

**PRE-BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 12, 2025**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 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 Zach Horton  
Supervisor Fred Costello

Absent: Councilwoman Peg Nau & Councilman Mike Ivino

It was discussed with a unanimous decision to move two motions forward to the agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 6:40 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to exit Executive Session at 6:52 p.m., carried.

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Town Clerk

**TOWN BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 12, 2025**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 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 Zach Horton  
Supervisor Fred Costello

Absent: Councilwoman Peg Nau & Councilman Mike Ivino

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

American Legion members Warren Whitaker and Mark Webster thanked the town board and the town clerk for continued support in supplying the grave marker flags for Veterans. By Memorial Day every Veterans' grave will get a new flag. We have very dedicated Veterans that honor the departed at funerals, no matter the weather conditions.

At 7:45 a Web-ex presentation was given by Glenn Weinberg of Joule Assets regarding the CCA (Community Choice Aggregation) program.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Stephanie Bassler – asked to be on Comprehensive Planning Committee because she has experience and qualification of being an architect and worked on projects with Planning and Zoning Boards.

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:**

Explained that we are moving additional motions to the agenda for tonight.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the minutes of January 22, 2025, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$923,974.68
General Outside Village	10,099.80
Highway	71,975.62
Capital Projects	29,989.50
Ambulance District	137,331.08
Lighting District	2,844.11
Water O&M	2,844.12
Central Hudson	22,107.81

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: none**

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Thornton – CPC goal is to look at the current plan and what may need to be updated; Library has a craft on Valentine’s Day; Boys & Girls Club has their Dinner Auction coming up on May 16 and thank you for all the bowling sponsors in their recent fundraiser.

Councilman Horton – Parks & Rec Committee met and they hope to receive a grant, the girls softball field will be revamped and CAC has a meeting on February 17.

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to hire Cora Noelle Mitchell as an Assistant Special Operations Coordinator (Assistant Grant Writer) at a pay rate of \$17.00 per hour, effective immediately.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that we have a lot of grants and too much for one person.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Nau & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to hire Felicia Salierno as an Assessor’s Aide in the Assessor’s Office with a pay rate of \$23.24 per hour, effective February 18, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Nau & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to hire Ryan Cioni as a full time 90-day Temporary Police Officer at a pay rate of \$26.64 an hour, effective February 17, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Nau & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to hire Bryan Nunez as a full time 90-day Temporary Police Officer at a pay rate of \$26.64 an hour, effective February 17, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Nau & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint Stephanie Bassler to the Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) for the remainder of 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Nau & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to authorize the Parks & Buildings Department to advertise for sealed bids for the installation of light towers and lights, along with related equipment, for the Pickleball Courts as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Councilman Horton is looking forward to adding lights.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Nau & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, authorizing the supervisor to sign a contract for shared highway services on behalf of the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Nau & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the supervisor to sign the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding), as on file, in regards to the Request for Proposal for Electricity Supply and execution of the Electricity Supply Agreement pertaining to the CCA (Community Choice Aggregation) Program.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton is concerned about voting on this without the full board and would like input from CAC. Supervisor Costello said that given the information from the presentation it would be best to have option available and it is non-binding. Councilman Horton shares both concerns that were voiced.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Nau & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the Empire State Development Grant Disbursement Agreement pertaining to RESTORE NY Grant #135,639 awarded to the Town to be disbursed to Shimon Ekstein as previously set forth and authorize Supervisor Costello to sign same in that all the requirements of the grant have been met.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Nau & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve Easy Blower Door, 143 Henry Street, Kingston, NY 12401 as a Certified Energy Code Compliance Inspector per the International Energy Conservation Code of 2015 for the Specialized Inspector List.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Nau & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to schedule a Public Hearing on March 5, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss proposed Local Law Increasing Income Limits for Partial Tax Exemptions.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Nau & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to change Kathleen Gray's title to Special Operations Coordinator.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Nau & Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:35 p.m., carried.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, March 5, 2025**

**Public Hearing**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Pre-Board Meeting**

**following hearing**

**Town Board Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.**

*The meeting closed in memory of Thomas Carpino, Jr. and Rocco Pietrofesa.*

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Town Clerk