Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting

Catskill Town Hall

December 6, 2022 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 welcomed all in attendance.

MINUTES:

11/2/22 Town Board Monthly Meeting

11/16/22 Public Hearing Local Law 4 and 5 of 2022

 Public Hearing Leeds Fire Contract

 Town Board Committee Meeting with Public Hearing Local Law 3 of 2022

11/29/22 Government Operations Meeting

Motion: Councilwoman Scannapieco Second: Councilman Vosburgh, carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Res 113-22 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second Councilman McCulloch approving Cementon Sewer Bi-Annual billing of $294.44 per unit. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Res 114-22 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second Councilman Vosburgh scheduling the Organizational Meeting for January 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm with the monthly meeting to follow. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Res 115-22 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second Councilwoman Scannapieco accepting the renewal contract with Columbia-Greene Humane Society for 2023. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Res 116-22 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Vosburgh renewing the GIS Mapping with Clough Harbor in the amount of $6,000 for 2023. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Roe Jan Creek Boat Club regarding water chestnut infestation all through the Hudson River estuary.

Letter from NYS Thruway Authority regarding project of replacement of bridge carrying Cauterskill Road over the thruway milepost 112.57. Project is tentatively scheduled to begin August 2023. *Supervisor Finch stated to contact Shawn Beers to let DMV know they cannot use the old landfill as the CDL testing site. Will look into an alternate site.*

Notice from Young Sommer LLC on behalf of the Town of Athens for a zoning law change. *Supervisor Finch asked what this change is. Town Clerk Izzo stated it is for installation and operation of a new communications tower.*

NYS Dept Public Service take the chill out of your winter energy bills PSA.

Letter from Association of Towns training school and annual meeting February 19-22, 2023. Designation of office to attend business meeting.

Copies of resolutions from Greene County Legislature. No. 393-22 authorizing chargeback of assessment roll related services and materials, Catskill’s share $1,500. Resolution No 394-22 Distribution of Mortgage Tax, Catskill's share $166,389.40. Resolution No 321-22 Catskill’s share of ARPA funding $15,196.16 (first round). *Supervisor Finch stated the balance of ARPA funding has been received by the town.*

Notice from Dr. Kleen regarding increase in pricing of cleaning services for Town Hall and Senior Center. (total yearly increase $1,910.40). *Supervisor Finch will check frequency of cleaning at the center.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Mark Mizzell – resolution authorizing payment of vacation hours excess of 80 hours, December 31, 2022. *Resolution # 117-22 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman McCulloch authorizing payment of vacation hours in excess of 80 hours for Mark Mizzell as a one-time expense. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

ARPA Funds – payment to Webjogger for Allworx connect and router with session border controller. Total amount $2,604.91. *All were ok using ARPA monies.*

Approval of purchase of trailer for Highway Department. Amount $18,395. *Councilman Vosburgh stated he is good with the purchase but to make sure Highway takes delivery in 2023. Three quotes were received: Tracey Road in the amount of $24,163.25; Towmaster Trailers $32,791.20 and Trailers Inc. $18,395.00. Resolution # 118-22 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilwoman Scannapieco authorizing the purchase of a CAM Superline Trailer in the amount of $18,395. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Approval of purchase of excavator for Highway Department. Amount $112,650.00 under NYSOGS/NJPA Contract # 69406. *Supervisor Finch stated the trailer and excavator are budgeted in 2023 and will be 2023 expenses. The excavator is on NYSOGS contract #69406. Resolution # 119-22 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second Councilman Vosburgh approving the purchase of a Caterpillar 307.5 Mini Hydraulic Excavator in the amount of $112,650.00. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilman McCulloch stated the village helped the highway department with the sewer line in Cementon as there was a two-inch hole blown in the pipe and the town should investigate replacing in the next couple of years before there are any other issues. Joe Myers agrees it should be done. Councilman Vosburgh stated there is a lot of grant money for clean water/sewer and to check with Mary Beth. Supervisor Finch will reach out to Mary Beth and Delaware Engineering.

Wage and Salary Structure – Supervisor Finch feels we are in a better spot than we were before. The column for 2023 wages is column F. Councilman Giordiano mentioned this structure will put employees past their step. Supervisor Finch stated we need to agree with the numbers. The chart is immaterial as this is just to help us to begin and to accomplish pay for 2023. We have a lot of work to do. Councilman Vosburgh asked what is grade 9. Supervisor Finch stated no one is in that grade. When talking about a comptroller position, that can be grade 9. We will need a new job description that will fit our current needs. The current job description is ten to fifteen years old. *Resolution # 120-22 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman McCulloch to accept the wage and salary structure for non-union employees. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

*Supervisor Finch stated he will go to each department and speak to individual employees about their wage.*

Senior Center Flooring – Supervisor Finch stated they are starting Friday. The center will be closed for approximately 2 weeks. The town will no longer accept donated furniture items.

Town Hall Project – Supervisor Finch stated this is coming along. A storage shed or container will be rented to store the windows. They are ready to be delivered. The asbestos survey came back negative. It was tested by a NYS certified company. Employee parking was discussed as was the possibility of asking the Village to close part of Brandow’s Alley when the work commences.

Supervisor Finch asked if there was comment. Councilman Giordiano asked if we need the second meeting in December. Councilman McCulloch stated he will not be here. Supervisor Finch would like to keep it open for now as there is an ambulance meeting on the 22nd and he would like to share with the board the counter before that meeting.

Supervisor Finch asked if there was any other comment. With none being heard a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilwoman Scannapieco. Meeting ended 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo

Town Clerk