

TOWN BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 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:

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

Absent: Councilman Zach Horton

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Citizens for a Beautiful Saugerties with a presentation on Regenerative Farming concept for Winston Farm by Andrew Faust – explained an alternative vision with a community farm and forest preserve and permaculture living trust. This land is a “community asset”.

Diane Colello – large proportion of residents are rent burdened. Housing stability is precarious with rents being unreasonable and unattainable for many. Suggesting the town board opt-in to Good Cause Eviction

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Brandon Shiller – it is a disgrace that the town board entertained the idea to give the privilege of floor to an outside group; we need this project to move forward.

Lauren Marcello Ruberg – appreciate the time and effort of presentation; feels like this other plan is not better but different. Should not be “us” against “you”.

April Richers – thank you to the Supervisor and Adriana Beltrani (the Town Planner) for the presentation last week. The three developers are not greedy but have put a lot of time and money in to this project already.

Marc Brodtkin – try to respect the place we have come from; town board is in the hot seat.

Susan Murphy – tried to get brochures out to the public last Thursday, everyone should reflect to treat all with respect.

Dia Mansbach – country is littered with empty shopping malls, need open land that is properly maintained.

Sarah Vogwill – thank you to the board for hearing the presentation tonight.

Judith Spektor – need land for agriculture and we need food to sustain us. There is no way to produce new land.

Josepha Gutelius – already zoned to build on site at Winston Farm; interested if the town board will be voting on pro-housing motion.

Robert Schaaf – STR in abundance on Timberwall Road; tired of late night music and excessive parking on the side of roads. Something needs to be done.

Suzanne Bennett – on September 30 at 6:30 p.m. another discussion will be held at the Orpheum regarding a town and village grant for \$4.5 million; all are welcome.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

We need to look at the Winston Farm project with open eyes; if we change the zoning, that is taking action. It is not zoned to remain as open space now.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of September 4, 2024, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$162,453.95
General Outside Village	18,846.37
Highway	64,614.22
Capital Projects	26,892.50
Ambulance District	129,134.25
Sewer O&M	12,380.44
Water O&M	5,559.00
Trust & Agency	11,213.50
Central Hudson	46,528.62

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Ray Mayone, Highway Superintendent – shared services with the village recently and the paving is done.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – there will be an unveiling of a Historic marker on the Snyder property on October 14, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Councilwoman Thornton – Congratulations to the Society of Little Gardens on the 100th Anniversary! Repair Café will be held on October 5, 2024 from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Councilman Ivino – congratulations to Diaz for a successful fundraiser. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony on October 2, 2024 at noon at the Animal Shelter.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the retirement of Deputy Town Clerk Leslie Duffy, effective September 17, 2024.

Discussion: Lisa Stanley, Town Clerk thanked her for her dedication for the past 12 years and we wish her well.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to hire Sasha Sittner as the full time Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar for the Town Clerk’s Office at a pay rate of \$24.34 an hour, effective September 18, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Ava Bach as a part time Clerk in the Town Clerk’s Office at a pay rate of \$25.00 per hour effective September 30, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau authorizing Superintendent of Highways Raymond Mayone to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties Highway Department one 2001 Snap On LR66396 Tire Changer Machine Model #EEWH305A, Serial #01010286 and one 2001 Snap On Model EEWB305A Tire Balancer machine Serial #G51MX091, and to dispose of said items via Auctions International.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to transfer \$59,108.03 ARPA Funds to the below accounts for associated projects, as per the approval of Supervisor Fred Costello, Department Liaison Zach Horton and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent as follows:

- Saugerties Athletic Association - \$30,000.00 for the install of new light towers on West Field #7
- Line item account #B7110.200, in the amount of \$11,428.03 for materials for the install of fire department stand pipe

- Line item account #1620.485, in the amount of \$7,850.00 for materials for the install of heat pump/mini split units for the Supervisors Office
- Line item account #1620.200 in the amount of \$5,980.00 for materials for labor and install of new awning at the east side entrance to the Town Clerk’s Office along with laying of concrete block to fill cavity to accommodate the install
- Line items account #A7110.200 in the amount of \$3,850.00 for Solar Power Security Camera at the Dog Park

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve a change in title for John Hanzl in the Water & Sewer Department from Water/Wastewater Maintenance to Chief Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to approve the bid done on July 15, 2024 for \$56,500.00 from Washington Estates Transport, Inc., 51 Josephine Avenue, Rosendale, NY 12572 to begin demolition/property clean-up of the structures located at 331 Route 212, 311 Route 212, 309 Route 212 owner Shane Edwards.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the Proclamation, as on file, in regards to the 100th Anniversary of the Saugerties Society of Little Gardens.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:20 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, October 2, 2024	Pre-Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk