

Catskill Town Board Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
April 2, 2024 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Patrick McCulloch, Supervisor
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman
Steven Espel, Councilman
Brian Kozloski, Councilman

Supervisor McCulloch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed all in attendance.

MINUTES:

March 5, 2024 Town Board Meeting
March 20, 2024 Town Board Committee Meeting

Motion: Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Card from Priscilla DiConti thanking us for choosing her cat for this year's Cat n Around Catskill.

Letter from NYS Dept Public Service regarding broadband connectivity act of 2021.

Letter from Capital Region Clean Energy Hub, NYSERDA initiative, for renewable energy, especially solar energy, and participation in Capital Region Community Solar.

Notice from the Village of Catskill public hearing purpose of upgrading a 2-family residence to a 4-family unit on Thompson St. (held Marh 25th).

Letter from Vitaliy Bobkov with his recommendations to streamline the Planning Board process.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Palenville Sidewalk Project. Supervisor McCulloch stated an email was received by the County inquiring about the local share reimbursement for the project. The town applied for a grant through George Amedure's office and was awarded the grant. We have not received the money. He has contacted Sen. Hinchey's office. He is at a loss as to the next step to finalize this. Discussion about the possible next steps to take.

NEW BUSINESS:

PT EMT Positions. Received an email from George June regarding appointments. *Resolution # 37-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski appointing Harleigh Frascello, Natalie Tedesco, Thomas Todd, and Powers Kemmy as PT -EMT's pending pre-employment screening April 2, 2024. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Laptop proposal for Code Office. *Supervisor McCulloch stated this is needed for fieldwork with the new software. Code has money in their budget. Resolution # 38-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco authorizing the purchase of two (2) iPad 256GB with unlimited data at a cost of \$1,499.98 and \$63.98 per month respectfully. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Summer Recreation – posting two (2) assistant directors, \$20 per hour; eleven (11) councilors, \$18 per hour, must be 18 years of age. *Supervisor McCulloch would like this post and then Barb can interview at the end of the month. We can then hire and train and submit our renewal applications to the state. Resolution # 39-2024 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman Espel authorizing the posting of Assistant Counselor and Counselor positions for Summer Recreation. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Cemetery – posting two (2) part-time cemetery workers. *Supervisor McCulloch would like to post these positions. Resolution # 40-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski to post for two (2) PT Cemetery Seasonal Laborers. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

EFC grant agreement resolution for the Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant award. *Supervisor McCulloch reviewed the grant for work to be done at Cementon Sewer. Resolution # 35-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilwoman Scannapieco to have Patrick McCulloch, Town Supervisor, have authorization for designated representative for the execution EPG Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Agreement through NYSEFC. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Resolution # 36-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Kozloski authorization and appropriation of local match for the EPG Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Agreement. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

This will come from Cementon Sewer and will not be a town-wide expense.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

SUPERVISOR COMMENT:

Supervisor McCulloch mentioned an email received from Reed Mower this afternoon. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING Local Law 1 of 2024 reconvened. Supervisor McCulloch asked if anyone had any questions with the proposed changes to the zoning, including the change he and Councilman Giordiano sent to the board. Ted has reviewed and edited the language. With no comment, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Giordiano, second by Councilwoman Scannapieco. The public hearing ended at 6:44 pm.

Supervisor McCulloch met with DEC and Michael Blenner and it is clear what the issue is. Ted and Matt are contacting the VP of Albany Medical Center and we hope to remediate the situation soon.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilman Giordiano reviewed the repairs for the Ambulance building. He is getting more information/dates for the celebration at the Griffin House.

Mr. Hilscher entered the meeting. He reviewed Part 2 of the EAF/SEQRA for the zoning amendments. He stated the county had no input. Each action was discussed and answered. There is no environmental impact and the board can enter a motion to issue a negative declaration. *Resolution # 41-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco issuing a Negative Declaration for amendments to the Code of the Town of Catskill. Adopted Vote 5 Yes*

Resolution # 42-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco adopting Local Law 1 of 2024 Amending the Code of the Town of Catskill. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Supervisor McCulloch asked for a motion to enter executive session to discuss a legal issue with the Town Attorney. No further business will be conducted after the close of the executive session. Motion to enter executive session made by Councilman Giordiano, second by Councilwoman Scannapieco. The executive session began at 7:17 pm.

Motion to exit executive session and end the meeting made by Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski. Meeting ended 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

Catskill Town Board Committee Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
April 17, 2024 6:30 PM

PRESENT:	Patrick McCulloch,	Supervisor
	Jared Giordiano,	Councilman
	Dawn Scannapieco,	Councilwoman
	Steve Espel,	Councilman
	Brian Kozloski,	Councilman

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 43-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Kozloski approving the replacement of HD cameras at the Highway Department in the amount of \$2,377.70 from Catskill Security Systems. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 44-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco to replace the HD camera system at the Ambulance Building in the amount of \$3,781.00 from Catskill Security Systems. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Ambulance:

Councilman Kozloski stated the cost of the window replacement is \$1,500. Supervisor McCulloch stated we will revisit.

Councilman Giordiano stated Marc will be able to take care of some items at the Ambulance Building but we will need an RFP for the bathroom repairs and painting interior of the building. He will put a proposal together for the RFP.

Code:

Webjogger will give an updated list of computers out of warranty or near end of warranty for replacement. The Code Department needs their computers replaced.

Supervisor McCulloch stated the laptop used for Planning/Zoning is near its end of service life. We will need to see about a new system for the incoming clerk.

Senior Center:

Councilwoman Scannapieco will be at the Senior Center to discuss the floor. Councilman Kozloski or Giordiano will also attend the meeting.

Cemetery:

Marc Mizzell would like to hire Bill Oettinger as seasonal help. *Resolution # 45-2024 on motion of Councilman Kozloski, second Councilman Giordiano to hire Bill Oettinger as Cemetery Seasonal Help at a rate of pay of \$15.53 effective April 17, 2024. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Planning & Zoning:

Supervisor McCulloch asked for a resolution to hire Karensa Demarest as the Planning & Zoning Clerk. *Resolution # 46-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, seconded by all to hire Karensa Demarest as the Planning and Zoning Clerk effective April 29, 2024 at a rate of pay of \$20.39. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Zoning Change:

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Supervisor McCulloch stated Kathleen Merritt would like to change a parcel located on Quarry Hill Rd from Industrial to RA to build a house his summer. The Town Attorney does not believe this is spot zoning. We will need to schedule a public hearing. *Resolution # 46-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel to schedule a public hearing to change zoning for tax map # 212.00-2-5 for May 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Supervisor McCulloch asked if anyone had any other comment. Councilwoman Scannapieco would like to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Public Comment:

Tushar Soni and his wife, who purchased 26 Old Underhill Rd. approached the board about their CO and when it would be issued. The house was completed last September, the road is built to specs, a guardrail will be added, their engineers state the road is safe. They understand the complex issue with lots 2 through 4 and wish to separate themselves from that and are asking the board to resolve their issue.

Supervisor McCulloch stated because of the Article 78 proceeding, the board cannot comment. Mr. Soni stated the property is in their name and not the builders and they would like to be able to move into their home.

Gary Wiltbank approached the board about not receiving notice of an application in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals and who would be accountable or in charge of this. He has an issue with placement of the house on the property as well as septic and how this would affect his property if he were ever to subdivide.

Supervisor McCulloch stated the zoning law requires residences within 300 feet to be notified by certified return receipt. The certified letter was returned undeliverable. Mr. Wiltbank feels the post office did not do their job and he is being penalized for it.

Mr. Wiltbank also spoke about this property having been mined and DEC has mandatory guidelines to reclaim the property.

Councilman Giordiano stated the board has no oversight over zoning decisions.

Mr. Wiltbank will go to a zoning board meeting and contact the town clerk on how to file an appeal. He feels Matt Carlile's performance is not up to par and to please review it.

Mr. Soni asked when he would hear back about a temporary CO. Supervisor McCulloch stated he will reach out to the Town Attorney tomorrow. Mr. Soni asked the board to be included in any decision they make regarding the CO. Supervisor McCulloch stated the board's conversations with the Town Attorney are confidential. Mr. Soni feels they should be included as they are not part of the lawsuit and they feel entitled to know how to get a CO. They also feel Matt Carlile's performance needs to be reviewed.

With no further comment, a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter was made by Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel. The executive session began at 7:41 pm.

As told by Supervisor McCulloch, executive session and the meeting ended 7:57 pm on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco seconded by Councilman Giordiano.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

Special Meeting
Catskill Town Board
Catskill Town Hall
April 22, 2024

6:30 PM

PRESENT: Patrick McCulloch, Supervisor
Brian Kozloski, Councilman
Steven Espel, Councilman

Also Attending: Ted Hilscher, Town Attorney

Supervisor McCulloch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated who was present and asked for a motion to enter executive session to discuss ongoing litigation. He invited the Town Attorney and Town Clerk to attend. Councilman Espel made a motion second by Councilman Kozloski. The executive session began at 6:31 pm.

A motion to exit the executive session and end the meeting was made by Councilman Kozloski and seconded by Councilman Espel. The meeting ended at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

