

**PRE-BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 19, 2022**

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

All are in agreement to move forward a motion for the Building Department.

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

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

Kate Hagerman and Emily Svenson, Esq. from Catskill Mountainkeepers talked about concerns with the Winston Farms project. What does Saugerties stand to lose and do the benefits outweigh that. Would like to see a moratorium to pause development.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Nancy Fedoreshenko - asking neighbors to join a crime watch, there is crime in the village and town. Supports Winston Farm and hopes crime will not rise.

Meaghan Bianco – disappointed that an organization outside of Ulster County is trying to sabotage the Winston Farm project.

Marty Martin – three local families own this property and have the best interest of town in mind and doing this the correct way.

Brandon Schiller – full time resident and support the Winston Farm project; concerned about environmental impact and look forward to reading the studies when complete. Catskill Mountainkeepers has spread rumors and untruths about the project.

Michelle Numssen – trying to believe in open government but when looking for the preliminary budget, could not find it. It should not be hard to find.

April Richers – Winston Farm is a hot topic and was delinquent in taxes when it was recently purchased. We have ideas that will work; this property needs to move forward. Keep conversation open and positive; don't let negativity cut this off.

Arabella Colton – have not felt the dire effect of climate change here yet but it is coming.

Alex Horton – lifelong resident; could not choose three better people to develop Winston Farms. Many out-of-towners in Catskill Mountainkeepers; review has to take place first.

Bari Koral – controversial project but would love to work with local individuals and create own local park.

Tim Wells – local people want the best for this town; a lot of misinformation out there. Want to save trees but need to move forward.

Emily Svenson – wanted to clarify that Catskill Mountainkeepers has two offices in Ulster County; now is the time to bring up SEQRA issues.

David Brennan – talked about scoping a month ago but here to listen; studies have not been started yet. This study is a moratorium, it will take months to complete.

#### **SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:**

Winston Farms will be a topic of discussion for many months to come. The community is resilient and has defended this property but we can not go 15 year cycles cutting down

projects. The Schaller's had a hard time keeping and maintaining the property. In 2009 a study was done but the next phase was too costly to continue. Councilman Ivino added that there are multiple sources of water in the town and we do listen to the residents regarding concerns.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on October 5, 2022; Public Hearings on October 5, 2022 regarding Special Use Permit Requirements for Lumber and Wood Processing Facilities; Repealing Assigned Additional Duties to the Receiver of Taxes; Removal of Buildings, Structures & Personal Property at 480 Malden Turnpike, Saugerties, NY and Restore NY Grant – Rehabilitating Properties, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$137,192.72
General outside Village	14,845.05
Highway	127,581.66
Sewer O&M	10,605.00

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Ray Mayone, Highway – finished 15 roads with oil and chip for this year; setting up plows and sanders for the winter.

Kevin Brown – the Building Department report is on file at the Town Clerk's Office.

Greg Chorvas – Garlic Festival had a zero waste initiative and was amazing, much less garbage on the ground and very successful with 75% reduction. On-site parking brought in approximately \$22,000.00. There will be a sign dedication for Joe Gavner on October 22, 2022. Touch-a-truck fundraiser on October 23, 2022 and the Ice Arena has increased its hours of usage. The department will have a budget increase of close to 5% but revenues will increase by \$30,000.00. Chief Sinagra and Stephanie Steyer created a curriculum to help place of worship deal with active shooter incidents. This took place at the Katsbaan Reformed Church.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Nau – Deb Wells in HUD is grateful for Donna Shultis and is working out well. There is still a massive housing shortage even with paying maximum rent.

Councilwoman Thornton – Sunday from 11:00 to 3:00 will be a Touch-a-Truck event and kids should come in their Halloween costumes. Congratulations to Doug Wilson retiring as Library Trustee. Lifespring has 72 new members. Route 9W corridor is being looked into for pedestrian safety study. CPC meets on October 27<sup>th</sup> and thank you to Kevin Brown for attending the meetings.

Councilman Ivino – Diaz is being hit hard with staffing issues and not using all the money that has been budgeted.

