



VILLAGE OF CATSKILL  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES  
July 26, 2023

PRESENT:

President Peter Grasse  
Trustee Joe Kozloski  
Trustee Natasha Law  
Trustee Jeff Holliday  
Trustee Jamie Mitchell

Also, present were Village Clerk Anna Signoretti, Chief Ron Frascello, Robert Young, DPW Superintendent, Patrick McCulloch, Interim DPW Superintendent, Wayne Thompson, Esq. and members of the public.

President Grasse called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA**

**Resolution to approve Minutes of July 12, 2023**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that minutes from the Village Board Meeting held on July 12, 2023 be approved.

On a motion by Trustee Holliday, seconded by Trustee Law and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of July 12, 2023.

**Resolution to approve payment of audited bills for July 26, 2023:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board approves payment of audited bills as presented from:

General Fund A \$30,727.86

Water Fund F \$2,527.18

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Sewer Fund G \$8,404.85

On a motion by Trustee Kozloski, seconded by Trustee Holliday and passed unanimously to approve the payment of audited bills for July 26, 2023.

**Margaret Tomlinson to discuss Climate Smart matters**

Margaret is happy to report that the application has been completed and was submitted for The Village Climate Smart Bronze Certification. Expected to hear yes or no sometime in September. Four clean energy actions have been completed which makes the Village eligible for a \$5000 match free grant. Funds to be used to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Climate Smart task force recommends using the funds for a Climate Protection Revolving Fund. Proposed resolutions presented for Board consideration (see attached).

**Public Comment:**

Margaet Tomlinson commented how nice the new sidewalks are on Thompson St. and thanked DPW for all their hard work.

Member of public asking for Board's help regarding an incident with an unleashed dog at Beattie Powers Place. No Dogs Allowed sign was put back up after it was removed without permission. Suggests that instead of No Dogs Allowed sign put up that a sign should be posted saying No UNLEASHED Dogs Allowed.

Trustee Law explained that the Local Law is No Dogs Allowed in any Village Park. The sign was taken down without permission and has been put back up. The sign is a protection for the Village and residents.

Eliot Matos talked about back-to-school event organized by Sadie Wilburn. This event will take place on Saturday August 26, 2023 from 12pm-7pm on Bronson St. Senator Hinchey and Antonio Delgado will be attending to help give out school supplies. Food vendors and community organizations as well as free haircuts will be available.

Sam Aldi has question about electric charging stations for cars. Trustee Holliday stated that The Village was awarded a grant for \$28,000 for (2) dual stations. No monies have been disbursed for the project to date.

**Executive Session to discuss personnel matters:**

On a motion by President Grasse, seconded by Trustee Mitchell and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters.

On a motion made by Trustee Law, seconded by Trustee Kozloski and passed unanimously to return to regular session.

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**Adjournment:**

On a motion by President Grasse, seconded by Trustee Mitchell and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Signoretti

Village Clerk

APPROVED: August 9, 2023



July 27, 2023

New York State Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)  
Clean Energy Communities Program  
17 Columbia Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

RE: Clean Energy Communities – Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to commit the Village of Catskill to use the \$5,000 grant award for a Climate Protection Revolving Fund to support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and renewable energy development within the Village of Catskill.

The Village of Catskill and our Climate Smart Committee are proud of our successful campaign to be designated as a Clean Energy Community on July 18, 2023. With the assistance of our Climate Smart Task Force, the Village of Catskill has completed:

- 1) Benchmarking for Municipal Buildings
- 2) Benchmarking, Advanced Reporting
- 3) LED Street Lights
- 4) Unified Solar Permit

The Village of Catskill is demonstrating its commitment to being a Clean Energy Community and will enthusiastically be striving to achieve additional high impact action items. We are committing to using the \$5,000 grant award to support a greenhouse gas reduction project. The initial concept for these funds is to create a Climate Protection Revolving Fund to help pay for the cost of projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support renewable energy development. We believe this will contribute to the health and safety, and financial well-being of residents of our community.

