

TOWN BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 2, 2019

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 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:

Councilman Paul Andreassen
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Maclsaac
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Supervisor Fred Costello

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Mark Lowery, Assistant Director of NYSDEC Office of Climate Change – thank you to the Supervisor and Mary O’Donnell for their work in making the Town of Saugerties the first and only town in Ulster County to earn the designation of Climate Smart Community. Supervisor Costello thanked Mary O’Donnell and the Task Force for all the hard work that was put forth. Mary O’Donnell thanked the entire team.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Lanny Walter – his wife, Carol Furman is a member of the task force and is at training in Syracuse at this time; thank you for giving her the inspiration, it is a blessing.

Tamara Shuppin – explained OTARD rule and complete comments are on file at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Skip Arthur – thank you to the town for Climate Smart support.

Mary Wawro , UC Legislator – thank you to all involved with receiving this award on Climate Smart, congratulations!

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

We developed a climate Action Plan and going forward, we are reducing our carbon foot print. Mum Bowl will be October 5th with the Mum Festival on the 6th. Pat Ryan is working with shared services within the county. Congratulations to Toyota for hosting “Tech for Vets” at the ice rink. Cornell Co-op hosted a workshop regarding issues with climate change. NYS DOT, NYS Thruway, Town of Saugerties, UCTC will discuss north bound thruway entrance. The Preliminary Budget should be available by the end of the week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on September 18, 2019 and Public Hearing on September 19, 2019, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$178,491.23
General Outside Village	4,042.67
Highway	94,598.17
Capital Projects	226,405.24
Ambulance District	63,132.08
Sewer O & M	11,970.65
Water O & M	7,365.11
Trust & Agency	10.00
Central Hudson	4,869.15

DEPARTMENT EHAD REPORTS: none

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Andreassen – there will be a celebration at Katsbaan Church this Saturday for their new steeple; Malden water project is underway; Diaz Ambulance workers are underpaid and short staffed; American Legion Centennial Celebration dinner will be 10/16 and a parade on 10/19 and HPC is working on a self-guided tour.

Councilwoman Thornton – Touch-a-Truck fundraiser will be held on October 12 to benefit the playground re-build; STAC received an up-date on bike patrol and a request for reduction of speed on County Route 34; CPC proposed a draft for venue usage, which the town board is looking into and the Arts Committee will hold an event at the Library on November 3 from 2:00 to 4:00.

Councilman MacIsaac – thank you to all who made Saugerties a Climate Smart Community and to individuals at the county level and those resources. Internet does not have much competition in the area but there is a project underway – www.saugertiesbroadband.net

Councilman Schoonmaker – Animal Shelter Gala raised \$7,000.00 and the yard sale will be held on October 5. Shout out Saugerties on October 5, Make Music with musicians playing in front of stores and on October 6 there will be puppet and mask making.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to hire Kevin Freeman as the Zoning Board of Appeals part time secretary at a pay rate of \$15.50 per hour, effective October 3, 2019.

Discussion: Councilman Schoonmaker feels he will be a great asset.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac to approve a mass gathering permit for Catskill Animal Sanctuary of 316 Old Stage Road for November 2, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding Local Law #5 of 2019 pertaining to Zoning Law Amendment for ZBA Escrow Account.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the DWI Crackdown Enforcement Agreement for 2019-2020, as on file, between Ulster County and the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:55 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

**No Pre-Board Meeting
Town Board Meeting**

5:00 p.m.

Town Clerk