

PRE-BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 7, 2020

The Pre-Board Meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located at the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Ivino
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Supervisor Fred Costello

Supervisor Costello discussed the Preliminary Budget for 2021 is available and will be sent out digitally. The increase is at 1.8% right now. We could expect for costs to go up dramatically in the near future. There are 12 applicants for the vacant position of Council. We will set up a Workshop for the Budget and start interviews for the vacant seat. We are at 95% assessment now for properties as we did not trend this year.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 7, 2020

The Town Board Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located at 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:

We are holding virtual and in-person town board meetings at this time. There is a water main break on Route 212 happening and we encourage people to boil water for the next five days. Halloween is happening but the curfew will be 7:00 p.m. and we encourage families to stay in their own neighborhoods, social distance and wear masks while out trick or treating. The police department hosted a school for supervisors in the police department, which was well attended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on September 16, 2020, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$293,817.86
General Outside Village	14,403.27
Highway	191,623.64
Ambulance District	64,394.75
Sewer O&M	70,372.73
Water O&M	212,443.16
Central Hudson	1,043.67

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – working on underground conduit for fiber optics at the Senior Center. Small World Playground name pickets can be picked up at the ice arena. We are still on target with obtaining a paint machine for Cantine Field and the Stallions are adding to the improvements. We will re-apply for a grant for a Pickle Ball Court, which there is already a designated area. An Eagle Scout project has been completed at the Animal Shelter and we are fortunate enough to have other scouts interested in projects for the town.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Thornton – Boys & Girls Fundraiser with Mirabella’s sold 125 dinners and the virtual auction raised \$100,000.00+! The Library and Shout Out Saugerties has combined events coming up. CPC has completed the rough draft and will move on to the next step. Historical Society calendars are available and on sale at the Town Clerk’s Office for \$20.00.

Councilman Ivino – attended the ZBA meeting regarding cell towers; the building department has had a busy month and Animal Shelter has chosen a site for the new shelter.

Councilman Schoonmaker – Shout Out Saugerties will have a live theatre in Saugerties at 2:00 p.m. at the Library. Animal Shelter is adopting kittens – 2 for \$200.00. HPC has postponed the Ramble and CAC had a well put together presentation.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the renewal of the CDPHP Health Plan from February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that the town has had a long standing relationship with this insurance company and this is under a 10% increase this year.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the 36 month renewal copier lease with Atlantic, Tomorrow's Office.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello would like to thank Terri Wood and Claudette Zinkow for the work that they did on this renewal.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the resignation of part time Police Officer Donald Tucker, effective October 7, 2020.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton said Mr. Tucker was a real people person that embraced young people. Supervisor Costello added that we wish him well; he was an asset through the merger.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to accept the resignation of Highway Department employee Jacob Dodd.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said they wish him well in future endeavors.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the following individuals to serve on the Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative Committee to review policies, procedures and activities of the Saugerties Police Department, per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order: Saugerties Police Chief Joseph Sinagra, Ulster County Assistant District Attorney Lauren Swan, Ulster County Public Defender Michael Catalinotto and Community Stakeholders: Christine Dinsmore, Tamika Dunkley, Rob Irizarry, Annette Mulyanti, Frazan Nadim, Joseph Puma, Gilda Riccardi, Robert Thomann, Gina Kiniry and Lanny Walter.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello thanked Councilmen Ivino and Schoonmaker for running with this and the vetting process. Councilman Ivino said they are confident that they picked a well-rounded team and Councilman Schoonmaker second what Councilman Ivino just said and that they were able to capture every facet of the community.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Douglas F. Myer to solicit bids and award said bid to the lowest responsible bidder for the purchase of (1) one new model year 2020 5500 Series 4x4 cab and chassis equipped with dump body, plow and any other related accessories. This shall be paid for from the Highway Revenue account DBO 2-1189. Any remaining balance on said truck shall be paid for from Highway Fund Balance DBO 1-911 if required.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:45 p.m., carried.

Meeting was closed in memory of Stewart Fox.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk