

TOWN BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 18, 2023

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located at 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 Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Zach Horton
Supervisor Fred Costello

Absent: Councilman Mike Ivino

PRIVILEGE F FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Bridget Maldarelli – member of housing task force committee but has questions about expediting affordable housing. Is it possible for the town to do emanate domain? Landlords should be compensated for keeping rent low and their property up-dated.

Samantha Dederick – how will \$300,000.00 spent by the board benefit the taxpayers for the Fite House? Richards Family and Opus 40 came to an agreement, per Supervisor Costello.

Gaetana Cairlante – we weren't aware and involved in decision about the Fite House; sounds like money laundering.

Catherine Rumble – questioned how much money it will costs the town replacing the air chiller for the rink.

Suzanne VanWagenen – asked for clarification regarding the Fite House.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Access to the dog park in the winter will be dependent on Parks & Rec staff availability; the park is named after the anonymous donors' children.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on October 4, 2023 and Bid Opening on October 5, 2023 regarding the construction of the Animal Shelter, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$60,471.21
General Outside Village	834.59
Highway	88,686.17
Lighting District	7,866.25
Central Hudson	8,963.76

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – thank you for support at the Food Truck events; October 29 from 11-3 will be Touch-a-Truck; dog park is open!; check out the website for the library; CPC will meet on October 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Horton – CAC will meet October 19; congratulations for the dog park near completion, it looks great! October 28 from 1-3 trunk or treat and public skate at the ice rink

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the resignation of Kyle Hummer from the Town of Saugerties Water & Sewer Department, effective October 13, 2023.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that we wish him well.

Vote: Adopted - 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Horton to accept the resignation of Officer Matthew Monaco, effective October 22, 2023.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that we wish him the best.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to allow the town’s grant writer Kathleen Gray to apply for a Building Decarbonization Grant from Partners for

Climate Action Hudson Valley for \$100,000.00 that will be applied to the cost of the new Chiller for the Kiwanis Ice Rink.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that this will have a meaningful impact for the next couple decades.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve providing OPUS 40 with \$300,000.00 pending confirmation of funds from DASNY which is part of the capital to purchase the Fite House.

Discussion: Councilman Horton agrees that Opus 40 plays a role in the Town of Saugerties but worries about the precedent this sets. Would like to see all funds used for infrastructure.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent, Councilman Horton voting No)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:07 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, October 25, 2023	2024 Budget Workshop	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 1, 2023	Public Hearing Exceed the 2% Tax Cap	6:00 p.m.
	Public Hearing 2024 Budget	6:30 p.m.
	Pre-Board Meeting Town Board Meeting	following hearings 7:00 p.m.

**the November 1st meetings will take place at town hall in the building department area due to early voting at the senior center.*

Wednesday, November 15, 2023	Public Hearing Proposed Amendments to Sign Law	6:00 p.m.
	Pre-Board Meeting Town Board Meeting	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 5, 2023	Public Hearing Proposed Amendments to Sign Law	5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

The meeting closed in memory of Thomas Haefle, Cathy Flanigan and John Moree

Town Clerk