

PRE-BOARD MEETING – MARCH 17, 2021

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., via virtual Webex format. The following members were present for the meeting:

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

Glenn Weinberg with Joule gave a presentation on Community Solar 101. This has the same benefits of community solar plus no individual contracts, no second bill and no credit check. This would be an additional choice, not mandatory.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – MARCH 17, 2021

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., via virtual Webex format. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

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

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Gilda Riccardi with the Saugerties Police Reform and Reinvention Committee gave a report on the work of 13 members of the committee. Three public forums were held. Bob Thomann from the committee added that it was a big undertaking but Saugerties is in good shape. Christine Dismore would like to thank Gilda for her guidance. Chief Sinagra also thanked the committee, it was a very positive experience.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

The Supervisor stated that he is proud of the Police Reform Committee and the police department; all worked together and did a great job. The Bristol Beach trail is being worked on.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on March 4, 2021 and Public Hearing of March 4, 2021 regarding rezoning with Joseph Gambino, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$ 90,614.15
General Outside Village	3,055.85
Highway	81,789.65
Capital Projects	11,793.17
Lighting District	5,855.35
Sewer O&M	5,845.25
Water O&M	7,491.55
Central Hudson	6,828.59

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Doug Myer – there is 920’ road done at Bristol Beach, we have made major progress. The 2020 year end at the Transfer Station is complete. We had 293 tons of recycling; organic recycling was 32 tons, an increase of 104%.

Greg Chorvas – Small World has been dismantled and some fence pickets have been requested and there is still some left. Wind fence and some trees did come down in the latest wind storm at Cantine. Summer Recreation has on-line sign ups. All fields should be open next week.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – would like to thank the committee for a complete and thought-provoking police report.

Councilwoman Thornton – March 18 is the deadline for Boys & Girls fundraiser and they will have a virtual auction on May 21. Starting on April 23 through October on the 4th Friday of each month, there will be a community food bank at the Senior Center.

Councilman Ivino – we are closer to ground-breaking for the Animal Shelter. Patti Kelly will be acting chair of ZBA while Jeanne Goldberg is unable to.

Councilman Schoonmaker – HPC met and a couple markers have been requested; Esopus Creek releases with DEP; and Climate Task meets on March 18th.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the Influent Screening System for the Malden Waterwater Treatment Facility.

Discussion: Dennis Larios explained that there have been problems with the Malden plant and this is an emergency order for equipment.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, supporting the return of adult in-patient behavioral health and detox units to the Mary's Avenue Campus of the Health Alliance Hospital of the Hudson Valley.

Discussion: Chief Sinagra explained that this has been a major issue for families when moved out of Kingston. Councilman Ivino added that addiction and mental health issues hit community along with first responders.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the resolution, as on file, pertaining to the re-zoning of Joseph Gambino's property and will be the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the Town and Village Comprehensive Plan 2021 Update which is available upon request.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton added that this has been over a two year process, very proud of the team and the document.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to approve the Saugerties Police Reform and Reinvention Committee Final Report which is available upon request.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to re-appoint the following individual to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission – Susan Puretz with a four (4) year term that expires on March 31, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilman Ivino to re-appoint Jennifer Mangione to serve on the Board of Assessment Review with a five (5) year term that expires on December 31, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve moving Joseph Comito from Reserve Officer to part time Officer at a hourly rate of \$21.50, effective March 18, 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve moving Erik Liland from Reserve Officer to part time Officer at a hourly rate of \$21.50, effective March 18, 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 8:25 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Meeting closed in memory of Jean Melville, Jason Sasso, Wally Frey, Joan (Thornton) Foley and Anna Tagliafierro

Town Clerk