

PRE-BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 17, 2022

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Building Department Conference Room at Town Hall, 4 High Street in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

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

Absent: Councilman Zach Horton

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters leading to employment of a particular person at 6:45 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to exit Executive Session and resume town board meeting at 7:07 p.m., carried.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 17, 2022

The Town Board Meeting was held on on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Building Department Conference Room at Town Hall, 4 High Street in the Village of Saugerties. This meeting was held in the conference room to accommodate the senior center for early voting. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

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

Absent: Councilman Zach Horton

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Winston Farm project – Dave Brennan said it is a procedural step to schedule the public hearing, which the motion is on the agenda this evening and begin scoping.

Duncan Properties Car Wash Route 32 – met with the town board a year ago and has been meeting with the Planning Board proposing zoning change to allow car washes.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Curt Sutter – concerned about building happening in this town; dump trucks and increase in traffic.

Marjorie Greenburg-Vaughn – not in support of development of Winston Farms. Enough development already happening.

Joe Hudson – talked about aquifer and scoping document and it doesn't seem to be addressed in environmental review.

Gene O'Donavan – neighbor of Winston Farm; project is the size of the village.

Sara Leiser – concerned about environmental issues and she has lived here one week.

Abby Dushane – Saugerties is a Climate Smart Community, should consider moratorium on zoning changes.

Steve Gentile – thank the town board for considerations, drought situation is very dire. Why is there aquifer protection?

Michael Tiano – concerned about the amount of water HITS uses – over 2million gallons were used in one year.

Susan Weeks – pay attention to what is coming – we have a drought now; need conservation of water.

Michelle Eisenstock – is board obligated to go along with a project if all criteria is favorable?

Councilman Ivino said the board is elected by the community and has obligations to listen and make a decision.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

A document was prepared in 2009 regarding Winston Farms and what the community thought was a good use of the property. Some of the things listed from that survey are included in this project. This property was for sale for quite a while and anyone could have bought it to keep it as "open space" if that was desired. This is a public process and a lengthy one.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on July 13, 2022; special Town Board Meeting of July 15, 2022; Special Town Board Meeting of July 27, 2022, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$408,846.40
General Outside Village	35,961.88
Highway	244,529.28
Capital Projects	17,860.00
Ambulance District	109,889.84
Lighting District	3,021.58
Sewer O&M	15,670.20
Water O&M	7,792.92

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Ray Mayone, Highway – new storm drains and oil and chip done for several roads with extreme temperatures.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Thornton – September 1st is the Library vote 10am-8pm, vote on budget and trustees; Lifespring registration is on the website.

Councilwoman Nau – gave Transfer Station report, and the Historian report with Audrey Klinkenberg; both are on file.

Councilman Ivino – nothing to report

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve hiring Amber Taft as a part time Dispatcher for the Police Department at a pay rate of \$18.84 per hour, effective August 18, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the resignation of Officer Sophie Wolff from the Police Department effective August 22, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve appointing Ken Goldberg to the Town's Conservation Advisory Commission and Climate Smart Task Force for the remainder of 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve dl Flow Tech, Dennis LaVopa (owner), 2421 Route 52, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 as a Certified Energy Code Compliance Inspector, per the International Energy Conservation Code.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton authorizing Superintendent of Highways Raymond Mayone to hire Vincent J. Houghtaling Jr. as a full time Auto Mechanic Helper with a rate of pay of \$23.64 per hour, effective August 17, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the Supervisor to sign the shared services agreement with the Town of Saugerties and the Town of Ulster, as on file, and as per the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Raymond Mayone.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to allow the Supervisor to sign the shared services agreement with the Town of Saugerties and the Town of Rosendale, as on file, and as per the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Raymond Mayone.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the supervisor to sign the legal agreement, as on file, pertaining to the Community Choice Aggregation Program.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the supervisor to sign the agreement, as on file, between the town and Ulster County pertaining to Family Advocacy.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to allow the supervisor to sign, as on file, to Hold Harmless/Indemnity Agreement for the Glasco Apartments.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the supervisor to sign, as on file, the NYS DOT PERM 32 Application for the Glasco Apartments.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the supervisor to sign, as on file, the Proposal for Additional Professional Services Support for New Animal Shelter Building on Town Landfill Site.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint Albert Riozzi to the Planning Board, immediately, with a term to expire on December 31, 2028 to fill Ken Goldberg's position due to his retirement from the board.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that five very good applicants were interviewed, it was a difficult decision.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded Councilman Ivino to accept Bill Creen's retirement from the Planning Board alternate position, effective immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint Gina Kiniry to the Planning Board in the alternate position, immediately, with a term to expire on December 31, 2022 to fill Bill Creen's position due to his retirement from the board.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the increase of both the town water and sewer rates by 3%, effective September 1, 2022 which will be reflected in the December 1, 2022 billing cycle.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that this was prompted by the increase in rates that the Village is charging the town.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the purchase of a 2017 Chrysler Pacifica from Sawyer Motors in an amount not to exceed \$19,000.00 as an emergency replacement vehicle for the animal shelter as the current vehicle they have is out of commission.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Nau to allow Stacy Legg full time Clerk in the Building Department to use one week of vacation time prior to her 1 year

anniversary date of October 7, 2022 at which time she will earn only one week of vacation time since she will have used one week vacation time already (of the 2 that would have been earned on October 7, 2022) with the stipulation that if she leaves employment before said anniversary date then she has to pay back that one week of used vacation time.

Discussion: Councilman Ivino said that he is not in favor of this, feels employees should wait to use within allotted time.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilman Horton absent, Councilman Ivino voting No)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Jill Zarcone as a part time clerk in the tax office at a rate of \$17.00 per hour starting August 22, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Ivino to set a public hearing date of September 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the Scoping Document for the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the Winston Farm Planned Development District.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to enter into Executive Session regarding matters leading to the employment of a particular person at 8:45 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:30 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was closed in memory of Stephanie Comito, Michaeline Porto, Scott Briody, George Gehring, Larry Herzog and John Tomaseski.

Congratulations to Councilwoman Leanne Thornton and family on the birth of grand daughter, Hannah Joan.

Town Clerk