

**PRE-BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2, 2020**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 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:

Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton  
Councilman Mike Ivino  
Councilman John Schoonmaker  
Supervisor Fred Costello  
Absent: Councilman Paul Andreassen

Supervisor Costello spoke regarding new Comprehensive Plan and Kings Highway, which has been a long battle. There needs to be more diversity on Kings Highway and Malden Turnpike per Councilwoman Thornton; it will need to go before the County and public hearings.

Mt. Marion Fire Department would like to install LED sign; Councilwoman Thornton thought schools, emergency services and fire departments were exempt and were able to install one.

The Town Board unanimously in agreement of moving forward and will check if the law that was previously drawn up would support those organizations being exempt and move forward.

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Town Clerk

**TOWN BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2, 2020**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 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 Leeanne Thornton  
Councilman Mike Ivino  
Councilman John Schoonmaker  
Supervisor Fred Costello  
Absent: Councilman Paul Andreassen

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of August 2, 2020, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$ 84,723.66
General Outside Village	1,675.81
Highway	173,625.07
Capital Projects	584.41
Ambulance District	64,394.75
Lighting District	7,288.58
Sewer O&M	346.20
Water O&M	416.76
Central Hudson	509.07

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Greg Chorvas – there have been some activities happening at Cantine but also being cautious. Surplus money may be used for short fall in the budget. We have booked four organizations for Facility Use Fees. Hockey games can not start until January 3, 2021.

Julie Dunn – on-line software program for taxes – pay, print bill and pay by credit card, fees do apply. People with escrows will receive a paper bill but will get a receipt when bank pays it. Thank you to the board for the support.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Thornton – library is closed for Labor Day; Election will be 9/15/20 voting on the budget and three Trustee positions. Lifespring has virtual fall classes, special thanks to members for making this work. Boys & Girls Club on-line Auction October 1-3. CPC finished document and will go on to the next step. Chamber auction will be on-line for the butterflies.

Councilman Ivino – nice to be back live and together for the meeting. Talked with DOT regarding Glasco Turnpike and Route 32. Animal Shelter is full steam ahead. Transfer Station is expanding talk regarding compost. Great headway on forming the police commission.

Councilman Schoonmaker – electric vehicle meeting is coming up with the CAC. Leslie will be making a presentation on September 16 regarding Town of Saugerties owned property by the Esopus. Animal Shelter fundraiser tickets still on sale for the mower. Thank you for all the donations for food for the animals. Get pre-approved for adoptions.

### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the supervisor to sign the amendment, as on file, pertaining to the Task Force Agreement between the Town of Saugerties and Ulster County.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that this is part of funding for the Special Task Force.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Andreassen absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to allow the supervisor to sign the proposal, as on file, pertaining to the animal shelter between CGM (Charles G. Michel) Engineering, PC and the Town of Saugerties.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said this is the mechanical portion of the project.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Andreassen absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the supervisor to sign the Municipal Energy Services Agreement, as on file, between Joule Assets, Inc. and the Town of Saugerties, subject to and contingent upon the town attorney.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Andreassen absent)

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilman Ivino to allow the supervisor to sign the proclamation, as on file, pertaining to standing against and rejecting inequalities.

### **PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, the Town of Saugerties and it's officials commit themselves to standing against and rejecting biases of race and gender, hate crimes, harassment or stigmas towards any human being, and

Whereas, we ask the community at large to help in identifying and educating us, your friends, family and neighbors of any such inequalities that exist, and

Whereas, as a community of cultural diversity, we will embrace that and prevent all inequality, bias or stigma and further reject hate and bias in all forms, and

Whereas, as a community that stands together in time of need, we will continue to support peaceful movements of protest and gatherings for the furtherance of social justice, and

Therefore, I, Fred Costello, Jr., Supervisor of the Town of Saugerties and the following members of the Town Board, LEEANNE THORNTON, MICHAEL IVINO, JOHN SCHOONMAKER IV and PAUL ANDREASSEN, do hereby proclaim our commitment to an inclusive community effort that rejects all stigma and bias towards mankind. We urge all residents to join us in treating each other with respect and work together in these trying times to overcome all expressions of hate and bigotry. We make the pledge to only be involved in projects cleared of all color and gender bias and we will work to correct past actions that have had a negative impact on those of color.

Discussion: Councilman Ivino said this is an issue for all communities. Councilman Schoonmaker added that he attended a protest in DC, it is a time for action.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Andreassen absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the resignation of Police Dispatcher Stephen Tuomey, effective September 9, 2020.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said Steve has been an employee a number of years, we wish him well.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Andreassen absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to accept the resignation of James Keator, Jr., effective September 25, 2020 as per the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello he will be missed, has put in a number of years.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Andreassen absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to accept resignation of Paul Andreassen as Councilperson.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Andreassen absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:40 p.m., carried.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, September 16, 2020**

**Pre-Board Meeting**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Town Board Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.**

*Closed in memory of Willie Goff and Arnie Hyland.*

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Town Clerk