

PRE-BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 2, 2024

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located at the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

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

Absent: Councilman Mike Ivino

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to enter into Executive Session to discuss promotion of a particular person at 6:38 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to exit Executive Session at 6:55 p.m., carried.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 2, 2024

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located at 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 Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Ivino
Councilman Zach Horton
Supervisor Fred Costello

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Kai Lord-Farmer, Senior Planner with Ulster County Planning Department: Plus One ADU Program & Pro-Housing Community Information Session – here to explain the two programs

through Ulster County that are available. The rents have increased 56% in the last couple years. There will be a more extensive meeting at the Library on October 7th at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Kathleen Gray – speaking as resident and gave actual case studies in Saugerties where there is a great need for affordable housing.

Josepha Gutelius – Pro-Housing was voted down in the legislature, the Governor signed this by executive order and has made it clear that she wants thousands of houses built.

Darlene Moore – don’t think that the board should vote on Pro-housing

Donald VanDyke – the trend is to make the Town of Saugerties the City of Saugerties. People need to be able to afford to live here.

Stephanie Bassler – appreciate time spent explaining DRI grants; 200 responses to survey; there is a need for the resolution.

Gaetana Ciarlante – governor created problem through immigration so now we are dependent on grants.

Suzanne VanWagenen – governor wrote executive order because legislature didn’t pass; she is holding funds hostage.

Mary McNamara – motion regarding lower Esopus Creek began 12 years ago and this will benefit from stream management plan.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on September 18, 2024, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$387,121.80
General Outside Village	31,720.33
Highway	159,474.20
Capital Projects	31,270.00
Ambulance District	135,645.84
Sewer O&M	112,896.14
Water O&M	200,386.55
Trust & Agency	20,393.50

Central Hudson

60,986.79

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – finally going out to bid for Cantine bathrooms; Pickleball Court lights will be going up. A very successful Garlic Festival was held and we parked 7500 cars.

Ray Mayone – black topping in Quarryville and Old Stage Road is having major pipe work; brush and tree crews have been out.

Chief Swart – two juveniles will be arrested regarding vandalism recently will increase patrol at Jaycee Field.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – Transfer Station will be increasing fees in 2025 because the RRA is increasing their fees.

Councilwoman Thornton – Boys & Girls Club is starting a new club with getting food from the Farmer's Market and preparing it at the club. Holiday in the Village will be December 8th; Repair Café is October 5th from 10:00 to 2:00 at the Senior Center. October 26th will be Touch-a-Truck with a rain date of October 27th. CPC will meet in October.

Councilman Ivino – successful benefit for Diaz Ambulance. Garlic Festival had its first beer tent with 18,000 drinks sold.

Councilman Horton – Zero Waste initiative at the Garlic Festival; positive up-dates on Jaycee Field; CAC met September 25th and Adriana Beltrani has made herself available. Also, attended a very informative presentation regarding the Esopus Creek.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve a curfew of 8:00 p.m. for Halloween, October 31, 2024 in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve setting a public hearing date of November 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. pertaining to exceeding the 2% tax cap.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve setting a public hearing date of November 6, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. pertaining to the 2025 Budget.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the resignation of Water & Sewer Department employee John Barylski, effective August 30, 2024.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that we wish John well, he was a good employee.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to rescind the following motion from the January 3, 2024 agenda/minutes: to approve \$225.00 per year for vision care for all employees and dependents who are not covered under a collective bargaining agreement.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve \$225.00 per year for vision care for all full-time employees and dependents who are not covered under a collective bargaining agreement, effective January 1, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, in Support of the Lower Esopus Stream Management Plan.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton thanked Mary McNamara for her tireless effort to address this issue.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to take from the table to approve the resolution, as on file, in regards to the Pro-Housing Communities Pledge that was tabled at the July 10, 2024 town board meeting.

Vote: **Not** Adopted – 3 No (Councilwoman Thornton & Supervisor Costello voting Yes)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve making Volunteer Police Officer Brent VanNosdall a part time Police Officer at a pay rate of \$25.00 per hour, effective October 3, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to approve the resolution, as on file, pertaining to the stabilization of Market Street in Glasco, NY and the repair of the main Interceptor Sewer of the Glasco Sewer District.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello has the final engineering report, this is an emergency.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, pertaining to the extension of municipal water and sewer service along Kings Highway in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow Dwyer Contracting to utilize the existing utility pole on Ferry Street that is located on Town Property in order for Dwyer Contracting to obtain electric from the pole to use for a gate to be installed at a Private Residence located on Ferry Street.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to hire Garrett G. Foster as a full time Water & Sewer Operator Trainee at a pay rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective October 14, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to hire David P. Arace as a full time Water & Sewer Operator Trainee at a pay rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective October 14, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Kenneth Swart Jr. to the position of Police Chief for the Town of Saugerties per the recommendation of Ulster County Civil Service and per Section 52.7 of the Civil Service Law, effective immediately. Discussion: Supervisor Costello explained that we were waiting for the list from the test and heard from Civil Service. KJ is the first and only FBI graduate on the force. Councilman Ivino added that we have been battling many issues in the PD and both KJ and Derek have the community interest at heart.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint Derek Fallon to Lieutenant for the Town of Saugerties Police Department at a pay rate per the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the PBA, effective immediately.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that Lt. Fallon has been a long time member and good leadership skills.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the Town of Saugerties Department of Safety and Buildings to put to bid the clean-up and removal of the vacant mobile home located on the property at 4179 Route 9W SBL#9.3-2-14, owned formerly

by BettyLou Ferracane and now owned by The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. The single family home will remain and only the mobile home will be removed.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton authorizing the issuance of Bonds in an amount not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$1,500,000.00 to finance the cost of repairs, reconstruction and stabilization of Market Street in Glasco and the Interceptor Sewer of the Glasco Sewer District in the town.

Motion to amend by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to request a cap on the bond at \$1 million and have the Highway Department bridge the gap in the cost over that amount.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton said we need to get this Bond approved, we can't delay this project. Discussion between Ray Mayone and Councilman Ivino regarding fund balance.

Vote on amendment: **Not** Adopted – 4 No (Councilman Ivino voting Yes)

Vote on original motion: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino voting No)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:19 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, October 16, 2024	2025 Budget Workshop	5:30 p.m.
	Pre-Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 6, 2024	Public Hearing	6:00 p.m.
	Exceed the 2% Tax Cap	
	Public Hearing	6:30 p.m.
	2025 Budget	
	Pre-Board Meeting	following hearings
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk