

TOWN BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 18, 2023

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 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 at 7:50 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

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

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Michelle Numssen – all the work on the 2023 Budget and now quite shocked and disappointed on raises that were given at the January 4, 2023 meeting. Do want to give kudos to Councilmen Ivino and Horton for voicing objection.

Carol Kaelin – inquired when Pickleball courts will be done; great sport for seniors.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the minutes of January 4, 2023, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to approve the bills as presented, carried.

General Fund	\$231,504.06
General Outside Village	16,596.61
Highway	84,943.88
Capital Projects	671.63
Lighting District	7,441.07

Sewer O&M	24,009.46
Water O&M	14,155.85
Trust & Agency	2,178.76
Central Hudson	15,191.78

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Ray Mayone, Highway – routine brush cutting and Malden docks have been secured. Glasco will be worked on next.

Doug Myer, Transfer Station – everything is running smoothly

Cpt. Filak, Police – end of year numbers will be out soon

Rob Kleemann, Ice Rink – December 23 through January 2 we had 3,000 for public skate and brought in \$28,092.00 and Martin Luther King weekend 835 people with \$8,232.00. Ice torch parade will be February 1 at the rink.

Marc Malgieri, Parks & Rec – thank the highway department for work on the Malden Mini Park.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – library is open 10-4 on Tuesday and Thursday; Boys & Girls Club is holding their bowling tournament on February 5; CPC meets 1/26; STAC met last Thursday; February 3-5 is the Snow Moon Festival.

Councilman Ivino – building department ended year with 807 permits; Short Term Rentals are being issued; Diaz is looking for a new ambulance; Water & Sewer break on Kings Highway.

Councilman Horton - Task Force meeting January 19 virtually

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, adopting a negative declaration under SEQR and Local Law #1 of 2023 amending Chapter 245, zoning entitled “Lumber and Wood Processing Facility Zoning Amendments”.

Discussion: Councilman Ivino added that people that got involved made this possible.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino abstained)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties three hundred and thirteen (313) light fixtures from town hall and police headquarters which are being replaced with high energy efficient LEDs from the recently obtained NYSEDA Grant, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to dispose of aforementioned fixtures via the most revenue producing means which may include metal salvage reclamation, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the low bid from Davis Mechanical, East Syracuse, NY for one new Climate Smart Air Cooled Chiller in the amount of \$1,256,407.92 per the recommendation of Engineer Richard Praetorius, CPA Gary Newkirk, the Ice Arena Director and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that this is advanced energy efficient equipment.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello upon approval of the aforementioned award, authorizing a deposit payment of \$125,641.00 at the time of Purchase Order issuance. To be paid from Capital Account #H003-7110.206 per the recommendation of CPA Gary Newkirk, and reimbursed through DEC Climate Smart Communities Grant #DEC01-C01399, per the recommendation of the Ice Arena Director and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, authorizing the issuance of bonds of the town in an amount not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$1,200,000.00 to finance a portion of the cost of acquiring and installing an air chiller for the town ice rink.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said we need to borrow money but more than confident to pay it off in five years or less.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to allow the supervisor to sign, as on file, the Task Force Agreement between the Town of Saugerties and Ulster County.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the hiring of Lisa Bach as a full time Court Clerk at a pay rate of \$21.80 per hour, effective immediately.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that the Judges interviewed 19 people off the Civil Service list with no luck.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the hiring of Joslyn Brown as a part time Tax Clerk at a pay rate of \$20.00 per hour, as per the Tax Receiver Jill Zarcone and effective February 1, 2023.

Discussion: Councilman Ivino clarified that this is for the tax season and Supervisor Costello added that this individual will be available as needed.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow Anastasia Redman, Cable Access/TV23 Coordinator/Clerk to be paid out for 30 hours of vacation time not used in 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$571.80.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said this was adopted in 2020 and part time employee is entitled to vacation time which should have been used and not paid out.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow Michele Haines, Water & Sewer Department employee to roll over 15.5 unused vacation hours from 2022 to comp time for 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to appoint the following individual Mike Rogers to serve on the Ethics Committee for a five year term to expire on December 31, 2027.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Nau abstained)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to set a public hearing for the 8th day of February 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the removal of the buildings, structures, vermin, nuisance, hazard, debris, litter and/or unregistered vehicles at the premises located at 309, 311 and 331 Route 212, Saugerties, NY by the Town of Saugerties or its designee and to assess the costs of the clean up and removal.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the tax certiorari settlement regarding John and Anita Pfisterer.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to allow the Supervisor to sign the Contracts of Sale regarding the Adamczyk property and CINMON LLC.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to enter into Executive Session pending or current litigation at 8:26 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:05 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Public Hearing re: Edwards 6:00 p.m.

Pre-Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Meeting closed in memory of Anthony Missasi and Chris Meyers.

Town Clerk