

PRE-BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 17, 2024

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 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
Councilman Zach Horton
Supervisor Fred Costello

Absent: Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton & Councilman Mike Ivino

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to enter into Executive Session to discuss employment of a particular person as 6:35 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to exit Executive Session at 6:59 p.m., carried.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 17, 2024

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 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
Councilman Zach Horton
Supervisor Fred Costello

Absent: Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton & Councilman Mike Ivino

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Mary McNamara – spoke to address Esopus Creek issues within the watershed and NYC releasing turbid water; set aside money for two different plans and it will be implemented as soon as accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: none

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

The website is near the completion of being up-graded, thank you to Mike Campbell!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the minutes of Organizational Meeting on January 3, 2024, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to accept the bills as presented, carried.

General Fund	\$405,700.69
General Outside Village	48,623.03
Highway	167,696.61
Ambulance District	125,804.41
Lighting District	703.06
Sewer O&M	22,215.86
Water O&M	19,548.34
Trust & Agency	12,894.63
Central Hudson	14,359.95

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Ray Mayone – long lasting storm, used a lot of sand. Doing maintenance along roads when feasible and up-keep of trucks. Supervisor Costello added that there have been three water main breaks and with the help of highway departments, things got back up and running quickly.

Greg Chorvas – cleaned up in satellite parks – JayCee, Terpening, Mt. Marion. The roof needs to be lowered on the new ice chiller; will be looking into enclosed storage trailer for the Red Cross supplies and building materials. Ice Rink revenues during the week of 12/23/23 to 01/01/24 was \$54,950.00 with 3125 public skaters. The Empire Winter Games will once again take place on January 30 at 5:00 p.m.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report
Councilman Horton – nothing to report

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to rescind the motion from the January 1, 2024 town board meeting setting the date of December 18, 2024 as the December 2024 town board meeting date.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve setting December 11, 2024 as the town board meeting date for December 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to hire Cindy Denise as a part time animal shelter worker/laborer at a rate of \$16.00 per hour, effective January 18, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to approve the settlement of the real property tax assessment review case in the matter of Saugerties Heights Associates v Town of Saugerties, et al pending in New York State Supreme Court, Ulster County, Index No. EF2023-1592 pursuant to the terms of the consent order and judgement annexed hereto and made a part thereof.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve a \$20.00 per hour pay rate for part time laborers at the Highway Department, effective January 1, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to change the rate of pay for Glenn Jones to \$25.00 per hour effective January 1, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to hire Jeremy Staccio as a part time Laborer at the Highway Department at a rate of pay of \$20.00 per hour, effective January 18, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow Anastasia Redman Cable Access/TV23 Coordinator/Clerk to carry over 5 vacation days to be used in 2024.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that usually circumstances would warrant this.

Motion to table made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton.

Vote on motion to table: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve raising the Town of Kingston boarding fee at the Town of Saugerties Animal Shelter to \$15.00 per day, effective January 18, 2024.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said we are just trying to capture increase in costs.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the proposal, as on file, with Verity Engineering in regards to assisting the Town of Saugerties with completing a TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) grant application for bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Route 9W effective November 17, 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to set public hearing dates of February 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. and February 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in regards to proposed amendments to the Town of Saugerties Zoning Law pertaining to Lodging and Events.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said the CPC spent a significant amount of time on this subject.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:40 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, February 14, 2024	Public Hearing	6:00 p.m.
	Re: Lodging & Events	
	Pre-Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 29, 2024	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Public Hearing	6:00 p.m.
	Re: Lodging & Events	

Meeting closed in memory of Bob Ciarlante, Bill Mulligan and Rose Buonfiglio.

Town Clerk