

TOWN BOARD MEETING – APRIL 3, 2024

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 3, 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
Councilman Zach Horton

Absent: Supervisor Fred Costello (arriving at 7:46 p.m.)

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Jasmin Attila – pass ceasefire resolution
Deena Turner – more bombing continuing
Leah Fetter – granddaughter of Holocaust survivor, opposed to violence
Sam Devine – pass ceasefire resolution
Brittany Barnard – federal reps are not listening, town board needs to listen
John Gilhuly – adopt resolution
Gilda Riccardi – 250 people killed per day, unacceptable; have not heard anyone opposed to resolution
Lanny Walter – ashamed and inconceivable for Jews to behave this way
Eliza Blum – frustrated that we are still trying to pass resolution
Zack Redmond – pass permanent ceasefire; elected you and will remember this next election
Trent Decker – ceasefire now and free Palestine; will run for town board if not passed
Rebecca Stoltzfus – war will not make us safer, unfathomable loss and pain
Erik Donaldson – Israel action happening in Gaza is like Nazi
Margaret Hogan – please act on this issue
Ahmad Khadra – has friends in Gaza, this needs to stop
Isabel Soffer – need permanent ceasefire resolution passed
Molly Makaman – support permanent ceasefire
Joel Alter – would like permanent ceasefire passed
Jennifer Tong – would like ceasefire resolutions done, collective liberation
Janet Moss (Asian) – asking town board to support ceasefire
Margarita Asian – continued support for ceasefire
Sue Rosenberg – standing strongly in opposition, what will we tell our children
Alexis Reinhold – call for peace, cease fighting

Jeff cohen – stand up for moral issues
Tim Scott – exhausting to see these actions continuing
Skip Arthur – incredible community here; need ceasefire
John Schoonmaker – clear we need permanent ceasefire
Cora Mitchell – doing this out of urgency; need attention quickly
Judith Simon – would like to know what more you need to know before you pass resolution

Supervisor Costello explained that people need to be patient while the town board has time to discuss this.

Eldach – raised in Israel, pass ceasefire resolution
Ann O’Brien – supports board in signing ceasefire
Joan Reinmuth – enormously brave of town board to take a stand
Antonio Aguilar – surrounded by great people, a lot to worry about
Kellen gold – in favor of ceasefire, vote asap
Madison Swartie – decision will affect children

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Remediation session was productive and hopefully this is the end of litigation with CCA.

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 20, 2024, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$110,473.60
General Outside Village	11,849.87
Highway	56,103.37
Sewer O&M	4,370.49
Water O&M	4,370.48
Central Hudson	2,218.24

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – stormwater station operational; Little League work being done; light tower on field 7 fell, will be fixed; thank SAA board of directors for their contribution along with Randy Richers and Mike Ivino for donating services and crane use.

Chief Nuzzo – interviewed some officers and in contact with Civil Service

Ray Mayone – Market Street in Glasco update – geologist is still putting together all information, trying to get funding to help. Glasco Fire Department used the new stand pipe with success.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – auction for Boys & Girls Club will be held May 17; April 18 Vet Rehab ribbon cutting. Library has several events, children’s hour, Eclipse glasses are available and retirement 101 class. CPC met and reviewing Lodging & Events.

Councilman Ivino – nothing to report

Councilman Horton – nothing to report

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve James Bruno as a part time Assistant Building Inspector at a pay rate of \$25.00 per hour on an as needed basis per the recommendation of the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Department Administrator, effective March 27, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to authorize the Parks & Buildings Department to proceed with purchase of one (1) new 2024 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo, to replace 2007 Sedan, off of NYS Contract #PC69491SB, Group 40440, Award 23166 from Sawyer Savings Motors, Inc. (NYS Vender ID#1100229794) in the amount of \$49,548.00, as per approved 2024 budget and further as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas explained that CAC wanted them to look into hybrid models but it was not advisable from the dealership at this time.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the supervisor to sign the Proposal for Continued Professional Services, as on file, for the 2024 Post Closure Landfill Sampling and Reporting with LaBella Associates.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to enter into Executive Session for matters that relate to a current investigation at 8:33 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:27 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, April 17, 2024	Public Hearing	6:00 p.m.
	Kings Hwy Water District	
	Public Hearing	6:30 p.m.
	Kings Hwy Sewer District	
	Pre-Board Meeting	following hearings
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

The meeting was closed in memory of Rosemarie Weeks and Priscilla Ritz.

Town Clerk