



VILLAGE OF CATSKILL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
June 26, 2024

PRESENT:

President Joe Kozloski
Vice President Natasha Law
Trustee Jamie Mitchell
Trustee Dan Ward
Trustee Jeff Workman

Also, present were Village Clerk Anna Signoretti, Police Chief Ron Frascello, DPW Superintendent Patrick McCulloch, Village Attorney Wayne Thompson and members of the public.

Trustee Workman left the meeting at 6:50pm for personal matters.

President Kozloski called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Approval of Minutes from June 12, 2024 Village Board Meeting

On a motion by Trustee Workman, seconded by Vice President Law and passed unanimously to approve minutes from June 12, 2024 Village Board Meeting.

Resolution to approve payment of audited bills for June 26, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves payment of audited bills for June 26, 2024 as presented from:

General Fund A \$ 195,448.25

Water Fund F \$ 38,998.87

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Sewer Fund G \$ 21,074.43

On a motion by Trustee Ward, seconded by Trustee Workman and passed unanimously to approve the payment of audited bills for June 26, 2024.

Reverse approval to surplus police vehicle from April 2024 board meeting

On a motion by Trustee Workman, seconded by Vice President Law and passed unanimously to reverse the approval to surplus police vehicle.

Rescind Local Law 3 of 2024 to Override Property Tax Cap from April 24, 2024 Board Meeting

On a motion by Vice President Law, seconded by Trustee Ward and passed unanimously to rescind Local Law 3 of 2024.

Accept bids from Auction International for surplus of 2023 Ford F450 and 2023 Ford F250 for a total of \$2,645.00

On a motion by Trustee Workman, seconded by Trustee Mitchell and passed unanimously to accept bids from Auction International.

Approve Resolution 17 of 2024 to increase canine waste fees in the Village of Catskill

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE CANINE WASTE FEES IN THE VILLAGE OF CATSKILL

RESOLUTION 17 OF 2024

DATE: JUNE 26, 2024

WHEREAS, the Village of Catskill has experienced an increase in dog waste left on public property; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to promote responsible pet ownership and maintain a clean and safe environment for all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the failure to clean up after dogs poses health and sanitation risks to residents and visitors alike;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Catskill hereby increases the canine waste fees for those who do not clean up after their dogs to first offense \$25 dollars, second offense \$75 dollars and third offense \$100 dollars. This increase is intended to encourage pet owners to fulfill their responsibility in cleaning up after their pets and to deter the continued neglect of this important duty.

This resolution will go into effect immediately upon adoption.

	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYES</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Joe Kozloski, President	X			
Natasha Law, Vice President	X			
Jamie Mitchell	X			
Daniel Ward	X			
Jeffrey Workman	X			

The motion is carried.

The resolution is thereupon adopted on June 26, 2024.

Catskill Yacht Club to request extension of noise ordinance for event in August

Chelsea from Catskill Yacht Club is asking for an extension on the noise ordinance for their annual event on August 10, 2024 from 8pm-11pm.

On a motion by Trustee Workman, seconded by Trustee Ward and passed unanimously to approve time extension on noise ordinance for this event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eliot Matos expressed concern over Rite Aid property. Is there any plan for the property at this time. Vice President Law said she only knows that the owner is not selling.

John & Jany from Jefferson Heights, no comment. Came to hear the discussion on overgrown properties.

Deb Samuels expressed her thoughts on the recent notices that were given out regarding overgrown properties. She would like to see the code used on properties that are neglected and overgrown and not on residential properties who have just not had a chance to mow their properties. Ms. Samuels also wanted to talk about the board rule regarding being put on the agenda. Her concern is only having 3 minutes once a month to talk about issues that she would like to have addressed. Vice President Law responded that the board uses its discretion and usually lets residents talk longer. Ms. Samuels would like to see more time allowed to residents to be able to speak at board meetings.

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Hudson Talbott wanted clarification about being allowed to be put on the agenda. Now understands that agenda items will only be items that need board action (a vote). Vice President assured him that the board is always available by email for any concerns as well.

Tom Illari wanted to discuss the Village Board and the promotion of the local businesses and increasing foot traffic on Main Street. Mr. Illari feels signage and banners would be helpful. Trustee Mitchell talked about owning a business in Catskill and that the business owner has the responsibility to promote and the Village Board has a very different role in promoting local businesses even though she does understand what he is expressing. Vice President Law talked about the LDC, Chamber of Commerce and Greene County Economic Development should be resources used for the promotion of local businesses.

Paul Moyer expressed his thoughts about having agenda items for specific topics so that other residents could be aware of what was going to be discussed.

Renee Meryman (former code secretary) came to discuss 3 concerns for health and safety of community. One is in regards to businesses that may not be on the fire inspection list., second, some businesses do not display maximum occupancy notice. Thirdly, she expressed concern over the Village Hall building and it's safety in regards to paint, windows, plaster and the many boxes. Trustee Mithcell expressed that these concerns were never brought to their attention in the many meetings that she had with her while she was employed. Ms. Meryman would like to know when the board will answer her email (the board indicated that no email was received). Trustee Mitchell also reminded Ms. Meryman that she resigned and gave no notice and is no longer employed by the Village. Vice President Law also confirmed that the last email she received was on 4/19/24.

Dawn Moyer read from President Kozloski's letter stating that the code enforcement officer finds no violations for 22 Liberty St and the board supports his findings. Ms. Moyer asked if that is still the board's position, and no further action is being taken. President Kozloski stated yes, that is still the board's position. Ms. Moyer talked about NYS Dept of State does not agree that building permits that have had no final inspection have no violations. Ms. Moyer asked is anyone on the board called NYS to confirm any of this. Vice President Law addressed Ms. Moyer and told her that she contacted NYCOM and the Village has prosecutorial discretion and at this time the Village will not be pursuing any further action. There was back and forth discussion about what the Village should be doing to remedy this situation. Ms. Moyer asked why enact historic property zoning laws if they will not be enforced?

Ellory expressed concern over big trucks and how they rev or drag race down Main Street and also her concern over idling cars on Main Street. Can anything be done? Also, wanted to know why the benches in the county lot are facing the parking lot?

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Executive Session

On a motion by Vice President Law, seconded by Trustee Mitchell and passed unanimously to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:50 PM.

On a motion by Trustee Ward, seconded by Trustee Mitchell and passed unanimously to exit executive session at 8:20 PM.

Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Ward, seconded by Trustee Mitchell and passed unanimously adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Signoretti
Village Clerk

APPROVED: July 10, 2024