

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – JANUARY 3, 2024

The Organizational Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

Councilwoman Peg Nau
Councilwoman Leanne Thornton
Councilman Zach Horton
Supervisor Fred Costello

Absent: Councilman Mike Ivino

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

There has been a unanimous decision to change of couple of motions on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on December 13, 2023, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the bills as presented, carried.

General Fund	\$76, 463.60
General Outside Village	10,991.90
Highway	79,322.62
Sewer O&M	23.50
Water O&M	19.23
Trust & Agency	7,052.96
Central Hudson	949.63

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to designate the Hudson Valley One as the Official Newspaper of the Town of Saugerties pursuant to Section 64(1) of the Town Law and to designate the Kingston Daily Freeman as an additional newspaper

for the publication of such notices, resolutions and ordinances at the option of the Town Board for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following as the official bank for the Town of Saugerties for 2024: M&T Bank.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint George Redder as an attorney for the Town of Saugerties to handle all legal work for the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board, actions in which the Saugerties Town Board is an involved agency; SEQR purposes, highway department, FEMA, and will be responsible for motions and resolutions required by the Saugerties Town Board for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint John Greco as an attorney for the Town of Saugerties for the purpose of handling prosecution for Animal Control, Building Inspector, Police Department, HUD, will be responsible for working with the Assessor's Office in all tax cases, will be responsible for all legal work required in the Water & Sewer District, special prosecutor for traffic tickets, all matters related to Parks & Rec and will be responsible for motions and resolutions required by the Saugerties Town Board for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint UHY Advisors NY as the Town of Saugerties Accountant for the year 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Audrey Klinkenberg as the Town of Saugerties Historian for the year 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint Brinnier & Larios, PC as the Town of Saugerties Engineers for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint Nelson, Pope & Voorhis as the Town of Saugerties Consulting Planner for the year 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Lisa Stanley, Saugerties Town Clerk, as Registrar of Vital Statistics and Records Management Officer for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Leslie Duffy, Saugerties Deputy Town Clerk, as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve that the weekly expense vouchers be inputted to the accounting software for auditing to the Town of Saugerties Bookkeeper by 12:00 noon on the Friday prior to the scheduled Town Board meeting and that all claims or vouchers must be accompanied with purchase bills or receipts of purchased items and initialed/signed by department heads where applicable.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to have the Saugerties Town Board meetings start at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center on Market Street in Saugerties, NY for 2024 on: January 3 & 17, February 14, March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17, May 1 & 15, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 4 & 18, October 2 & 16, November 6 & 20 and December 18.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the following dates for the town offices to be closed in 2024: January 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day; February 19, President's Day; March 29, Good Friday; May 27, Memorial Day; June 19, Juneteenth; July 4, Independence Day Holiday; September 2, Labor Day; October 14, Columbus Day; November 5, Election, November 11, Veteran's Day (observed); November 28, Thanksgiving Day; November 29, day after Thanksgiving; December 25, Christmas Holiday and January 1, New Year's Day.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to authorize the Town of Saugerties Supervisor to designate use of his signature stamp where deemed necessary according to Town Law Section 29(30).

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve a charge of \$35.00 on each check tendered for payment and returned for insufficient funds, according to Section 85 of the General Municipal Law.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the Town of Saugerties Procurement Policy, as on file, as required by General Municipal Law Section 104(b) which was revised on January 1, 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to re-adopt Resolution #94-241 (as on file), dated December 21, 1994 and modified on February 4, 2004, which approves the Town of Saugerties Investment Policy as it conforms with General Municipal Law Section 39.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that this past year was successful with Diane Friedmann investing with \$300,000+ interest accumulated.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint the Town Board Members to serve as liaisons for the following:

Senior Education Commission – Leeanne Thornton

HUD – Peg Nau

Parks Recreation & Buildings – Zach Horton

Transfer Station – Peg Nau

Justice Court – Fred Costello

Buildings & Zoning Codes – Mike Ivino

Planning Board – Mike Ivino

Zoning Board of Appeals – Mike Ivino

Police – Fred Costello

Assessors – Mike Ivino

Water & Sewer – Mike Ivino

Animal Shelter – Mike Ivino

Public Cable Access – Leeanne Thornton

Historian – Peg Nau

Conservation Advisory Committee – Zach Horton

Tourism Committee – Fred Costello

Library – Leeanne Thornton

Diaz Ambulance – Mike Ivino

Comprehensive Planning Committee – Leeanne Thornton

Boys & Girls Club – Leeanne Thornton

Ethics Committee – Mike Ivino

Historic Preservation Commission – Peg Nau

Historical Society – Leeanne Thornton

Board of Assessment Review (BAR) – Mike Ivino

Bristol Beach Finance & Outreach Advisory Committee – Leeanne Thornton
Saugerties Transportation Advisory Council – Leeanne Thornton
Comprehensive Plan Update Committee – Leeanne Thornton
Climate Smart Task Force – Zach Horton
Arts Commission – Peg Nau

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint the following individuals to the Bristol Beach Finance & Outreach Advisory Committee for 2024: Lanny Walter, Cindy Saporito, Todd Martin, Mark Imhoff and Mike Harkavy.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee for 2024: Heidi Whittaker, Kevin Pendergast, Rich Koegel, Joe Quirk, Pat Caffrey, Mike Pugliese, Steve Dodig, Jake Smith and Jay Mooers.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Conservation Advisory Committee for 2024: Mike Harkavy, Skip Arthur, Mary Anne Wrolsen, Mary O’Donnell, Elizabeth Shafer, Carole Furman, Leslie Surprenant, Ken Goldberg, Robert Irizarry and James “Spider” Barbour as Honorary Member.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Climate Smart Task Force for 2024: Mike Harkavy, Skip Arthur, Mary Anne Wrolsen, Mary O’Donnell, Elizabeth Shafer, Carole Furman, Leslie Surprenant, Ken Goldberg, Nicole Roskos and James “Spider” Barbour as Honorary Member.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint Mary O’Donnell as the chair to the CAC and the CSTF for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Cable Access Committee for 2024: Gus Pedersen, Paul O’Malley and Matthew Phillips.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Tourism Committee for 2024: Marjorie Block and Mark Smith.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Marjorie Block as the Chair to the Tourism Committee for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Comprehensive Planning Committee for 2024: Lauren Ruberg, Carol Ann Mayone, Josepha Gutelius, Susan Weeks, Sam Dederick, Bob Dederick, Aden Hughes and Richard Azoff.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint Al Bruno as the chair of the BAR for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Joe Mayone to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals with a five (5) year term that expires on December 31, 2028.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Bill Schirmer as chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint Henry Rua as a vice-chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint the following individual Holly Strutt to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate with a one (1) year term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint Kevin Brady to serve on the Planning Board for a seven (7) year term that expires on December 31, 2030.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint Howie Post as chair of the Planning Board for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint Carole Furman as vice-chair of the Planning Board for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Saugerties Transportation Advisory Council (STAC) for 2024: Jorge Castagnola, Doug Myer, Al Bruno, Lou Klepner, Barbara Budik, Ray Mayone and Glenn Jones.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Saugerties Art Commission for 2024: Lisa Nicholas, Autumn Farina, Andrew Rein, Gisel Florez and Nina Schmidbaur.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individual Shirley McLaren to serve on the Ethics Committee with a five (5) year term to expire on December 31, 2028.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint the following individual, Fran Jacobsen to serve on the Senior Education Commission of Lifespring with a four (4) year term to expire on December 31, 2027.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to re-appoint Jeremy Russell as the secretary to the Historic Preservation Commission for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the standard IRS allowance for mileage reimbursement at a rate of 67 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the salary of \$85,874.71 for Greg Chorvas, Department Head for the Town of Saugerties Parks & Rec and Buildings and Grounds Departments for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the salary of \$76,500.00 for Deb Wells, Department Head for the Town of Saugerties HUD Department for 2024.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said this salary is reimbursed to us from the federal government.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the salary of \$89,395.00 for Frank Orlando, Department Head for the Town of Saugerties Assessor's Office for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the salaries, as approved in the budget, as listed for 2024 for elected officials: Supervisor at \$50,500.00; Receiver of Taxes at \$52,758.00; Town Clerk at \$57,000.00; Highway Superintendent at \$74,626.00; Town Board Members four (4) at \$14,000.00 each, Court Justice Kraft at \$37,597.50 and Court Justice O'Dell at \$37,597.50.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello explained that these salaries are significantly lower than peers.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint Mary McNamara as the Town of Saugerties Watershed Advocate for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to re-appoint Stephen Gakenheimer as "Deputy Highway Superintendent" for the year 2024 at a rate of pay of \$32.84 per hour or as per any wage increases as agreed upon in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Saugerties and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local Union No. 445 for said hourly rate, plus a Deputy Stipend of \$200.00 per week.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to reappoint Darcy Snyder to the position of "Secretary to the Highway Superintendent" for the year 2024 at a rate of pay of \$24.34 per hour or as per the wage increases agreed upon in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Saugerties and Communication Workers of America Local Union No. 1120.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve Tokio Marine/Houston Casualty Co. with the writing company/tier being US Specialty through Reis Insurance as the property and casualty insurance carrier for the Town of Saugerties for 2024.
Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve a \$25.00 per hour rate of pay for all clerical part timers, effective January 1, 2024.
Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve a salary of \$47,325.00 for 2024 for the Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor.
Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to approve a 3.25% increase for all clerical part timers making \$25.00 per hour or more.
Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to reappoint Mary McNamara as the Organic Recycling Coordinator for the Town of Saugerties Transfer Station for the year 2024 as per the recommendation of the Transfer Station Manager, Douglas F. Myer.
Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint Carole Furman as Planning Board Rep to the CPC Town and Village Committee.
Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the salary of \$18,250.00 for Douglas Myer, the Landfill Supervisor for 2024.
Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to approve the salary of \$46,680.00 per year for Animal Control Officer Eleanor Monfett for 2024.
Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to appoint Supervisor Fred Costello, Jr., as a marriage officer for the Town of Saugerties for the year 2024.
Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the agreement, as on file, for the expenditure of Highway monies in accordance with Section 284 of the Highway Law for the year 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to reappoint Becky Bertorelli as Planning Board Secretary for 2024, at a rate of \$24.34 an hour.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to reappoint Becky Bertorelli as Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary for 2024, at the rate of \$24.34 an hour.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the salary of \$80,598.00 for Alvah Weeks, Department Head for the Town of Saugerties Building Department for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the following hourly rates for the following Building Department employees: Sean Weaver \$30.00, Kathleen Cappello \$24.34 and Claudette Zinkow \$26.85 for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve a pay rate of \$24.34 per hour for Deputy Town Clerk Leslie Duffy for 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to allow Sgt. Christopher Benson to roll over 24 hours – Holiday to be used in 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow Officer Joseph Comito to roll over 16 hours – Holiday to be used in 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Horton to allow Sgt. Derek Fallon to roll over 24 hours – Holiday and 8 hours – Supplemental to be used in 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to allow Det. Jordyn Kilfoyle to roll over 16 hours – Holiday and 88 hours – Vacation to be used in 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to allow Officer Erik Lilland to roll over 96 hours – Vacation to be used in 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow Officer Chelsea Marino to roll over 40 hours – Holiday to be used in 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow Administrative Assistant Mary Mirabella to roll over 7.5 hours – Holiday and 39.5 hours – Vacation to be used in 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow Dispatcher Mary Seyfarth to roll over 32 hours – Holiday and 187 hours – Vacation to be used in 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to allow Lt. Kenneth Swart to roll over 112 hours – Vacation to be used in 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow Sgt. Corey Tome to roll over 40 hours – Holiday and 120 hours – Vacation to be used in 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow Dispatcher William Truax to roll over 16 hours – Holiday to be used in 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow Sr. Dispatcher Vera White to roll over 24 hours – Holiday and 40 hours – Vacation to be used in 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to allow Officer Travis Winchell to roll over 6 hours – Holiday to be used in 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to hire Jenny Fulford as a full time Deputy Receiver of Taxes for the Receiver of Taxes Department at a rate of pay of \$24.34 per hour, effective January 4, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Horton to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties one (1) defective and inoperable 1996 International Six Wheel Dump Truck, VIN #1HTSDAAR9TH260700, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to dispose of the aforementioned surplus equipment via Auctions International or via other greater revenue generating means, which may include Metal Salvage Reclamation as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the resolution, as on file, to allow the Highway Superintendent, Raymond Mayone to select a consulting civil engineering firm to assist in preparing an application for funding under the Bridge NY Program to replace the Drummonds Falls Road Bridge.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the resignation of Thomas Dimino from the Highway Department, with his last day of employment being December 29, 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to hire Brandon Gambino as a full time Motor Equipment Operator to fill the vacancy for the Highway Department at a rate of pay of \$28.78 effective January 8, 2024 as per the recommendation of Raymond Mayone, Highway Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve \$225.00 per year for vision care for all employees and dependents who are not covered under a collective bargaining agreement, effective January 1, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the submission of a TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) application funds made available to NY State through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and administered by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) by the Town of Saugerties to fund pedestrian/bicycle improvements along the Route 9W corridor in the Town of Saugerties.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton added that business owners are appreciative to make the area safer.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to continue working with Adriana Beltrani of Laberge Engineering & Consulting Group, LTD for 2024 as she is assisting the Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) regarding zoning revision work.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the Labor Agreement between the Town of Saugerties and Police Chief Robert M. Nuzzo, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow Alvah Weeks, Building Department employee to carry over 64 hours of vacation time to be used in 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve an increase in animal shelter worker/laborer Morgan Bach's hourly rate from \$19.00 to \$20.00, effective January 1, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve an increase in animal shelter worker/laborer Shalan Newkirk's hourly rate from \$18.50 to \$19.50, effective January 1, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve a weekly bookkeeping stipend of \$450.00 for Diane Friedmann Tax Receiver/Bookkeeper, effective January 1, 2024.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that Diane has done an amazing job, thank you for your continued work.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint the following individual to serve on the Climate Smart Task Force for 2024: Robert Irizarry.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to allow Mark Resso, Water & Sewer Department employee to carry over 105 hours of vacation time to be used in 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Supervisor Costello appoints Leanne Thornton as Deputy Supervisor for 2024.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to adjourn Organizational Meeting at 8:14 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

The meeting closed in memory of Ed Martino, Sr., Joe Defino, Sr. and Don Minkler.

Town Clerk