

PRE-BOARD MEETING – MARCH 6, 2019

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

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

Representatives Wendy and Jamie from East Light Partners Solar gave an informative talk and explanation of the solar array to be installed at the Transfer Station. Lease agreement is in place and annual rent of \$30,000.00 along with opportunity to buy energy credits. Councilman MacIsaac asked if this was re-evaluated each year and the answer is yes. Councilman Andreassen asked if it's a contract for certain number of years and it is not, it is a percentage but typically goes for 10-20 years. This would be marketed to Central Hudson customers. Central Hudson is being compelled to do this by the state. Councilwoman Thornton suggested doing an informational session on TV23. This solar array will be around 5,000 solar panels and will be maintained by East Light. Supervisor Costello added that the county and school have adopted this PILOT and the town is the last to do so; we would be able to generate revenue.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – MARCH 6, 2019

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 7:00 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 with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

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

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Tamara Schuppin – spoke at the January 16th meeting regarding 5G and wanted it reflected in the minutes that she is **not** in favor of it. Comments are on file.

Joseph Karolys – owns and operates family business on Route 212 since 2016 of clean fill and regulates under the law. Accusations based on rumors from Attorney Greco, Alvie Weeks, which has done everything in their power to shut the business down. The town has done nothing to test the material; feels he has been selectively targeted. Simply wants to operate business and provide for his family. Also, all run-off water from the Transfer Station is directed by a culvert on his property; wanted it on record because of impending solar project.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

There was a serious structure fire on Post Street this morning and thankfully no injuries. Thank you to the volunteer fire departments for an organized response. We are moving two motions forward to the agenda this evening regarding solar.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on February 20, 2019, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General fund	\$957,365.74
General Outside Village	71,540.15
Highway	251,911.33
Capital Projects	1,522.00
Ambulance District	63,123.08
Sewer O & M	11,144.61
Barclay Heights Sewer	6,533.28
Glasco Sewer	11,414.18
Malden Sewer	1,715.33
Kings Highway Sewer	171.53
Water O & M	16,811.37
Glasco Water	15,146.92
Malden Water	1,942.33
Kings Highway Water	171.53
Bluestone Park Water	171.53
Central Hudson	6,195.26

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – gave 2018 energy report. The past weekend, the Ice Rink hosted the hockey tournament and Rob Kleemann received an award for his dedicated service to the sport.

Doug Myer – Highway Department is going smooth along with the Transfer Station. Clearing has been done on Bristol Beach parking area with a lot of support from the Village.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Andreassen – welcome to the government students in the audience, feel free to attend a Planning Board meeting. Thank you to Doug Myer for taking care of the snow.

Councilwoman Thornton – Lifespring is working on the by-laws. CPC Town and Village has brainstormed and listed goals 1-5 to complete. Boys & Girls Club had 133 families participate in the fundraiser with Mirabella's and their next fundraiser is April 14, a craft fair at Diamond Mills. TV23 meets next week.

Councilman Maclsaac – attended a climate meeting on February 21 and also would like to update purchasing policy to be environmentally friendly. Rec Committee needs to be better at having an agenda and taking minutes at a meeting. Also, we are working on questionnaire for internet provider.

Councilman Schoonmaker – HPC had no quorum for a meeting. If you would like to foster kittens, please contact the Animal Shelter for more info. Shout Out Saugerties set a March 25th deadline for the Suzanna Meyers Scholarship.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Supervisor Costello to rescind the following motion from the February 20, 2019 minutes: to approve the quote, as on file, for one (1) Chevrolet Bolt EV (electric vehicle) to be financed through M & T Bank for the Water & Sewer Department.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that the delivery time would be too long.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the purchase of one (1) Chevrolet Bolt EV (electric vehicle) from Sawyer Chevrolet in Catskill, NY for an amount not to exceed \$35,251.08 and to be financed through M & T Bank for the Water & Sewer Department.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the town's flexible benefits plan pertaining to the town's health insurance plan.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said the card helps manage the co-pays and part is funded by the town and the rest by the employee.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the town's health reimbursement arrangement pertaining to the town's health insurance plan.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton authorizing Superintendent of Highways Douglas F. Myer to solicit bids, piggyback on an existing bid, or purchase under Sourcewell or HGACBuy (whichever method proves to be most beneficial to the Town of Saugerties) and award said bid to the lowest qualified bidder meeting all specifications and requirements (1) one new 29,000 lb class Hydraulic Excavator equipped with blade, hydraulic thumb, 30" excavation bucket and 60' tilt ditching bucket.

Discussion: Supervisor said the current excavator is 13 years old; important piece of equipment.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilman Andreassen authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Douglas F. Myer to transfer funds from account DBO 1-911 Fund Balance to account DBO 3-5130.200 Equipment & Capital Outlay in an amount sufficient to satisfy the remaining debt incurred for the purchase of one new 29,000 lb class Hydraulic Excavator equipped with blade, hydraulic thumb, 30" excavation bucket and 60' tilt ditching bucket.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton authorizing Superintendent of Highways Douglas F. Myer to declare surplus and no longer of any use to the Town of Saugerties one 2006 JCB Excavator Serial #SLPJS13C6E179446 and to dispose of via Auctions International or as part of the bidding/purchase agreement with the successful bidder described in motion #1 as a trade in, whichever method proves to be most beneficial to the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the proposal, as on file, from Central Hudson regarding converting streetlights from non-LED to LED to create energy saving costs for lighting districts.

Discussion: Councilman Maclsaac received an email this day and maybe we should find out more about this; Supervisor Costello said the NYSERDA grant will off-set the current lighting, Central Hudson will still own and maintain. Councilwoman Thornton added that town employees are not lighting experts.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to allow the Supervisor to sign the PILOT Agreement for Solar Energy Systems between the Town of Saugerties, County of Ulster and Saugerties Central School District.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman MacIsaac to allow the Supervisor to sign the utility purchase agreement between East Light Solar and the Town of Saugerties.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that we will enter into this agreement for 10 years and see a savings of 10% on energy bills.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman MacIsaac, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:51 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Meeting closed in memory of: Joe Ferraro, Robert McGuinness, Melissa (Brazier) Bucher, Darren Krein, Bill Trumbour, Anthony "Cal" Hackett and Tony Cardarelli.

Town Clerk