young, first-time offenders from formal court proceedings to an informal process that incorporates components of restorative justice to hold youth accountable for their offenses and prevent future delinquency. This is done by fellow students standing in for the "normal" prosecution, defense and Court system.

I met with Sabrina Matis (518-943-9205, Ext 117) and Stephanie Spordone (518-424-6240) from Community Action at the Town Hall on September 25th. They explained the program would be an after-school curriculum held on a Wednesday after school for two to three hours. This would be during the duration of the school year. It will be supervised by staff of Community Action as well as other adult professionals such as attorney's and possibly Judges from other jurisdictions. Initial staff would arrive at Town Hall around 3:30 PM and remain until the program is completed.

During Sabrina and Stephanie's visit we met with Town Clerk Liz Izzo and she explained the room is only available on the 1st and 2nd Wednesday of each month due to other scheduled meetings. The security door would be locked at 4:00 PM and the Community Action staff would be responsible for making sure all program participants exit the building at the end of the program, returning the room in an order for which it was found and turning off the lights upon exiting.

Community Action was advised the request will have to be brought before the Town Board.

We have obtained contact cell numbers for the Community Action staff who will be coordinating this program.

Hon. William R. Jacobs
Town of Catskill Justice
Past President, Greene County Magistrates Assoc.
518-943-2141



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September 29, 2023

Dear Community Leader/Elected Official:

On July 31, 2023, Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation (Central Hudson) filed amendments to its electric and natural gas tariff schedules seeking approval from the New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) to increase its annual electric and natural gas delivery revenue to be effective July 1, 2024. Central Hudson serves the territories of Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Sullivan, and Ulster counties.

Central Hudson is proposing to increase its electric delivery revenue by approximately \$139.5 million (a 31.9 percent increase in base delivery revenues), and its natural gas delivery revenue by approximately \$41.5 million (a 29.2 percent increase in base delivery revenues). Central Hudson's filing proposes to provide energy efficiency incentives and services, invest in infrastructure modernization, and maintain energy affordability while ensuring the continuation of safe, reliable, and resilient electric and gas systems.

On October 17th and 18th, 2023 the Commission will hold a series of in-person public statement hearings to seek input and comments from your community regarding the filed amendments. See below for times and locations.

Date	Time	Location
T. Oct 17	1:30 pm	Robert Antonelli Senior Center 15 Academy Street Catskill, NY 12414
	6 pm	SUNY Orange -Newburgh Campus Kaplan Hall Great Room #101 73 First St Newburgh, NY 12550
W. Oct 18	1 pm	Poughkeepsie Town Hall One Overocker Road, 2 nd Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
	6 pm	Restorative Justice and Community Empowerment Center 733 Broadway Kingston, NY 12401

The enclosed announcement provides detailed information on how to participate in the public statement hearings along with how to submit comments regarding the amendments. Information regarding the case, including a Spanish version of the announcement, can be found at www.dps.ny.gov. From the homepage, click on "File Search" (located under the "Commission Files") heading and enter the associated case numbers (23-E-0418) and (23-G-0419) in the "Search by Case Number" field.

I would appreciate your assistance with informing your constituents about these public statement hearings and encouraging them to provide comments. It is the Commission's intent to facilitate and encourage active and meaningful participation throughout all its proceedings. We hope you will consider joining us.

Regards,



Richard Berkley
Consumer Advocate and Director
Office of Consumer Services

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 23-E-0418 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation for Electric Service.

CASE 23-G-0419 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation for Gas Service.

NOTICE SOLICITING COMMENTS AND
ANNOUNCING PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS

(Issued September 26, 2023)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that public comment is invited concerning proposed changes in the electric and gas delivery rates and practices of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (Central Hudson). Central Hudson filed amendments to its electric and gas tariff schedules on July 31, 2023, proposing to increase its annual electric and gas delivery revenues effective July 1, 2024. Central Hudson proposes to increase its electric delivery revenues by approximately \$139.5 million (a 31.9 percent increase in base delivery revenues or a 16.4 percent increase in total revenues), and its natural gas delivery revenues by approximately \$41.5 million (a 29.2 percent increase in base delivery revenues or a 19 percent increase in total revenues). The actual bill impacts of these proposed changes on any particular customer class will vary based upon revenue allocation and rate design.

Central Hudson states that its rate filings include proposals to: ensure safe, reliable, and resilient electric and gas systems; provide energy efficiency incentives and services in support of New York's Climate Leadership and Community

Protection Act goals and targets; effectively respond to major storms and extreme weather events, invest in grid modernization to restore power more quickly, and timely recover storm costs; maintain affordability, mitigate customer bill impacts, and upgrade technologies to improve the customer experience; and support workforce growth.

For its electric business, Central Hudson states that major drivers of the rate increase are related to capital investments associated with replacing aging infrastructure; increased labor expenses; continued and enhanced low income, energy efficiency, and heat pump programs; increased capitalization and financing costs; and recovery of costs associated with major storms and extreme weather. For its gas business, Central Hudson states that rate increase are attributable to continued and enhanced low income and energy efficiency programs; increased capital investment to eliminate leak prone pipe; labor expense; and capitalization and financing costs.

Central Hudson's pre-filed testimony and exhibits in these proceedings may be reviewed online at the Department of Public Service website, www.dps.ny.gov, by clicking on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files") and entering the case number (23-E-0418 or 23-G-0419) in the box labelled "Search by Case Number."

Under New York State law, the Public Service Commission (Commission) must consider a utility's rate proposal and may adopt or reject it, in whole or in part, or modify it. In doing so, the Commission will consider changes proposed by the participating parties and general public. Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) are presiding over the gathering of public comments and all evidence relating to the proposal. As indicated in this Notice, public statement hearings will be held

CASES 23-E-0418 and 23-G-0419

over two days to obtain comments from the public concerning Central Hudson's proposals.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that public statement hearings will be held before ALJs James A. Costello and/or Ashley Moreno, as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, October 17, 2023

LOCATION: Robert Antonelli Senior Center
15 Academy Street
Catskill, NY 12414

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

DATE: Tuesday, October 17, 2023

LOCATION: SUNY Orange-Newburgh Campus
Kaplan Hall Great Room #101
73 First Street
Newburgh, NY 12550

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

DATE: Wednesday, October 18, 2023

LOCATION: Poughkeepsie Town Hall
One Overocker Road, 2nd floor
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

DATE: Wednesday, October 18, 2023

LOCATION: Restorative Justice and
Community Empowerment Center
733 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Those wishing to comment on any aspect of these proceedings will have the opportunity to make a statement on the record before the ALJs. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance, or present written material to speak at a hearing. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. Each public statement hearing will be held open a minimum of thirty minutes and will be kept open until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to include their comments in the record. A verbatim transcript of each public statement hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of these proceedings.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should call the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Management Office at (518)474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Department at (800)342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this Notice.

Other Ways to Comment

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, there are several other ways to provide your comments to the Commission. Comments should refer to "Case 23-E-0418 and Case 23-G-0419 - Central Hudson."

Internet or Mail: Go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), enter

CASES 23-E-0418 and 23-G-0419

the case number (23-E-0418 or 23-G-0419) in the box labelled "Search by Case Number," and then click on "Post Comments" located at the top right of the page.

Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. All written comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission and may be accessed on the Department of Public Service website by searching the case numbers, as described above, and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to receive comments about pending cases from in-State callers 24-hours a day. These comments are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Commission.

(SIGNED)

MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS
Secretary

From: Dale Finch
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 8:29 AM
To: Sean Mahoney
Cc: Patrick McCulloch; Paul Vosburgh; Dawn Scannapieco; Jared Giordiano; Elizabeth Izzo; Dale Finch
Subject: RE: NYSDOT Permit# 202301105493

Thanks for the update.

Please keep us posted on your request for signage. Informing visitor of dangerous area seems to be a proactive approach.

Dale

From: Sean Mahoney <smahoney@townofhuntergov.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 8:24 AM
To: Gerard, Monee (DOT) <Monee.Gerard@dot.ny.gov>; Rice, Robert (DOT) <Robert.Rice@dot.ny.gov>; Denison, Charles (DOT) <Charles.Denison@dot.ny.gov>; Demassio, Stephen (DOT) <Stephen.Demassio@dot.ny.gov>; Tedesco, Gaetano (DOT) <Gaetano.Tedesco@dot.ny.gov>; McNally, Jim (DOT) <Jim.McNally@dot.ny.gov>
Cc: Luisi, Anthony P (DEC) <Anthony.Luisi@dec.ny.gov>; Burnham, McCrea (DEC) <McCrea.Burnham@dec.ny.gov>; Reynolds, Sean (DEC) <sean.reynolds@dec.ny.gov>; Dawson, Robert B (DEC) <robert.dawson@dec.ny.gov>; Ryan Chadwick <ryan.chadwick@gmail.com>; Town Board <TownBoard@townofhuntergov.com>; Dale Finch <dfinch@townofcatskillny.gov>; Robert Haines <rhaines@townofhuntergov.com>
Subject: Re: NYSDOT Permit# 202301105493

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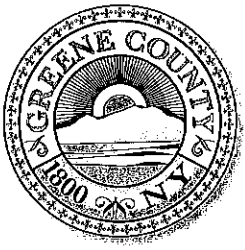
Good morning, Last night at a meeting at the Town Board of Hunter, the Board voted to cease the seasonal parking prohibition at two specific locations within the Kaaterskill Clove immediately. These locations worked very well during the warmer months to ease a variety of issues, however during leaf season and cooler weather we feel it is in the best interest of all to allow parking in these locations once again. We expect to request the work permit to close these locations again next year prior to Memorial Day.

The two locations we are requesting to open are.

1. Ice Climbers Lot
2. Pull off westbound lane on 23a at bottom, commonly known as Rat Hole parking area.

I have directed that the Trolley stop signage in both locations and orange barrels be removed immediately.

The remainder of locations in the Clove with signs and barriers labeled no parking, no standing, no stopping and simply no parking we would like to keep labeled as such and those no parking ordinances intact.



September 5, 2023

**Greene County
Legislature**

411 Main Street
Suite 408
Catskill, New York 12414

Mr. Dale Finch, Supervisor
Town of Catskill
439 Main Street
Catskill, N.Y. 12414

Dear Mr. Finch:

The Greene County Legislature is in the process of working on the 2024 Budget and at this time would like to request **TWO** certified copies of your 2024 Town Budget, which must include the "Summary" page, upon its completion. The 2024 Budget must be submitted to me **no later than November 20th**.

Please keep in mind that the County Real Property Tax Service Agency calculates tax rates and generates county and town tax bills based upon the summaries that appear in the front of each town budget. The county does not review the full contents of each budget and it is therefore necessary that the summaries balance and are accurate.

Thanking you in advance for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tammy L. Sciavillo
Acting Clerk
Greene County Legislature

cc: Ray Ward, Director of RPTS



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518-819-1637 518-470-7589
License# 12000324634

PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL No. 1000881
Proposal Date 9/18/23
SalesPerson Joes
Site Contact Elizabeth Izzo
Telephone 518-943-2141
Fax Number

Job Site

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Town Of Catskill
Town Hall
439 Main Street
Catskill, NY 12414

Town Of Catskill Highway Department
360 Toolhouse Rd
Catskill, NY 12414

Introduction

This quote is for a high quality Camera system for The catskill highway department at 360 tool house rd. Replacement HD Cameras will be installed on the exterior of your building . The system will record 24 /7 in High definition or only when motion is detected. The cameras see in total darkness up to 75 ft. The digital video recorder will store recordings for two months. The recorder will be located in a the main office with a new monitor. You will be able to see live and play back recordings . Off site viewing from a smart phone or tablet is available as long as you have high speed internet at the site. This is a professional grade system and is expandable to eight cameras. You will be very pleased with the quality of the installation and the performance of the system.

The camera locations are >

- Front replacement
- Back replacent
- side
- Front interior North garage

Proposed Items

Qty	Description	Location	Category	Amount
1.00	Tri DVR 8CH 2MP H265 4TB		CCTV	598.00
1.00	32" Monitor 1080P	Office	CCTV	325.00
4.00	5MP Outdoor IR Dome	Key Areas	CCTV	740.00
1.00	RG59/U 500' Blk	Wire	Wire	120.70
1.00	HDMI Cable 10'		CCTV	10.00
1.00	18-Channel Power Supply		CCTV	84.00
1.00	Labor			500.00

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Town Of Catskill Highway Department
360 Toolhouse Rd
Catskill, NY 12414

Pricing

Price Of Proposed Job	
Total Parts And Labor	2,377.70
Total Job Price	2,377.70

Terms And Conditions

Upon acceptance of this proposal, the purchaser agrees to the terms and conditions of the separate signed contract.

Payment Schedule

Signed Contract

Job Completed

This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within 0 Days

 Signature (Title)

 Date Signed