

Monthly Town Board Meeting
Catskill Town Hall
November 2, 2021 6:50 pm

PRESENT: Dale Finch, Supervisor
 Jared Giordiano, Councilman
 Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
 Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman
 Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

Supervisor Finch segued into the board meeting after ending the public hearing for the 2022 Preliminary Budget. The following changes are to be made to the preliminary budget. The Leeds Fire Company line is to be increased to \$125,183, Kiskatom Fire District budget number is \$184,063, the summary of funds column moved and the tax levy limit is \$4,165,549. Mr. Torchia stated the fire district affects only those in the district. *Resolution # 103-2021 on motion of Councilwoman Scannapieco second by Councilman Vosburgh to make those changes as stated above to the 2022 Preliminary Budget. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Mr. Torchia stated he will finalize the tax cap. Supervisor Finch stated the budget will be adopted tonight and thanked Mike and Kirsten on an excellent job.

MINUTES:

October 5, 2021 Town Board Meeting
October 13, 2021 Budget Workshop Meeting
October 14, 2021 Budget Workshop Meeting
October 19, 2021 Budget Workshop Meeting
October 20, 2021 Town Board Budget Workshop & Committee Meeting
October 27, 2021 Public Hearing Leeds Fire Protection Contract
Motion: Councilman Giordiano Second: Councilman McCulloch; carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 104-2021 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman Giordiano authorizing the Supervisor sign the contract with Malden West Camp Fire Company for fire protection in said Fire Protection District No. 1 for a five year term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$5,000 annually. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 105-2021 on motion of Councilman Giordiano second by Councilwoman Scannapieco entering into a joint contract with the Town of Athens and Leeds Fire Company No. 1 for fire protection to the Leeds Fire Protection District No. 1 for a one year term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 in the amount (Catskill's share \$125,183). Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

Resolution # 106-2021 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Giordiano adopting the 2022 Preliminary Budget, with changes, as the 2022 Final Budget. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE:

Greene County Resolution # 261-21 establishing the equalization rates; Catskill 48%. *Mr. Izzo stated this number is really killing you. As the number decreases, the town will be hurt. It requires a revaluation which is tough to do. Supervisor Finch stated the projected cost per the Assessor is \$450,000.*

Letter from Central Hudson regarding routine line clearance program.

Notice from Catskill Village Water System of high trihalomethane levels.

Letter from Rotary Club of Catskill for restoration of the Wacky Raft Race to be sponsored by the Rotary.

Email from DPS regarding public statement hearing transcript relating to an amendment for the Champlain Hudson Power Express application October 20, 2021.

Notice of Planning Board resignation from Brenda Vandermark.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Quote – Ambulance refurb and upfit. A quote was received by North Eastern Rescue Vehicle for the 2016 Braun/Chevy ambulance in the amount of \$23,650. *Resolution # 107-2021 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman McCulloch authorizing the expenditure of \$23,650 for the refurbishment and upfit of the 2016 Braun/Chevy Ambulance. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

New Sign – Ambulance Building. After discussion on which sign to go with the following resolution was adopted. *Resolution # 108-2021 on motion of Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilwoman Scannapieco to accept the quote from Next Gens Sign in the amount of \$1,800 to replace the sign at the Ambulance Building. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

NEW BUSINESS:

Little Red Schoolhouse –availability for DAR Meetings. Supervisor Finch stated the furnace needs to be serviced first before allowing them to meet.

Schedule Information Meeting – Marijuana. Supervisor Finch stated we will have public comment at our next meeting with the meeting to be held at the Senior Center. Mr. Torchia stated opting out needs to be done by local law.

BAR - Letter of interest. Audre Higbee, Town Assessor, has received a letter of interest from Matthew Goodell to become a member of the BAR. This would fill the unexpired term of Wayne Sheridan. *Resolution 109-2021 on motion of Councilman McCulloch second by Councilman Giordiano appointing Matthew Goodell to fill the unexpired term of Wayne Sheridan with term ending September 30, 2023. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Councilman McCulloch stated the board will need to hash out the details for the first responders in regards to the bonuses. Mr. Torchia gave the example of what Columbia County is doing. After discussion, first responders whether PT or FT who worked will get \$1,000. Supervisor Finch stated we can do this as a bonus and fine tune it. Councilman McCulloch stated we can work out Town Hall,

Cemetery and Highway later. Supervisor Finch stated Town Hall FT \$500 PT \$250. He will have Kirsten run the numbers and then we can fine tune and settle and work through.

With no further business, Councilman Giordiano motioned to enter into executive session to discuss a specific personnel issue. No further business will be conducted at the close of executive session. Motion to enter into executive session made by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman McCulloch. Executive session began 7:31 pm.

Motion to exit executive session and end the meeting was made by Councilman Vosburgh second by Councilman Giordiano. Meeting ended 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk