

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING – JUNE 18, 2025**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 8:00 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 late due to Public Hearings running later than expected with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

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

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:** none

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Allyson Barbaria – Travis Winchell is being removed as SRO by the school district. Why was this not being relayed before the budget vote. Kids respect and listen to Travis; things are out of control with behavior issues and disrespect.

Edward Vickers – the Villa project should not be before the board at all, improper notifications; was not allowed to speak completely and entirely at the public hearing.

Cathy Anderson – why has only pro-opinions been found on the website, no opposing opinions are filed. Please do right by residents of Spaulding Lane.

Suzanne Van Wagenen -HPC voted 4-1 to designate the Villas. All parties should have been asked for approval to extend deadline. More than two board members toured the property, which is illegal. Motion should be removed from the agenda.

John Greco, Town Attorney – 45 day extension was granted by written stipulation; time was extended to June 30 and approval is automatic if no action is taken.

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

Would like to thank the town board and the public for speaking and attending the three public hearings tonight.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the minutes of Public Hearing on May 21, 2025, Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on May 21, 2025 and Bid Opening on May 22, 2025, carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$123,891.53
General Outside Village	7,600.60
Highway	613,007.03
Capital Projects	409,214.94
Malden Sewer	272.38
Central Hudson	37,239.68

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Ray Mayone, Highway – new truck has arrived; started paving shared services with Village on village streets.

Greg Chorvas, Parks & Rec – nothing to report

Chief Swart, Police – new radio/911 tower going in; some new police officers being hired

#### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Nau – received positive comments from residents regarding our Transfer Station, congratulations for a job well done!

Councilwoman Thornton – TV23, looking for volunteer to be on the committee

Councilman Ivino – village notified us that Water & Sewer rates will be raised

Councilman Horton – thank you to Adriana Beltrani for her time on Monday at the meeting; Parks & Rec Committee will meet in September.

#### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to accept the resignation of Zachary Alpay as a full time Police Officer, effective May 12, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Erik Thiele as a part time Police Officer for the purposes of conducting background investigations at the rate of \$30.00 per hour, effective June 30, 2025.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that Erik is retired but coming back to help out; Chief Swart added that Erik knows the department and will help progress the department.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Horton to hire Christopher Collins as a part time Police Officer at the rate of \$30.00 an hour, effective June 23, 2025.

Discussion: Chief Swart said that he is a previous employee and will be able to help the younger officers.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Alfredo A. Martinez as a full time Police Officer at a rate of \$26.64 an hour, effective June 23, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties one (1) 2009 Chevy Impala, 4 door sedan, Vin #2G1WB57N991203756, as per the recommendation of the Police Chief.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to authorize the disposal of the aforementioned vehicle via the most revenue generating means such as, but not limited, to Auctions International and may further include Metal Salvage Reclamation, as per the recommendation of the Police Chief.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the resignation of part time Clerk Ava Bach, effective June 2, 2025 as per the Town Clerk.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to hire Justine LaVigne as a part time Clerk at an hourly rate of \$25.00, effective June 9, 2025 as per the Town Clerk.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve a permit for a fireworks display at Cantine Field on July 4, 2025 to begin after the Stallions baseball game pending the receipt of supporting documentation for said permit.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to move Angie Cusak from temporary full time to permanent full time at the NRMOA starting base rate of \$27.50/hour, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties one (1) 2011 Toro 3280-D Mower, Model #30344, Serial # 313000111, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties one (1) 2012 John Deere Gator Utility Cart, Model #1MOT145E, Serial # HCN 070157, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties one (1) 2007 Chevy Impala, LS Vin# 2GIWB58K279290192, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to authorize the disposal of the aforementioned equipment via the most revenue generating means such as, but not limited to Auctions International and may further include Metal Salvage Reclamation, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to authorize the purchase of one (1) used 2019 Jeep Cherokee, Vin# 1C4RJFAG6KC720102, from Sawyer Motors, per 2025 Department Budget, under NYS Contract PC69491SB, Group 40440, Award 23166, NYS Vendor # 1100229794, at a cost of \$21,405.00, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas said the vehicle is in excellent condition.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to add Bradley Williams to the part time Security Call Out list at a rate of \$18.00/hr, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas said he is a member of Glasco Fire Department, glad to have him.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve additional staffing for the Summer Youth Recreation Program, along with the departments call out list (on file), as per the recommendation of the Summer Youth Recreation Program Director and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Costello abstained)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to authorize Praetorius and Conrad, along with the Parks & Buildings Department, to re-advertise for bids for the new Cantine Restrooms, in reference to the Senate's \$250,000.00 Grant Award, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that this will be the third attempt.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the agreement for Lynkwell, in reference to the placement of two (2) Super EV Charging Stations, pending final review and approval by Attorney Greco, as per the recommendations of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said this is a new trend for faster charging stations and has potential grant money with it.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and Choice Words to secure funding through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process offered by the Environmental Protection Fund Grant Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage (EPF) and for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) too.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that if we get this, it will be a tremendous addition.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve Local Law #3 of 2025, as on file, to amend the Town of Saugerties Code pertaining to public hearing notice procedures for site plan, subdivision and special use applications.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the supervisor to sign a Quit Claim Deed, as on file, transferring an abandoned Paper Street right of way to Samantha and Kenneth Wamsley.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello clarified that this isn't relative to any other parcel.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, disapproving the designation of the Villa of St. Joseph property located at 49 Spaulding Lane, Saugerties, NY as a local historic landmark/historic district by the Town of Saugerties Historic Preservation Commission.

Discussion: Councilman Horton said that this has been a contentious topic for some time, worthy project and not crazy of the location, will uphold designation of the HPC. Councilman Ivino would like to thank HPC for work done on this; feels this is a broad blanket but is not in favor of a project in the future.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton voting No)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Raymond Mayone to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties Highway Department the following trucks:

- 1 2004 International Dump Truck w/plow & sander Vin#1HTWDADR34J090518
- 1 2004 International Dump Truck w/plow & sander Vin#1HTWDADR54J090519
- 1 2004 International Dump Truck w/plow & sander Vin#1HTWDADR14J090520

And to dispose of them via Auctions International

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that these vehicles have outlived a useful life.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the independent accountant's report on applying agreed upon procedures, as on file, in regard to the Justice Court.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the Town of Saugerties as the lead agency on a joint MS4 Mapping Grant with the Village of Saugerties.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that this will include mapping with stormwater, will be very helpful.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to enter into Executive Session regarding a particular person at 9:08 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:45 p.m., carried.

#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, July 16, 2025**

**Public Hearing**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Lodging and Events**

**Public Hearing  
Winston Farm DGEIS**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Pre-Board Meeting  
Town Board Meeting**

**following hearings  
7:00 p.m.**

*The meeting closed in memory of Janice Ferraro, Diane Cavallaro and Kathleen Gardner.*

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Town Clerk