

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 17, 2021**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 and started at 7:30 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

Councilwoman Peg Nau  
Councilwoman Leanne Thornton  
Councilman Mike Ivino  
Councilman John Schoonmaker  
Supervisor Fred Costello

### **PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

Richard Kappler – Kiwanis Club Garlic Festival presented a check to the town for the recent festival held in October 2021. On Saturday there were 15,000 in attendance and on Sunday 12,000; 50 less vendors but everyone had a great time. Would like to thank the Buildings & Grounds department, Police and Building Department for all of their help. Supervisor Costello conveyed congratulations to Kiwanis and all who worked it and hope next year is bigger and better. Kiwanis is a savior with many organizations and town projects along with scholarships.

Dave Holmquist presented a petition to the board regarding the speed limit reduction on Ulster Landing Road. Supervisor Costello said we will send a TE-9 to request a study be done.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Suzanne VanWagenen – 2017 is the last contract with Diaz on file; feel blessed to have emergency services but sometimes we need to do with less to make ends meet. Contract from 2017 states there should be three crews, why hasn't this been done all along? Have records been inspected?

Josepha Gutelis – thank the board for all their hard work; Property Maintenance Law brought forward by Building Department and now they want another full time employee.

Gaetana Ciarlante – citizens developed an alternative to the Property Maintenance Law and felt that it was not even considered.

Samantha Dederick – can't believe Diaz Ambulance needs every bit of that money. Property Maintenance Law's first draft wording was very subjective. Will be watching very closely.

Mo Gelber – over ride tax cap to fund Diaz; they may not use the third crew very often.

Susan Weeks – commend board to amend the Property Maintenance Law but should have more revisions still.

Vicky Dross – (read the rest of Gaetana Ciarlante’s comments)

Erin Chappelle – asked for clarification on increase and what percentage taxes would be going up.

Steve Gentile – any thought of moving an EMT crew on the west side of the railroad tracks?

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a meeting with DEP at 6:00 p.m. and on December 13 from 7-9 there will be meeting regarding cannabis.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on November 3, 3021; Public Hearing on November 3, 2021 regarding the Tax Cap and Public Hearing on November 3, 2021 regarding the 2022 Budget, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$72,441.60
General Outside Village	9,634.45
Highway	58,085.12
Capital Projects	17,839.00
Lighting District	9,034.68
Sewer O&M	12,167.41
Water O&M	7,381.87
Trust & Agency	11,879.51
Central Hudson	11,639.82

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Greg Chorvas – four individuals were arrested for vandalism at the parks and fields; restitution has been started. Also, thank you to Rob Kleemann for his time with the Touch-a-Truck event. Fourteen trees have been planted on the grounds and docks and piers will be taken out next week for the winter season.

Doug Myer – nothing to report

Chief Sinagra – report has been submitted to the town clerk

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

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – 2022 Historical Society calendars will be available after Thanksgiving Day. On December 5<sup>th</sup> will be the Holiday in the Village festivities.

Councilman Ivino – nothing to report

Councilman Schoonmaker – nothing to report

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

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, which will be the adoption of Local Law #6 of 2021 pertaining to property maintenance.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello clarified that Section 6A wording will delete “and landscape”. Councilman Ivino said this law will help people to keep out of jail. Councilwoman Thornton said that trying to get legislation done on a local level is not easy. The language in this law has been modified several times.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, which will be the adoption of Local Law #7 of 2021 pertaining to overriding the tax levy limit.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that we worked on this to bring the increase down but the request from Diaz put us over the tax cap.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve adopting the 2022 Budget.

Discussion: Councilman Ivino said that all department heads will agree that I ask for money back all the time. I will not deny Diaz the resources that they need. We have lowered the budget from the Preliminary numbers.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Saugerties Parks & Recreation and Buildings & Grounds Department employees pending town attorney approval and town board review which is available upon request.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that they have been without a contract this year and always given their all, dedication and hard work.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the resignation of Katie Cokinos from the Saugerties Arts Commission.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the recommendation of the Saugerties Arts Commission to appoint Kris Garnier to the Saugerties Arts Commission.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the recommendation of the Saugerties Arts Commission to appoint Kristen Doyle to the Saugerties Arts Commission.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve hiring Sean Weaver as a full time Municipal Code Assistant at a rate of \$21.50 per hour, effective December 1, 2021 per recommendation of the Building and Safety Department Administrator.  
Discussion: Councilman Ivino said that the department is inundated with work and requires a third inspector.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Chelsea Marino as a Reserve Police Officer, effective Thursday, November 18, 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Ivino to accept the resignation of part time police officer Christopher Helmoortel, effective November 11, 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties one (1) 1989 Volvo Michigan Wheel Loader, Model #L90, serial #L-90V60618, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Building Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Supervisor Costello to dispose of the aforementioned Michigan Loader via Auctions International or at the highest revenue producing means, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Building Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with Mount Academy School, pending Attorney Redder’s finalized agreement, available upon request, as approved by Attorney Redder and per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the resignation of Alba LaFiandra from the Historic Preservation Commission.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve moving Jason Nelson from the alternate position on the Historic Preservation Commission to fulfill the term of resigning member Alba LaFiandra with a term that expires on March 31, 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve a fireworks permit for Kevin Fritschler of American Fireworks Display LLC for a fireworks display at Cantine field on December 17, 2021 to begin at 8:00 p.m. with an end time of approximately 8:30 p.m. and pending the appropriate signatures needed on the permit.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to enter into Executive Session in regards to the matters leading to the discipline of a particular person at 9:20 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 11:00 p.m., carried.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, December 15, 2021      Public Hearing      6:30 p.m.**  
**Business District/Industrial District**  
**Zoning amendments**

**Pre-Board Meeting  
Town Board Meeting**

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

*Meeting closed in memory of Ernie Fabiano, Anthony "Cal" Hackett, Arthur Falk, Bill Peetoom,  
and Gail Reed.*

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Town Clerk