

PRE-BOARD MEETING – MARCH 2, 2022

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

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

Claudette Zinkow from the Building Department brought up issues with Historic Preservation Commission, a lot of safety issues and the building department does not receive any copies or paperwork. Sean Weaver has passed two requirements.

A Public Hearing date is scheduled for March 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. regarding Sewers.

Discussion on setting up Workshop for Zoning, Short Term Rentals and Police Commission.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – MARCH 2, 2022

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 2, 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 was 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

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: none

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Melissa Fisher secured a grant from the State Agency for \$15,000.00 and will be implementing changes in the next few months in the court. The Village has expressed interest in purchasing a second Harvester.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on February 9, 2022, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$249,227.94
General Outside Village	16,484.46
Highway	119,333.48
Ambulance District	109,889.84
Lighting District	674.71
Sewer O&M	13,485.37
Water O&M	10,741.58
Trust & Agency	1,280.00
Central Hudson	8,317.01

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Ray Mayone, Highway – on February 13, 19 and 25 there were snow and ice storms, shared services called in and then helped the Village clean up streets at night.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – TV23 asks that residents send in information for up-coming events; library has new website and several up-coming events. CPC meets March 3, STAC meets March 22; and Boys & Girls Club held a successful bowling fundraiser with their Auction coming up on May 23 at Diamond Mills.

Councilman Ivino – Building Department has been very busy with \$32,000.00+ in revenue the past month. Diaz Ambulance has hired three new full time employees.

Councilman Horton – CSTF would like to meet with the Town Board to discuss issues; Town of Saugerties awarded \$5,000.00 grant from NYSERDA. Interest has been received in restoring Jaycee Field.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to authorize the purchase of a new 2022 Ford Explorer state bid from Beyer Ford for purchase price of \$29,746.50 to be financed as per the request of the Building Inspector.

Discussion: Mary O'Donnell questioned if the vehicle is EV or Hybrid. Supervisor Costello said that it is conventional vehicle.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Susan Myer as a part time clerk at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that the start date would be February 18, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the resignation of Christine Geoghegan, effective February 22, 2022.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello explained that she has been accepted in the NYS Police.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve hiring attorney Bruce Huttner from the firm of Burke, Scolamiero & Hurd, LLP at a billing rate of \$225.00 per hour to defend the Town of Saugerties due to a lawsuit filed by Tarpon Tower/Verizon Wireless against the town.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that they have been trying to put a cell tower in Mt. Marion; ZBA did not grant a variance.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the resolution pertaining to the Town of Saugerties Animal Shelter Project: State Environmental Quality Review Act – Lead Agency Determination which will be available upon request.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello clarified that this will be constructed on town property.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the Kings Highway Water-Sewer Extension Project.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the supervisor to sign the Letter of Agreement, as on file, regarding the Birches.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that this is being purchased by a new group.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to set a public hearing date of March 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. regarding amending Chapter 190 of the Town of Saugerties Municipal Code entitled “Sewers”.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello explained that this is being done because of inconsistent language in the by laws.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to enter into Executive Session for matters related to pending litigation and also for matters leading to the discipline of a particular person at 7:42 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:40 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Meeting was closed in memory of Anthony Gallo, Sr., Robert Myer, Judith MacIsaac, John Poll, Jr., Roderick Stanfield, Sr., and Jeanne Keefe.

Town Clerk