We are very appreciative of the support of the State of New York and NYSERDA in helping and encouraging local governments to reduce their environmental impact, energy usage, demonstrate leadership and save taxpayer money.

Sincerely,

Peter Grasse  
President  
Village of Catskill Board of Trustees



**RESOLUTION**  
**Village of Catskill Climate Protection Revolving Fund**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Whereas**, the Village of Catskill has achieved Clean Energy Community designation and is eligible to receive a \$5,000 grant from NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program; and

**Whereas**, the Village Trustees believe the best use of these grant funds will be to establish an internal revolving fund dedicated to funding projects that will help support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions thereby contributing to the health, safety and financial well-being of residents of our community or which will generate renewable energy. As these projects generate measurable cost savings to the Village, some or all of those savings will be used to return the fund to its original balance or, to the extent approved by the Village Board of Trustees, increase it, allowing for reinvestment in future projects for climate protection. This will establish an ongoing funding vehicle to help drive energy efficiency and sustainability over time, while generating cost savings and ensuring funding is available for climate protection projects. It may also serve as an educational tool to show long term energy savings.

**It is therefore resolved** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Catskill hereby establishes a Climate Protection Revolving Fund subject to the following policies and procedures

**Policies and Procedures for the Climate Protection Revolving Fund  
of the Village of Catskill, Greene County, New York**

These Policies and Procedures will create the Village of Catskill's Climate Protection Revolving Fund and govern the use of funds deposited into it.

1. The initial NYSERDA grant of \$5,000 shall be deposited into a separate Village account for the Climate Protection Revolving Fund.
2. The Climate Smart Communities Task Force, during its existence as an active body with a Task Force Coordinator, shall meet at least biannually and periodically make recommendations to the Village Board as to which projects to fund. Eligible projects shall be those which are expected to help support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and thereby contribute to the health, safety and financial well-being of residents of our community or which will generate renewable energy. By December 1 of each year, beginning no later than December 1, 2024, the Climate Smart Communities Task Force shall prepare a report detailing actual savings/avoided costs for each project funded by the Climate Protection Revolving Fund based on savings in the prior year calculated by using reliable information which could include the Municipal Greenhouse Gas Inventory, energy benchmarking, or other methods. For each project or group of projects completed in the prior year, the amount recommended to be revolved into the fund shall be either (a) the portion of savings/avoided costs sufficient to restore the fund to its initial balance, or (b) 100% of the savings/avoided costs in the event that these are not sufficient to restore the fund to its initial balance, or (c) a greater amount that would increase the size of the Climate Protection Revolving Fund. In the event the Climate Smart Task Force is not in





existence at the time a report is required under this paragraph, the Village Clerk shall prepare the required report.

3. Based on the report prepared by the Climate Smart Communities Task Force, or in the event it no longer exists as an active body, by the Village Clerk, the Village Board of Trustees will determine during the annual budgeting process how much to budget and transfer into the Climate Protection Revolving Fund for the upcoming fiscal year.

4. All expenditures of funds must be approved by resolution of the Village Board.

5. These policies and procedures may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Village Board. And be it further

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Catskill that the Village Board declares itself lead agency for purposes of State Environmental Quality Review ("SEQR") for the proposed project and hereby finds that the proposed project is a Type II action not subject to further review under SEQR.



**RESOLUTION**  
**Village of Catskill Reuse Programs**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Whereas**, the Village of Catskill wishes to assist community members in lowering their utility costs while also reducing the amount of greenhouse gases produced by the community; and

**Whereas**, options are available for residents and small businesses to replace high-emission utilities with utilities using green energy; and

**Whereas**, the Village of Catskill wishes to inform Village residents and businesses of these options and encourage them to take advantage of these options;

**It is therefore resolved** that the Village of Catskill will, through its Climate Smart Task Force, conduct the following community campaigns:

- (1) a community campaign to inform Village residents and businesses about the options available for adopting community solar for their electrical service; and
- (2) a community campaign to inform Village residents and businesses about the options available for replacing fossil-fuel-based heating and/or cooling systems with heat pump systems to provide heating and cooling for their homes and businesses.

This resolution will go into effect immediately upon adoption.

