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