Councilman Horton – nothing to report

### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the resignation of Court Clerk Meghan Carney, effective October 6, 2022.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said there are two vacancies in the court, the pay is too low.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Jackie Zhang as a Reserve Police officer, effective October 19, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the Town of Saugerties Building Department to add the following documents, as on file, to the Town of Saugerties existing MS-4 Plan. These documents will be used to go along with or replace the other reporting documents used for the MS-4 Plan.

Discussion: Kevin Brown explained that there was an audit and some paperwork was antiquated.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello authorizing Superintendent of Highways Raymond Mayone to spend up to \$20,000.00 on the purchase of one (1) used tow behind Leaf Vacuum via an online auction site to be paid for via the Highway Department fund balance DBO 1-911.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve reimbursing the Parks & Buildings Department \$103,570.00 (detailed listings attached) in loss revenues as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic for the purchase of one (1) new emergency back-up Generator for the Ice Arena. Funds to be transferred from ARPA Funds to Capital Account #A7110.191, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve reimbursing the Parks & Buildings Department for Covid-19 procurements totaling \$36,055.12 (details listings, with INCODE reports, attached). Funds to be transferred from ARPA funds to Capital Account #A1620.200, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve reimbursing the Parks & Buildings Department \$49,342.74 (excludes fringe) for Covid-19 additional staffing and hours totaling 2,354.25 hours, along with staffing overtime hours totaling 243 hours for extra cleaning, disinfecting, sanitizing, etc., above normal in Town Hall, Police Headquarters, Greco Center, Ice Arena, Facilities Operation Center and large Pavilion Reporting Area, along with exterior complex and parks facilities and related in the period of March 20, 2020 – February 7, 2021, as per the attached Covid-19 report. Funds to be transferred from ARPA Funds to 2023 Parks & Buildings Revenue Line Item Acct #A1189 (other revenues) to reduce impact on 2023 Budget as a result of Personal Services increases, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve transferring ARPA funds, per Supervisor Costello, for Covid-19 permanent full time 2022 salary increases per Parks & Buildings MOA into personal services line item accounts as follows: to Acct# A1620.106 \$22,324.00; to Acct# A7110.106 \$26,447.00 and to Acct# A7110.155 \$4,560.00, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties one (1) 2006 Zamboni Model 10.5 hp gasoline Power Edger serial #2504, as per the recommendation of the Ice Arena Director and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to dispose of aforementioned equipment through Auctions International or via the most revenue producing means, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve a curfew of 7:00 p.m. for Halloween, October 31, 2022, in the Town of Saugerties.

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to amend the motion to read a curfew of 8:00 p.m. for Halloween, October 31, 2022.

Vote on amendment: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve setting a public hearing date of November 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. pertaining to exceeding the 2% tax cap.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello would like to not exceed the cap but we are being proactive.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello approve setting a public hearing date of November 2, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. pertaining to the 2023 budget.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello approve a stipend, effective immediately, of \$150.00 weekly for Court Clerk Haley Whalen until the successful hiring of another Court Clerk.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said Haley is the only Court Clerk and this makes a good bridge until contract negotiations. Councilman Ivino added that it is important to evaluate what we pay good employees.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve a compensation of \$2,667.00, effective immediately, for Judge Chris Kraft for taking on the duties of running both town courts.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to amend the motion to read a compensation of \$2,667.00 per month effective October 1, 2022 for Judge Chris Kraft for taking on the duties of running both town courts.

Vote on amendment: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve Michael Bennett of Energy Saver Consulting LLC, 96 Brown Road, Middletown, NY 10941 as a Certified Energy Code Compliance Inspector per the International Energy Conservation Code of 2015 for the Specialized Inspector List.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to enter into Executive Session to discuss employment and appointment of a particular person at 9:00 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:24 p.m., carried.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

<b>Wednesday, October 26, 2022</b>	<b>Public Hearing Special Use Permit Requirements For Lumber &amp; Wood Processing</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>2023 Budget Workshop</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>**Wednesday, November 2, 2022</b>	<b>Public Hearing Exceed the 2% Tax Cap</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Public Hearing 2023 Budget</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Pre-Board Meeting Town Board Meeting</b>	<b>following hearings 7:00 p.m.</b>

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**\*\* Meetings will be held in the Building Department Conference Room at Town Hall.**