

PRE-BOARD MEETING – MAY 15, 2024

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 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 Peg Nau
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Ivino
Councilman Zach Horton
Supervisor Fred Costello

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to enter into Executive Session regarding employment of a particular person at 6:45 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to exit Executive Session at 7:20 p.m., carried.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – MAY 15, 2024

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 7:20 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 Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Ivino
Councilman Zach Horton
Supervisor Fred Costello

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Superintendent of Saugerties Central School District Dan Erceg spoke regarding the upcoming budget vote. There are three positions open on the board with voting on May 21st from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. All areas of the budget have seen an increase; investing in our schools is

investing in our community. Also extend thanks to the police department for their help and cooperation in the recent incident at the high school.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Brandon Schiller – displeased with recent new assessment that went out; town board should take some action with the constant increases in assessments.

Steve Gentile – thank you to the board for the Short Term Rental regulations, property has changed ownership and much friendlier environment. The dog park is very much welcomed and have used it often. Chairs that were brought by people were removed by workers using foul language and nasty attitude. Trash receptacle is too big and not emptied frequent enough.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

We have recertified in being a Climate Smart Community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of May 1, 2024, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$113,896.10
General Outside Village	16,016.88
Highway	54,564.81
Capital Projects	2,940.00
Ambulance District	129,134.25
Sewer O&M	48,706.98
Water O&M	7,454.79
Trust & Agency	2,009.02
Central Hudson	14,613.87

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Nuzzo – relationship with SHS resulted in a quick outcome recently, glad to work with them. Oliver Menon will be recognized with an award at Police Award night.

Ray Mayone – denied Central Hudson from digging in town roads until they agreed to completely repaving the roads in the Hamlet of Glasco but they did not complete the paving on the County road. Market Street issue is still being worked on.

Kathleen Gray – there is a \$100,000.00 grant from NYSERDA available

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – upcoming events include Boys & Girls Auction, Friends of Library Fair and Repair Café.

Councilman Ivino – three utilities have been struck by fiber company installation; working on signage for dog park; looking for more zero waste initiatives; personally, is against the Samadhi project.

Councilman Horton – applied for a \$50,000.00 grant with Hinchey for Jaycee field, which would be useful as there is a lot of work that needs to be done; new speed limit signs are in Barclay Heights and appreciate the hard work of the CAC.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to accept the resignation of Patrolman Oliver Menon from the Police Department, effective May 6, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the 33rd Onteora Runners Club 15k road race to travel through Saugerties on May 26, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to hire Kenneth Gsell as a part time “as needed” Laborer at the Highway Department effective May 16, 2024 and at a rate of pay of \$25.00, as per the recommendation of Raymond Mayone, Highway Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, which is subject to permissive referendum pertaining to Local Law No. 1 of 2024 for the extension of the Kings Highway Water District.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, which is subject to permissive referendum pertaining to Local Law No. 2 of 2024 for the extension of the Kings Highway Sewer District.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and Verizon in regards to a temporary emergency communication cell tower for the Garlic Festival.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the refund of \$150.00 to Window World of the Hudson Valley for a building permit that was not required as per the recommendation of the Building Department

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the Town of Saugerties Department of Safety and Buildings to put to bid the clean up and removal of debris from the property located at 1971 Route 32 SBL#28.4-6-27 per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Court Justices Office and the Building Department.

Discussion: Councilman Ivino added that this is not a recommendation, it is a court order.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to allow the Town of Saugerties Department of Safety and Buildings to put to bid the clean up and removal of debris, cars, trucks and machinery from the following properties owned by Shane Edwards:

1. SBL # 17.16-2-44 311 Route 212 Saugerties NY 12477
2. SBL # 17.16-2-48 331 Route 212 Saugerties NY 12477
3. SBL # 17.16-2-43 309 Route 212 Saugerties NY 12477

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to hire Jeremy Rushkoski as a part time Police Officer at a pay rate of \$25.00 per hour, effective May 20, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to hire Jason T. Hubbard as a part time Dispatcher for the Police Department at a pay rate of \$22.51 an hour as per the Chief of Police, effective May 20, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:22 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, June 12, 2024	Pre-Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

The meeting was closed in memory of Frances Resso and Pam Murphy.

Town Clerk