

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – JANUARY 5, 2022

The Organizational Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 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 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

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

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Congratulations and welcome to new town board members Peg Nau and Zach Horton!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Bid Opening on December 9, 2021, Public Hearing on December 15, 2021, Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on December 15, 2021, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$105,289.61
General Outside Village	10,863.16
Highway	111,162.01
Capital Projects	6,800.00
Sewer O&M	100,997.43
Water O&M	210,648.80

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello 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 2022.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following as the official bank for the Town of Saugerties for 2022: M&T Bank.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello 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 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton seconded by Councilman Ivino 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 legal matters related to Parks & Rec, all matters related to insurance claims against the town, employees, consultants & sub-consultants and will be responsible for motions & resolutions required by the Saugerties Town Board for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Gary Newkirk who is an associate with UHY Advisors NY as the Town of Saugerties Accountant for the year 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Audrey Klinkenberg as the Town of Saugerties Historian for the year 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Brinnier & Larios, PC as the Town of Saugerties Engineers for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Nelson, Pope & Voorhis as the Town of Saugerties Consulting Planner for the year 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint Lisa Stanley, Saugerties Town Clerk, as the Registrar of Vital Statistics and Records Management Officer for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to appoint Leslie Duffy, Saugerties Deputy Town Clerk, as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve that 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 – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton 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 2022 on: January 5 & 19, February 9, March 2 & 16, April 6 & 20, May 4 & 18, June 15, July 13, August 17, September 7 & 21, October 5 & 19, November 2 & 16 and December 14.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the following dates for the town offices to be closed in 2022: January 17, Martin Luther King Jr. Day; February 21, President's Day; April 15, Good Friday, May 30, Memorial Day; June 20, Juneteenth observed; July 4, Independence Day Holiday; September 5, Labor Day; October 10, Columbus Day; November 8, election Day; November 11, Veterans Day; November 24, Thanksgiving Day; November 25, day after Thanksgiving; December 26, Christmas Holiday and January 2, 2023 for the New Year Holiday.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino 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 – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton 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 – 5 Yes

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

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton 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 30.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Ivino 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

Building & 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

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

Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint the following individuals to the Bristol Beach Finance & Outreach Advisory Committee for 2022: Lanny Walter, Cindy Saporito, Todd Martin and Mike Harkavy.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee for 2022: Bill Ball, Heidi Whittaker, Stephen Dodig, Kevin Pendergast, Rich Koegel, Joe Quirk, Pat Caffrey and Dean Fabiano (Honorary Member).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Conservation Advisory Committee for 2022: Mike Harkavy, Skip Arthur, Mary Anne Wrolsen, Mary O'Donnell, Elizabeth Shafer, Carole Furman, Leslie Surprenant and James "Spider" Barbour (Honorary Member).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Climate Smart Task Force for 2022: Mike Harkavy, Skip Arthur, Mary Anne Wrolsen, Mary O'Donnell, Elizabeth Shafer, Carole Furman, Leslie Surprenant, Patti Kelly, Susan Murphy, Steve Wehr, Nicole Koskos and James "Spider" Barbour (Honorary Member).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Mary O'Donnell as the chair to the CAC and CSTF for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Cable Access Committee for 2022: Gus Pedersen and Matthew Phillips.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Tourism Committee for 2022: Marjorie Block and Mark Smith.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Marjorie Block as the Chair to the Tourism Committee for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Comprehensive Planning Committee for 2022: Lauren Ruberg, Carol Ann Mayone, Josepha Gutelius, Susan Weeks, Sam Dederick, Bob Dederick, Aden Hughes and Richard Azoff.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Al Bruno as the chair of the BAR for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint Patti Kelly as chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Timothy Scott Jr. to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals with a five (5) year term that expires on December 31, 2026.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint Henry Rua as vice-chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individual, Bill Schirmer to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate with a term that starts on January 8, 2022 and expires on December 31, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Ken Goldberg to serve on the Planning Board for a seven (7) year term that expires on December 31, 2028.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to appoint Howie Post as chair of the Planning Board for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Carole Furman as vice-chair of the Planning Board for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individual, Bill Creen to serve on the Planning Board as an alternate with a 1 year term to expire on December 31, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Saugerties Transportation Advisory Council (STAC) for 2022: Jorge Castagnola, Doug Myer, Al Bruno and Glenn Jones.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Saugerties Art Commission for 2022: Yvonne Rojas-Cowan, Elizabeth Troxell, Isabel Soffer, Kristen Doyle and Kris Garnier.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to appoint the following individual, Al Bruno to serve on the Ethics Committee with a five year term to expire on December 31, 2026.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individual, Susan Davis to serve on the Senior Education Commission of Lifespring with a 4 year term to expire on December 31, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individual, Susan Poretz to serve on the Senior Education Commission of Lifespring with a 4 year term to expire on December 31, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to reappoint Jeremy Russell as the secretary for the Historic Preservation Commission for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to reappoint Becky Bertorelli as the secretary to the Planning Board for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to reappoint Kevin Freeman as the secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to approve the standard IRS allowance for mileage reimbursement at a rate of 58.5 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the salary of \$78,572.00 for Greg Chorvas, Department Head for the Town of Saugerties Parks & Rec and Buildings & Grounds Department for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the salary of \$74,732.00 for Alvah Weeks, Department Head for the Town of Saugerties Building Department for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the salary of \$60,450.00 for Deb Wells, Department Head for the Town of Saugerties HUD Department for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the salary of \$82,582.00 for Frank Orlando, Department Head for the Town of Saugerties Assessor's Office for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the salaries, as approved in the budget, as listed for 2022 for elected officials: Receiver of Taxes \$43,758.00, Town Clerk \$48,000.00, Highway Superintendent \$69,626.00, Court Justice Kraft \$34,097.50 and Court Justice Andreassen \$32,097.50

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve a stipend of \$20,800.00 for 2022 for Julie Dunn for her bookkeeping/accounting duties.

Discussion: Councilman Horton asked what the stipend covers and Supervisor Costello replied that she took over HR and accounting and maintained status through COVID.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve an hourly salary of \$19.00 for Elly Monfett, Animal Control Officer, effective January 1, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Mary McNamara as the Town of Saugerties Watershed Advocate for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to reappoint Stephen Gakenheimer as Deputy Highway Superintendent for a term of six (6) months at a rate of pay of \$27.17 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 – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to reappoint Darcy Snyder to the position of Secretary to the Highway Superintendent for the year 2022 at a rate of pay of \$22.66 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 – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve Tokyo 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 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve a \$1.00 per hour increase in salary for the following employees: Kevin Brown, Sean Weaver, Stacy Legg, Erin McDowell, Kate Cappello, Leslie Duffy, Donna Shultis, Terri Wood, Claudette Zinkow and all CWA members effective January 1, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve a \$1.00 per hour raise for all clerical part timers, effective January 1, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve a stipend of \$7,500.00 for Keith Hartrum who is an assistant to Parks & Rec and Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Greg Chorvas, effective January 1, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve an hourly salary of \$21.00 for Water & Sewer Department employee John Hanzel in recognition of earning his water certification, effective January 1, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve an hourly salary of \$15.50 for animal shelter worker Shalan Newkirk, effective January 1, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve an hourly salary of \$16.00 for animal shelter worker Morgan Bach, effective January 1, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve an hourly salary of \$17.00 for transfer station worker Mark Fisher, effective January 1, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to allow Mark Resso, Water & Sewer Department employee to carry over 5 vacation days per Article 14 of the UPSEU contract to be used in 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to allow Alvah Weeks, Building Department employee to carry over 5 vacation days to be used in 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to reappoint Mary McNamara as the Organic Recycling Coordinator for the Town of Saugerties Transfer Station for the year 2022 as per the recommendation of the Transfer Station Manager, Douglas F. Myer.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Carole Furman as Planning Board Rep to the CPC Town and Village Committee.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Douglas Myer to the part time position of Landfill Supervisor with an annual salary of \$16,250.00.

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to amend motion to have a contract in hand citing duties of this position before it is filled.

Vote on amendment: Not Adopted – 2 Yes (Councilwomen Nau & Thornton and Supervisor Costello voting No)

Vote on original motion: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilmen Ivino and Horton voting No)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to add to the Ice Arena part time call out Rachel Steyer at a rate of \$15.00/hour per the recommendation of the Ice Arena Director and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the Labor Agreement between the Town of Saugerties and Chief Joseph A. Sinagra from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024 which is pending town attorney approval and then available upon request.

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to table the above motion.

Vote to table: Not Adopted – 2 Yes (Councilwomen Nau & Thornton and Supervisor Costello voting No)

Vote on original motion: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilmen Ivino and Horton voting No)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the Labor Agreement between the Town of Saugerties and Cpt. Stephen W. Filak, Sr., from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024 which is pending town attorney approval and then available upon request.

Discussion: Councilman Ivino asked all board members if they reviewed the salaries and what are the opinions of replacing vehicles at 33,000 miles? This should be addressed and also providing new vehicles. Councilman Horton questioned longevity. Supervisor Costello explained that these are leased vehicles and need to be turned in within that mileage.

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to table the above motion.

Vote to table: Not Adopted – 2 Yes (Councilwomen Nau & Thornton and Supervisor Costello voting No)

Vote on original motion: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilmen Ivino and Horton voting No)

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 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint Leeanne Thornton as Deputy Supervisor for 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

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 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, pertaining to Saugerties Farms LLC for a Planned Development District: State Environmental Quality Review Act, Lead Agency Determination.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said this will confirm the town boards want and authority to be lead agency, just zoning change.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk