

TOWN BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 16, 2019

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 5:00 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 held at an earlier time to accommodate members attending the American Legion Centennial celebration that evening. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

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

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Bill Barr – discussed motion regarding Danskammer and it is time to stop building fossil fuel infrastructure.

John Gaetjen – not allowed to take brush and yard waste to Transfer Station and we are supposed to dispose of it at Rothe’s, which is a mud hole. Please consider opening up the Transfer Station again for this need.

Margarite Asiani – support opposing Danskammer

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on October 2, 2019, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman MacIsaac to approve the bills as presented, carried.

General Fund	\$104,054.53
General Outside Village	6,745.05
Highway	8,634.57
Capital Projects	55,013.06
Lighting District	9,914.10

Sewer O&M	62,103.67
Water O&M	182,598.51
Central Hudson	13,230.96

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: none

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Schoonmaker – Animal Shelter will hold a fundraiser on November 1st at Little Blueberry and Ohana.

Councilman Andreassen – attended the Veterans luncheon at Texas Roadhouse.

Councilwoman Thornton – Touch-a-Truck event was held and very successful; so far \$7446.00 has been raised for the new playground. Lifespring started their fall class schedule today; CPC meets October 24; TV23 meets November 14; library has a therapy dog that you can read to on Wednesday’s. Also, if you have time, take a look at Mt. Marion dam site, very interesting.

Supervisor Costello added that you can check out the facebook page – growing up Mt. Marion.

Councilman Maclsaac – attended public hearing with Delgado regarding broad band access; 26% of people do not have access to high speed internet. Supervisor Costello said that the county is interested in running a fiber optic network and people should take the poll on saugertiesbroadband.net – it’s an important project. Councilman Andreassen said that there are people in fear of 5G and Supervisor Costello responded that 5G is a radio wave but fiber is not a stray energy.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve a curfew of 8:00 p.m. for Halloween, October 31, 2019 in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Maclsaac voting no)

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve setting a public hearing date of November 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. pertaining to the 2020 Budget.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that we will be within the cap.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve moving part time Police Officer Sophie Epstein to a 90 day temp, full time position at a pay rate of \$22.69 per hour, effective October 17, 2019.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the supervisor to sign the Facility Decommissioning Plan, as on file, in regards to the ELP Myer Solar LLC Project.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that there needs to be some thought on what to do after usefulness is up. Councilman Maclsaac added that they may to able to replace more efficient equipment in 20 years' time.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding Opposing the Danskammer Build Out Proposal.

Discussion: Councilman Schoonmaker added that the proposal would like to make it a full time plant but air knows no boundaries. Councilman Maclsaac said that in a Climate Smart Community, we need to start somewhere. Councilman Andreassen said that this has little power but sends a message and Supervisor Costello added that we are going to be far ahead of green energy and supports resolution – grateful to Councilman Schoomaker for bringing this forward.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Supervisor Costello to award to the lowest written submitter Sullivan Fire Protection Corp., for the re-install of new fire suppression sprinklers, piping and related, in a new Ice Arena Hybrid Building, over all public assembly and access areas previously removed to accommodate demolition of existing structure, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00, as per the recommendation of the Ice Arena Director and Parks & Building Superintendent.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas added that the reinstall of fire suppression system is in the budget.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to authorize the Supervisor to sign a resolution naming October 20, 2019 as American Legion Day in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 5:45 p.m., carried.

The meeting was closed in a moment of silence in memory of Jimmy Speirs and Mike Dodig, Sr.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

**Public Hearing
2020 Budget**

6:00 p.m.

**Pre-Board Meeting
Town Board Meeting**

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk