

TOWN BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 4, 2020

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. virtually through Webex and 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 Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Ivino
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Supervisor Fred Costello

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

The board held a Public Hearing tonight for the 2021 Budget. Thank you for joining us on the Web tonight and there is a nice turnout here in person. Thank you to Sheriff, NYS Police and Saugerties PD for the help at the last minute gathering at Cantine Complex last weekend. The Happy Christmas Fund is being held tomorrow morning on the local radio station.

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 21, 2020, Budget Workshop on October 21, 2020 and Bid Opening on October 23, 2020 for the Highway Department, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$156,637.30
General Outside Village	419,906.38
Highway	33,230.58
Lighting District	30.81
Sewer O&M	3,631.56
Water O&M	2,993.09
Central Hudson	8,190.66

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – fiber conduit is going in the ground at the senior center. We expect to be done by Friday or Monday. A tree at JayCee field came down and we were able to take care of it. We did have difficulty getting contractors to provide estimates for trees along the property line that need to be taken care of. We have found one since. LPR cameras at Cantine have been installed; five of the different leagues have contributed \$2,050.00 each.

Claudia Andreassen – has questions regarding the budget

Chief Sinagra – nothing to report

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Thornton – Saugerties Area Council of Churches will not be collecting toys as in previous years but are accepting monetary donations so the store can continue for area families this Christmas. The Library has a new story in the garden and other events planned. The town has submitted a grant to fund the Pickle Ball Court. CPC has a public hearing planned for November 10 and the Town/Village public hearing is set for December 2, 2020. The Arts Commissions website is up and running.

Councilman Ivino - \$8,000.00 was raised for the Jack Rose memorial. The ZBA is discussing cell towers, which is a necessity because communication is poor in certain areas.

Councilman Schoonmaker – there is pumpkin composting at the Transfer Station; Animal Shelter is holding a fundraiser through Amazon and other events are happening. The Ice Arena bond has been covered and maximum capacity at the rink is at 50 skaters.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to set a public hearing date of December 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for the joint Town and Village public hearing regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton explained that this is a vision of what is wanted in a community.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to appoint town resident Amber Freeman as a volunteer Reserve Police Officer, effective November 9, 2020.

Discussion: Councilman Ivino added that Amber is a great asset and we are happy to have her on board.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilman Ivino to appoint William L Truax as a full time dispatcher at a rate of \$17.00 an hour, effective November 9, 2020.

Discussion: Chief Sinagra added that he is replacing Dispatcher Tuomey.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve hiring Stacy Legg at \$15.00 per hour as a part time Clerk for 20 hours per week in the Building Department, effective November 9, 2020.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said she is a long time resident and brings a good personality.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to enter into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. regarding matters leading to the appointment of a particular person, carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:38 p.m., carried.

Meeting was closed in memory of Walt Hackett.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Tuesday, November 10, 2020	CPC Public Hearing Comprehensive Plan	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 18, 2020	Pre-Board Meeting Town Board Meeting	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 2, 2020	Joint Town & Village Public Hearing Comprehensive Plan	5:30 p.m.

Town Clerk