

**Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting - Catskill Town Hall
September 7, 2021 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 and introduced the board and clerk.

MINUTES:

August 3, 2021 Town Board Monthly Meeting
August 18, 2021 Town Board Committee Meeting
Motion: Councilman Vosburgh Second: Councilman Giordiano, carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Young Sommer LLC re Champlain Hudson Power Express Project petitioning NYS Public Service Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

8th Annual Village of Tannersville Fall Car Show, Sunday September 26th.

Notice of SPDES Permit Renewal SD 4 for the Town of Catskill expiring 12/31/26.

Letter to Town Clerk from NYSDOS regarding the 2020 population total for Catskill. The population total is 11,298 which is a -4.1% change (-477 persons) from the 2010 census. *Supervisor Finch stated school enrollment is down too. People have a lot of second homes. Councilman Giordiano mentioned the census was before COVID.*

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

There is a meeting Friday at 2 pm with the Catskill group to discuss the trolley from Catskill to Tannersville. Will report back at next meeting.

Greene County is having a grand opening for their new location on September 21st.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Town of Athens Ambulance Agreement – Supervisor Finch spoke with the Town Attorney and the fee is solid but language is different. Still being worked on.

Leeds Fire District Contract – Supervisor Finch stated they submitted their expenses for review. Councilman McCulloch asked where the 21 expenditures are and a year to date. They sold a firetruck for \$90,000 and it shows zero. Councilman Giordiano stated there is a glaring lack of fundraising. Councilman McCulloch stated physicals are free through CMH and they need a FIT test which is \$25 per member. Supervisor Finch stated we will need to continue a conversation with them. Councilman McCulloch stated we will need to reschedule the public hearing that is scheduled and to cancel the one scheduled. *Resolution # 84-2021 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Vosburgh to cancel the public hearing for the Leeds Fire Contract scheduled for September 14, 2021. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes* Councilman McCulloch will contact Supervisor Butler to schedule a date.

2022 Budget – the tentative budget needs to be submitted to Liz before the 30th. It will then be presented to the board at our meeting on the 5th and we will schedule workshop meetings then.

Councilman Giordiano wants to pay off the bond for the back wall and go out for a new bond for maintenance on all buildings. Supervisor Finch would like to know how much the foundation will cost at Town Hall. Councilman McCulloch stated the whole back needs to be redone. The Senior Center needs to be looked. Supervisor Finch stated the furnace at the Little Red School House doesn't sound good. Councilman Giordiano would like to sell it. Supervisor Finch stated it is a historic landmark and we are not selling it. We can promote it or come up with a friend's group to help fundraise. Councilman Giordiano would like the town to donate it to Thomas Cole or Olana. Councilwoman Scannapieco stated it was an elementary school and to get the school somehow involved.

Vouchers - Supervisor Finch mentioned review/approval of vouchers at board meetings and if everyone in agreement. Councilman Giordiano is happy with the electronic distribution.

Marijuana – Supervisor Finch stated the town has until the end of the year to opt out. Councilman Giordiano is against opting out and stated it is our one chance of getting money the county doesn't keep. Councilman Vosburgh is for opting out as he doesn't agree with it. Supervisor Finch mentioned having a public hearing for public input. The Village will determine their own rules. Councilman Giordiano mentioned a dispensary near the thruway. Supervisor Finch stated we can opt out of smoking parlors if choosing; we can always opt out and opt back in. He doesn't want to look back in ten years and decide if it was a good decision or not. Councilwoman Scannapieco stated it is a safe way to get marijuana that will not be laced with anything and we should get input from the community. Supervisor Finch stated this will be scheduled after budget season. It is coming to our community regardless and he doesn't want to get sold on just the money aspect of it and the opportunity for people to voice their opinion is good.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Ambulance Sign – Councilwoman Scannapieco stated George did not respond to her email. Supervisor Finch will get some numbers and would like to have this completed before the snow flies.

Fencing – working on it with Shawn Beers. The fencing has been delivered. Councilman Giordiano would like to see the old fencing used for a dog park. Supervisor Finch stated that fencing is shot and Councilman McCulloch agreed there is a safety issue with it. The idea of a dog park will be revisited when the landfill sunsets. Councilman Vosburgh stated the regulations always change and we will always have to leachate. Supervisor Finch stated we need to know where we stand and will contact Barton and Loguidice. Councilman Giordiano asked to have a discussion regarding re-evaluation too and to talk with the village and school. The last reval was in 92. Supervisor Finch does not believe it is the right time to do this but it will be looked into.

With no further business a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman Giordiano. Meeting ended 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk