

TOWN BOARD MEETING – MAY 18, 2022

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 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
Supervisor Fred Costello

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Rose Noone – supports decreasing the speed limit on Route 212; involved in accident by home on 212.

Kris Garrison – dog got smashed on Route 212; drivers are so aggressive and yelling at other drivers.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

The town board will be starting our summer schedule with one meeting per month and we had two public hearings this evening before our regular meeting started.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of May 4, 2022 and STR Workshop of May 12, 2022, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$162,945.57
General Outside Village	12,856.61

Highway	51,869.05
Capital Projects	258,398.10
Lighting District	1,654.48
Sewer O&M	11,276.80
Water O&M	3,964.61

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: none

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – thank you to the community for supporting the Boys & Girls Club at their recent auction

Councilman Ivino – nothing to report

Councilman Horton – CAC received a grant for three shade trees and \$10,000.00 NYSERDA grant for town hall.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to rescind the following motion from the May 4, 2022 town board meeting: To approve the petition, as on file, regarding speed limit concerns on Route 212 and ask the Town Clerk to prepare the necessary paperwork (TE-9) and mail to the appropriate department.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said this will eliminate the need for the Town Clerk to prepare TE-9.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, requesting speed limit reduction on Route 212 in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to hire Malachai D. Bridge as a school crossing guard at the rate of \$14.00 per hour, effective May 19, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the supervisor to sign the Proposal for Continued Professional Services, as on file, for the 2022 Post-Closure Landfill Sampling and Reporting with LaBella Associates.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to accept the resignation of Erin McDowell from the HUD Department, effective June 2, 2022.

Discussion: Councilwoman Nau said that Erin was an excellent worker and will be missed.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Dean Sternberg an independent contractor on an as needed basis as a temporary/bi-annual/part time Housing Inspector for HUD to conduct the bi-annual mandatory HQS inspections at a salary that may be below and will not exceed \$7,000.00 as allotted in the HUD budget.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties (1) one 24" Bradco Cold Planner skid steer attachment – Serial #317723, Model #100266 and to dispose of it via Auctions International.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to move Jonathan Lowrey to the position of Heavy Motor Equipment Operator at \$26.78 per hour effective May 19, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to move Clifford B. Wayman, Sr. from a part time Laborer to a full time Motor Equipment Operator with a rate of pay of \$23.09 retroactive to May 16, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to authorize the supervisor to sign onto the action organized by Joule Assets in an effort to stop Columbia Utilities from selling the Community Choice Aggregation Contract.

Discussion: Town of Saugerties is one of ten communities affected.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to authorize the supervisor to sign the agreement, as on file for the payment of municipal engineering and legal expenses.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, for a multi modal program project-animal shelter roadway.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve a building permit fee of \$500.00 to Cody Buser per the request of the building department.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello clarified that this is a refund.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve an annual stipend of \$5,200.00 for Building Inspector Alvah Weeks for acquiring the title of DEC Certified Erosion Sediment Control Officer to do the required annual work associated with MS4 to make the town compliant each year.

Discussion: Councilman Ivino said the certification is every three years.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve an annual stipend of \$5,200.00 for Building Inspector Kevin Brown for acquiring the title of DEC Certified Erosion Sediment Control Officer to do the required annual work associated with MS4 to make the town compliant each year.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the Town of Saugerties Town Board to act upon the NYS Property Maintenance Law, Local Law #6 of 2021 to remove two (2) boats and one (1) truck that is in the state of disrepair from the property located at Old Route 212, SBL#17.3-2-15.200, last owner to date is Christopher McGregor Sr., PO Box 55 High Falls, NY 12440. Then to have all expenses occurred from the removal have it assessed back to the property owner on record listed above, per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Building Department.

Discussion: Councilman Ivino said that the PML was adopted and this is the first action we have been able to take care of.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Terri-Jo Gallagher as a part time Dispatcher at the rate of \$18.84, effective June 1, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to enter into Executive Session regarding the discipline of a particular person at 7:41 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:00 p.m., carried.

The meeting was closed in memory of Dave LaTourette and Mary Winchell.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk