

Catskill Town Board Monthly Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
April 7, 2021 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
	Elliott Fishman,	CEO

Supervisor Finch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed all in attendance. He asked for a motion to enter executive session to discuss a legal matter. Motion to enter executive session was made by Councilman Giordiano inviting the Town Attorney, CEO and Town Clerk seconded by Councilman McCulloch. Executive session began 6:31 pm.

Motion to exit executive session and resume the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman McCulloch. Meeting resumed 6:58 pm.

Resolution # 28-2021 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilwoman Scannapieco to have the Town Attorney initiate litigation seeking injunctive relief on property owned by 4880 Route Group Inc. and NY-32 Realty Group, Inc., Tax Map Parcels 169.00-4-7.1, 169.00-4-7.2, 169.00-4-21 and 169.00-4-22, at 4880 Route 32 and 4858-4864 Route 32, Catskill, NY. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

MINUTES:

March 2	Town Board Monthly Meeting
March 17	Town Board Committee Meeting
March 30	Bid Opening – Central Garage/Highway Truck

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Councilwoman Scannapieco, second Councilman McCulloch; carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 27-2021 Champlain Hudson Power Express Project – Motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman Giordiano. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 No Roll Call: Supervisor Finch, Yes; Councilman Giordiano, Yes; Councilman Vosburgh, Yes; Councilman McCulloch, Yes; Councilwoman Scannapieco, No. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Scannapieco stated she did not like how the government made a deal for NYS which affects counties and towns without having a conversation with them. Supervisor Finch stated if we pass or not, the project will still happen. Our Town Attorney had a minor change in verbiage to remove wording for private lands. The IDA is working on a PILOT agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Natasha Law re 4th of July Fireworks increasing monetary amount to \$3250 for a larger finale. *All were in agreement to increase our share to \$3250. Councilwoman Scannapieco stated this would be good for the social, emotional health of all. Resolution # 29-2021 on motion of Supervisor Finch second by Councilman Vosburgh to increase the town's share of the 4th of July Fireworks display to \$3,250. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Notice of order from DOT establishing no parking on Route 23A in the Town on both sides of the road from the Catskill/Hunter town line and the bridge over the Kaaterskill Creek. *Supervisor Finch stated the no parking signs are in place.*

Request from Doug Lampman to install LED lights on footbridge in the Village. *This will be sent to the Village of Catskill for their consideration.*

Greene County Resolutions # 87-21 authorizing chargeback of assessment related services and materials (Catskill's share \$350.95) # 88-21 (Catskill's share \$989.88).

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Bleachers- Ricky Cramer Field – Supervisor Finch stated there is a slight increase in the price of wood but it was discussed and passed last year to replace.

CGCC – Supervisor Finch would like to have the Town be a worksite again for the college's youth/training program. Two individuals would be manageable. *Resolution # 30-2021 authorizing the Supervisor sign the agreement with CGCC for the Youth/Training Program. Adopted 5 Yes*

Highway Truck Bid – Supervisor Finch stated the lowest bidder was LT Begnal at \$29,403.50. Highway Superintendent Beers would like to proceed. *Resolution # 31-2021 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Vosburgh awarding the bid to LT Begnal in the amount of \$29,403.50 for the purchase of a truck for the highway department. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Councilman Vosburgh stated CHIPS money is increasing 25%. Councilman McCulloch stated the catch is we have to front it first. Councilman Vosburgh stated there is an increase for Pave NY too. Supervisor Finch stated we will need Shawn Beers' 284 agreement.

Central Garage Truck Bid – Supervisor Finch stated Romeo was disqualified as they did not meet the bid specifications. Councilman Giordiano stated the lowest bid is cheap. Councilman Vosburgh wants to know where the money will be coming from. Councilman Giordiano stated we have \$30,000 and have a contingency account. Councilman Vosburgh stated this was to be a two year plan and the agreement was to not bid now. Supervisor Finch concurred with Paul. \$15,000 was reserved from 2020 and \$15,000 budgeted in 2021. We approved \$30,000 and contingency should not be used as it is for emergency purposes and doesn't feel \$37,800 is warranted for a service truck and should remain within the budgeted \$30,000. Councilman Giordiano feels a brand new truck is better than a used truck. The price for a used truck last year was \$30,000. Councilman McCulloch stated he has a hard time for a new vehicle for Jack but feels we should go with a new vehicle since the difference between new and used is \$8,000. Supervisor Finch agreed and in the next budget cycle raise the difference \$8 to 9,000 difference.

Councilman Vosburgh asked where the money is coming from. Councilman McCulloch stated contingency in the A-Fund to pay the difference. Councilwoman Scannapieco agreed with Paul and Dale and to have the difference in next year's budget, however, looking at the inevitable price increase for next year, we may not be able to get a vehicle close to \$38,000. Councilman Vosburgh conditioned the purchase with making sure there would be no plow attached. Councilman Giordiano stated the purchase is in the A-Fund so there is no need for a plow. Councilman Vosburgh stated he isn't against the purchase but against it because of the deal discussed. Supervisor Finch stated it is pricey but it will get higher. Councilwoman Scannapieco stated if there was no Covid there would be no conversation but because of Covid, we can't throw money out the window so it's a need instead of want. Councilman McCulloch stated it should be approved upon condition of where the extra \$6,000 will come from. *Resolution # 32-2021 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Vosburgh awarding the bid to LT Begnal for the purchase of a truck for Central Garage in the amount of \$38,744.40 contingent on where the unbudgeted amount will be drawn from. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

NEW BUSINESS:

Road Name Petition, Brooks Steven, Tax Map 200.00-3-31.1: This petition was reviewed by GCEMS and the Highway Superintendent who each signed off on the name of the road. *Resolution # 33-2021 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilwoman Scannapieco approving the name Old Quarry Road for Tax Map 200.00-3-31.1. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Clean-Up Day: Supervisor Finch stated he spoke with Shawn Beers about scheduling a clean-up day for June 26th and he was in agreement. *Resolution # 34-2021 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman McCulloch to schedule a town-wide clean-up day for Saturday, June 26th 7:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Old Landfill on Cauterskill Rd. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Supervisor Finch stated we have not received any applications to date for seasonal help at the Highway Department.

Residents of Palenville would like the Town to be as proactive as possible at the site of the Tannery Bridge and the influx of people they believe will use the stream like last year. The town will keep an eye on the situation.

RCF- the School District will do the infield work. Some safety hazards fixed on the fencing. The American Legion and Ed DuPont are applying for a county grant to help defray the cost of new fencing. The electrical panel which was damaged and fixed will remain where it is.

Cemetery – will contact the County regarding probation workers.

Cannabis – should be at a town level. Councilman McCulloch stated the town will pass a resolution in support of but have a year to go.

American Relief Package – another 60 days out but bring some ideas for Catskill.

AUD – the accounting firm will be present at the next meeting to review the AUD. Given COVID, the town fared pretty well.

Councilman McCulloch stated Shawn needs a new computer. The quote from Webjogger was \$1,300 but direct from Dell it is \$750. He is waiting to hear back from Webjogger.

With no further business a motion to enter executive session to discuss an employee issue with inviting the Town Clerk was made by Councilman Giordiano seconded by Councilman McCulloch. No other business will be discussed at the close of executive session. Executive session began 7:55 pm. At 7:59 pm Supervisor Finch recused himself from the remainder of executive session. Motion to exit executive session and end the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman McCulloch. Meeting ended 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk