

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 7, 2022**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in 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 Zach Horton  
Supervisor Fred Costello

### **PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

**Matt Wexler – Dominican Sisters Project**, estate was purchased in 1931 and used as a respite for Sisters. They sold 150 acres in 2015 to Falling Waters Preserve; 29 acres remain.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** none

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:** none

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of August 17, 2022 and Special Town Board Meeting of August 31, 2022, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** not available

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Greg Chorvas – completed wireless up-grade with Kiwanis; a successful summer completed with all events; Summer Rec had approximately 120 enrolled participants. Unfortunately, more vandalism has happened the past couple of weeks at Mt. Marion Park.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – thank you to all who voted in Library election and supported the Boys & Girls Club fundraiser.

Councilman Ivino – nothing to report  
Councilman Horton –nothing to report

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to enter into Executive Session for matters leading to the dismissal of a particular person and employment of particular people at 7:42 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to exit Executive Session and continue Town Board Meeting at 8:22 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution dated the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022 Terminating Melissa Fisher as Clerk to the Justices Effective Immediately

WHEREAS by letters dated September 2, 2022 from Town Justices Claudia Andreassen and Christopher R. Kraft requesting and consenting to the termination of Melissa Fisher’s employment with the Town of Saugerties Justice Court as Clerk to the Justices;

NOW, therefore, it is,

RESOLVED, that Melissa Fisher be terminated and discharged by Town of Saugerties as Clerk to the Justices, effective immediately, but will remain on the payroll through September 16, 2022.

Upon a roll call vote, the vote is as follows:

Supervisor Costello	voting	Yes
Councilman Ivino	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Nau	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Thornton	voting	Yes
Councilman Horton	voting	Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve hiring Cindy Murphy as a part time Clerk at \$25.00 per hour on an as needed basis, effective immediately. Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that the court clerk staff has operated on a provisional basis pending passing of the civil service exam.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve hiring Donna Shultis as a part time Clerk at \$25.00 per hour on an as needed basis, effective immediately.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that Donna recently left the tax collector's office and has a lot of knowledge.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to enter into Executive Session for matters leading to the dismissal of a particular person and employment of particular people at 7:42 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to exit Executive Session and continue Town Board Meeting at 8:22 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Councilman Ivino seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve hiring Jill Zarcone as the town's Tax Receiver at a salary of \$43,758.00, effective immediately.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that she has a short time of experience and will be subject to the election in November 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve hiring Diane Friedmann as a full time Clerk in the Tax Receiver's Office at a salary of \$43,758.00, effective immediately.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said resume was received and impressive experience.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the resignation of School Crossing Guard Kenneth Germano, effective July 29, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Karen M Ranford as a School Crossing Guard at a rate of \$18.00 per hour, effective September 8, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton authorizing Superintendent of Highways Raymond Mayone to hire Jeremy Staccio as a full time Motor Equipment Operator at a rate of pay of \$23.09 per hour effective September 8, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello authorizing Superintendent of Highways Raymond Mayone to purchase one (1) 2022 5500 Regular Cab & Chassis 4x4 via competitive bidding or piggybacking off an existing bid for such a vehicle and to pay for it via the Highway Department Fund Balance DBO1-911.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Leslie Surprenant to the UC Environmental Management Council as the town's representative.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to declare surplus and no longer of use to Town of Saugerties one (1) 2005 S250 Bobcat Skid Steer, model #5250, serial # 526011660, as per recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to dispose of aforementioned equipment via Auctions International or other means generating the most revenue, as per recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to dedicate \$50,000.00 of undedicated Recreation Trust Fund Subdivision Fees towards the new Pickleball Courts, as per recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton added that a group of players have been raising money for the courts. Thank you to Doug Burt and Diane Myers.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to dedicate \$75,000.00 of undedicated Recreation Trust Fund Subdivision Fees towards replacement Playground (Small World), as per recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Committee and the Parks and Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello hopes that it will a playground that resembles the original.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to dedicate \$40,000.00 of undedicated Recreation Trust Fund Subdivision Fees to new drainage and grading related work on Soccer Fields #1 and #3, as per recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Committee and the Parks and Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to authorize the purchase of one (1) new Electric Model #552 Ice Resurfacing Machine (Zamboni) to replace existing 2004 Zamboni for \$161,786.30, off of Sourcewell National Purchasing Contract #120320-FZC. Manufacturer advises a delivery time frame of 20-22 months. Expense to be budgeted in 2024 with surplus revenues from 2022 and revenues from 2023 covering cost, as per the recommendation of the Ice Arena Director and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent. Discussion: Ice Arena Director, Rob Kleemann elaborated on the problems that they are experiencing with the current Zamboni.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve transferring 2021 budget surplus of \$4,250.00 from Fund Balance Reserve to Account to #A7110.491 for exterior Security Cameras at the Ice Arena, budgeted in 2021 but installed and paid for in February 2022 due to a supply shortage, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello clarified that the improvement has already been made, just transferring funds.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve transferring 2021 budget surplus of \$5,957.00 from Fund Balance Reserve to Account #A7110.491 for one new Floor Scrubbing Machine, budgeted in 2021, ordered in April 2021 but delivered and paid for in May 2022, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve transferring 2021 deposit of \$13,300.00 from Geico General Insurance Co., received August 8, 2021 for replacing destroyed dugout on first base side of Hutton Field #4 as a result of motor vehicle crashing into said dugout on May 16, 2021, with new dugout built and paid for in May 2022, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve adding Elite Home Performance LLC, 328 Sycamore Drive, New Windsor, NY 12553-5901 to the blower door test list, per the recommendation of the Building Inspector.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve moving Haley Whalen full time Provisional Court Clerk to full time Permanent Court Clerk at her current pay rate of \$18.00 per hour, effective September 8, 2022.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that Haley scored one of the highest on the test.

