

PRE-BOARD MEETING – MAY 1, 2019

The Pre-Board Meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 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 Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Mike MacIsaac
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Supervisor Fred Costello

There was a unanimous decision to move a motion forward to the agenda approving Local Law #3 of 2019 regarding road design standards.

Councilwoman Thornton spoke regarding Hudson Valley Greenway grant; strongly suggest the town and village move forward because this grant needs to be submitted by May 10th. It was decided to move this forward to the agenda.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – MAY 1, 2019

The Town Board Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 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 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:

Supervisor Costello started off by saying that the Noise Ordinance is not up for a vote tonight. A public hearing was held a couple weeks ago and it is worth it to note that farming is protected and the Village has a noise ordinance already. This is also the third time a noise ordinance has

come before the board in the last 14 years. Vacation rentals are under discussion, which may quell a lot of complaints.

Kevin Carpenter, contractor – law can't work if people are trying to make a living. A lot of people work six days a week and have to do work on Sunday. Disorderly conduct is already a law on the books. What about the Car Show on a Sunday with noise of loud pipes and mufflers. This ordinance should be put up for public referendum.

Bob Lippman – local friends and neighbors have to work 6-7 days a week. This town is being controlled by city people coming up and changing things. Will continue to do outside work on Sunday and has every right to carry a gun.

Karen Masters – hard working, pay taxes and likes the peace and quiet. Neighbors can work things out but to have a noise ordinance in place is a good idea. Had issues with noisy campground but the issue is now resolved. The board may need to consider special circumstances for construction.

Marty Martin – works in construction and does a lot of work on the farm including log splitting – you have to fit it in when you can get it done. You can't let something be forced by people that don't live here. We need to be able to do what needs to be done to survive.

Lisa Fellows, Animal Shelter volunteer – we have a part time manager, part time employee and one full time employee trying to take care of abandoned animals. The shelter depends on volunteers. The shelter is falling down and is only surviving because of volunteers. We lost out on a grant because it was handed in late by Vernon Benjamin. Animals need to be comfortable. On May 18th we will hold a yard sale to benefit the shelter and we need help!

Adele Zinderman – we do fundraising for the animal shelter to take care of medical needs; handed information to board members, which is on file, of pictures of deterioration of shelter. It's not an option to stay in the same building anymore, we need AC. The shelter is another department of this town and it needs to be treated that way. Supervisor Costello thanked the volunteers for the job they do so willingly. The shelter is in line for receiving an inheritance – hopefully soon.

Mike Baran – country style of living is part of living in this area; most of us have lived here for generations.

Bruce Lee – why impose more regulations and when will it stop. People come here to get away and then want to change things.

Erica Guerin – owns commercial and personal property and has tenants that do trucking and construction; totally against ordinance, feels it is deficient and subjects town to lawsuits.

George Heidcamp – have been dealing with noise problems for over half his life; dealt with 1000+ complaints as a police officer. The biggest concern is how will this be enforced, it will be very difficult because there are no devices to measure just an opinion of the responding officer.

Joseph Till – nearly killed on a motorcycle and thought about changing bike to loud pipes to be seen and heard.

Stan Hennegan – law will only cause disruption between Saugerties people.

Gus VanEtten – the board shouldn't hinder peoples' lifestyles. If the problem is Air BnB's, then address that problem but don't make this more of an issue with noise. Exemption should include gun clubs.

Brian Lee – a big rig running in the middle of winter needs to be done; also, enjoys vintage equipment, which makes noise but if respectful of neighbors could solve a lot of problems.

Anson Manfro – hears the loudspeaker at school, it's part of living in the country.

Lisa Pulver – did ask police officer about noise ordinance when purchasing a house; be courteous of neighbors.

Gaetana Ciarlante – the word “unnecessary” is used a lot in the ordinance – who is to determine what is necessary or unnecessary? Residents need to use a tiller or lawnmower on a Sunday; also, owns a loudspeaker and if banned it would infringe on right to assemble.

Lauren Ruberg – Air BnB issues need to be addressed along with dumping and trucking. Don't take away locals rights, instead look at where the problem is coming from and what needs to be fixed.

Wayne Mitchell – musician and police have been called when music is too loud; neighbors need to work things out and talk to each other. Police should be doing more important work than dealing with noise.

Tom Melville – went to court three times because neighbor didn't like his dog barking and found not guilty all three times. PA systems are all over the town – Little League, HITS, baseball and soccer fields.

Jamie Bruno – what about snowblowers on a Sunday and late at night? People have to use a shovel because it makes less noise?

Josh Tienken – came back to live in Saugerties because he loves the area and now has four new neighbors all from the city. Resources will be stretched thin if police are called for every noise issue.

Keith Hughes – father moved the family to Saugerties from Kingston in the 70’s and now he has problems with his neighbor and animals not contained. There is nothing friendly about Saugerties anymore.

Scott Demarest – would car wash owner be offended if water was limited to run the business?

Sean Rafferty – how are public hearings advertised? Majority of people here tonight are against this; we do not live under HOA laws, this law should not even be considered.

Ciprihana Costello – oppose this law, which could be much simpler. Don’t project a few peoples’ problems on the entire town. Reach out by social media to let residents know about hearings.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

A Passport Night will be held at Town Hall on May 14th from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Town Clerk’s Office. This is being done with the County Clerk’s Office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on April 17, 2019; Public Hearing on April 17, 2019 regarding Noise; Public Hearing on April 17, 2019 regarding amending Historic Preservation Law; Bid Openings on April 18, 2019 and April 25, 2019 with Highway Department, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$168,718.68
General Outside Village	12,733.38
Highway	41,787.06
Capital Projects	16,454.87
Ambulance District	63,132.08
Sewer O&M	3,837.34
Water O&M	3,136.81
Central Hudson	13,531.77

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: none

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Andreassen – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – flea market has been postponed, due to lack of vendors; library will be holding a tech help session on the first Saturday of the month.

Councilman Maclsaac – getting ready for Go Smart, Go Green on May 4th. At the County Climate Smart Meeting informed that Indian Point is closed and being replaced by natural gas.

Councilman Schoonmaker – May 18th is the Animal Shelter Yard Sale

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac to approve the Memorandum of Agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and the Communication Workers of America.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the 2018 MS4 Annual Report.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding historic stone structures.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the Malden water main extension.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to approve the Stipulation of Settlement between the Town of Saugerties and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 445.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the resignation of Police Officer Andrew Armour, effective April 17, 2019.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the placement of part time police officer Jordan Kilfoyle to a 90 day temporary full time police officer at a pay rate of \$21.50 per hour, effective May 6, 2019.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to adopt Local Law 3 of 2019 Amending Chapter 215 of the Town of Saugerties Municipal Code, regarding “Subdivision of Land” (road design standards).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to apply to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program for a project entitled Town and Village of Saugerties Comprehensive Plan 2019 Update to be located in the Town and Village of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Meeting closed for a moment of silence in memory of Vincent Voerg.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:06 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

**Pre-Board Meeting
Town Board Meeting**

**6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.**

Town Clerk