

**PRE-BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 16, 2022**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located on the corner of Robinson and Market Streets in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

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

Councilman Ivino questioned the motion on the agenda regarding Charter Communications franchise agreement, he would like it pulled. Councilwoman Thornton commented that it is a 10 year contract with TV23 and the committee went over and it is agreeable and will set the franchise fee at 3%. All members are in agreement to pull the motion.

All board members are in agreement to add a motion regarding Broadband.

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Town Clerk

**TOWN BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 16, 2022**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located on the corner of Robinson and Market Streets in the Village of Saugerties. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

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

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

**Richard “Doc” Kappler** from the Garlic Festival Committee presented the town board with two checks for reimbursement for the Police Department and Parks & Rec Department. He

indicated that attendance was down a bit because of inclement weather giving approximately 9400 attendees Saturday and 14000 on Sunday. Dr. Kappler also recognized Cindy Saporito on her efforts with the zero waste initiative. The wifi was also up-graded but there is still a dead spot which will be addressed. Thank you to all departments who helped make this successful once again.

**Josephine Papagni & Shabazz Jackson, Greenway** – gave a slideshow presentation on implementing the zero waste initiative at the Garlic Festival.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Robert Gallenz – October 19, 1781 is America’s true birthday and there are two wedding anniversaries to celebrate of 54 years each, Norma and Col. Roger Donlon and John and Peg Nau.

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

An environmental grant was received for Malden Mini Park; the highway department has done prep work for the dog park and on November 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting on the lower Esopus Creek.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on November 2, 2022, Public Hearings on November 2, 2022 regarding exceeding the 2% cap and the 2023 Budget, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

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| General Fund            | \$134,882.16 |
| General Outside Village | 15,879.22    |
| Highway                 | 104,997.62   |
| Sewer O&M               | 9,403.37     |
| Water O&M               | 4,314.09     |

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Greg Chorvas – completed winterizing the outside buildings; received \$2,530.00 check for restitution for damage at Parks & Rec. Would also like to commend Rob Kleemann on all the time he volunteers throughout Saugerties and the surrounding communities, he goes above and beyond.

Doug Myer – someone ran through the gate at the Transfer Station and it was fixed in-house.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – TV23 committee met and signed off on changes regarding the franchise agreement. On TV23 Pro-musica will be shown in the near future. On December 4<sup>th</sup> is the Festival of Trees.

Councilman Ivino – nothing to report

Councilman Horton – CAC meets November 17 along with Climate Smart Task Force.

Councilman Horton also read a letter from Elizabeth Schaefer regarding zero waste.

### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the 2023 Budget with amendments as discussed in Pre-Board.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that this was a challenging budget but it is now below the cap.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the supervisor to sign the Legal Fee Agreement, as on file, pertaining to the Community Choice Aggregation Program.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that we partnered with ten other communities and we are still in litigation with Columbia.

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

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the supervisor to sign an engagement letter (available upon request) with Collier Engineering in regards to a traffic study for the Winston Farm Project and pending town attorney approval.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that attorney John Greco has already reviewed the document and it is ready to go.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve raising the impound fee at the animal shelter from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per the recommendation of the Animal Shelter Manager/Animal Control Officer.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that fees have not been raised in a long time.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to move Officer Jackie Zhang from a Reserve Officer to a part time Police Officer, effective December 1, 2022, at the rate of \$21.50 an hour.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to authorize the Supervisor to sign the attached Funding & Development with Archtopfiber (will supply it to the town board when the revised agreement is finished) and pending town attorney approval.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that we are fortunate to have a relationship with a fiber company.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:54 p.m., carried.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**December 14, 2022**

**Pre-Board Meeting**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Town Board Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.**

*The meeting closed in memory of Joyce Penka, Belinda Robinson, Lorraine Mower and Maryann DePoala.*

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Town Clerk