

PRE-BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 7, 2018

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 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:

Councilman Paul Andreassen
Councilwoman Leanne Thornton
Councilman Mike MacIsaac
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Supervisor Fred Costello

Town Attorney John Greco spoke regarding noise issues and proposing a noise ordinance for the town, which there is a provision under the Penal Law. Having a specific law would be beneficial. A case in 1982 “no one could make any unnecessary noise”, the court ruled unconstitutional. What kind of provisions does the town board want in place? The board could fine-tune what the village has or go with decibel standards. Similarities between the town and village ordinance would be helpful for police.

Supervisor Costello explained that people are using property for Air BNB and not in control of who rents or how they act; it’s a subjective component of the Village Law. Councilwoman Thornton said there is a nuisance law in place, Local Law #2 of 1970. Councilman MacIsaac asked if a nuisance law is enough. Effectiveness is more weighted by police and how they handle the circumstance. Chief Sinagra said if the law excludes decibels, it will be hard to enforce but he would like to take part on the committee. John Greco will draft an ordinance after looking at previous minutes from the public hearing.

Discussion on LED changing signs – John Greco said within two studies it said they are very bright and the changing message increased distracted driving. On an amended zoning law, you would need to add limitations. Councilwoman Thornton said fire departments, churches and schools are exempt from the standards set by state and local laws. Supervisor Costello added that DOT regulates certain set-backs from traffic control and other like signs.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 7, 2018

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 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 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

Councilman Paul Andreassen
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Maclsaac
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Supervisor Fred Costello

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Richard “Doc” Kappler presented the town board with a check for \$12,788.94 for reimbursement on the 30th Garlic Festival. Beautiful weather brought 40,000 in attendance for the weekend.

Charlie Daley spoke regarding domestic and international inbound tourism and how it can affect our area.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Mike Tiano, Glasco – spoke regarding the Agawan project, which he has been recused from the Planning Board relative to the project. Traffic study proposed to be done again but will once again miss HITS traffic, new football league with 200 participants, and boat traffic on weekends. Glasco fire department had 213 calls with at least 14 people responding, which was not included in the study either. Election day had 2,600 voters by 8:00 p.m. Not against the project but want some answers that have been asked for the past two years. This project is not bringing any new jobs to the area.

Tom Francello, Glasco – Agawan will be doing events, so it’s interesting that a noise ordinance is being talked about. They want 70 decibels at the property line until midnight on the weekends. That is the equivalent of a leaf blower blowing continuously.

Bob Lippman, Valk Road – why can’t AirBnB’s be outlawed? A lot of rental people are here now and people are getting services, taxes are not covering this. People coming up for the weekend don’t care about this town.

Lisa Fellows, Burt Street – was deadline made for the grant for the shelter? Supervisor Costello said he didn’t believe so.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

We are moving forward a motion to approve the 2019 Budget. The board held a Public Hearing earlier this evening and are unanimous in moving it to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac to approve the minutes of Public Hearings on October 17, 2018 regarding Stop & Yield Intersections, Malden Sewer Units to Usage, Billing Operations for all sewer and water districts; Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on October 17, 2018, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$198,196.16
General Outside Village	20,775.21
Highway	63,167.33
Ambulance District	60,678.33
Lighting District	32.01
Barclay Heights Sewer	3,958.15
Glasco Sewer	8,463.46
Malden Sewer	3,120.62
Kings Highway Sewer	148.68
Glasco Water	9,062.80
Malden Water	1,177.53
Kings Highway Water	2,356.36
Bluestone Park Water	280.34

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – Kiwanis has put \$2 million back in to the community through all the Garlic Festivals. Village of Saugerties has started the water line near Beers Lane, completion will depend on weather. Electric car charge located by the Ice Rink has been used 124 times. Supervisor Costello would like to expand the charging stations throughout the town.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Andreassen – thank you to Dr. Kappler and Charlie Daley for speaking tonight. Remember Veterans Day coming up. There is a benefit coming up for Donna Boice on November 24th at the Elks. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Councilwoman Thornton – compliment Boys & Girls Club on recent fundraiser. TV23 will meet tomorrow night.

Councilman Maclsaac – CAC has a compost coordinator; we have a lot of credit coming back with NYSERDA.

Councilman Schoonmaker – HPC needs an archival area, which we are working on. Shout Out Saugerties has concluded their month long events.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the Memorandum of Agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and the Parks and Recreation Buildings & Grounds Department Employees.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that he and Councilman Andreassen were primary negotiators.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, to determine that the planned rehabilitation of the animal shelter is a Type 2 action and is therefore not subject to SEQRA review.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said the animal shelter is in desperate need of repair.

Councilman Schoonmaker said this is a yearly grant, can apply again.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to approve the resolution, as on file, approving the exchange of certain real property with Northeast Solite Corp.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, approving transfer of a certain real property to FAEM Investments, LLC.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the resignation of Jodi Zehnick as the secretary of the Historic Preservation Commission, effective immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to approve Erin Buck as the secretary to the Historic Preservation Commission, effective November 8, 2018 and at a pay rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac to hire George Hass as a Court Security Officer on an as needed basis at a pay rate of \$21.00 per hour, effective November 8, 2018.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire David J. Traver as a school crossing guard, effective November 8, 2018 and at a rate of \$14.00 per hour.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Mary K. (Kathy) Seyfarth as a full time provisional dispatcher at the rate of \$15.24 an hour, effective November 12, 2018.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to hire John J. Dickson as a part time police officer, effective November 8, 2018 and at the rate of \$21.00 per hour.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac authorizing Superintendent of Highways Douglas F. Myer to increase the part time laborer hourly rate of pay to \$17.00 per hour effective December 1, 2018.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton authorizing Superintendent of Highways Douglas F. Myer to increase the part time hourly wage of Edward Carle to \$19.00 per hour effective December 1, 2018.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve a new part time auto mechanic position at a pay rate of \$21.50 per hour to be utilized by any town department to be a benefit town wide, effective immediately.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas said this individual will work in both departments and Doug Myer added that it is Brian T. Ellsworth, on an as needed basis being a Civil Service position.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac to adopt the 2019 Budget with adjustments added.

Discussion: Supervisor added that this budget is a good compromise and well within the tax cap. Appreciate the time and energy of the three new board members. Councilman Andreassen said they tried to put savings in where possible.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac to enter into Executive Session for discussions regarding the employment and medical history of a particular person at 8:30 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to exit Executive Session at 9:07 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman MacIsaac to deny the grievance filed by the Teamsters on behalf of the town employee.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman MacIsaac to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:11 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, November 28, 2018	Pre-Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk