

TOWN BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 2021

The Town Board Meeting was held at 8:55 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 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 John Schoonmaker
Supervisor Fred Costello

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Samantha Dederick – thank you to the board for waiting on the Property Maintenance Law.

Gaetana Ciarlante – thank you for pulling the motion. Wondered what part of property would you be looking at, front, back, all... would there be a conflict of interest if it went before the town board.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Congratulations to the girls high school soccer team! American Legion will hold Veterans Day ceremony on November 11, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. The town board has agreed to pull the motion on the agenda regarding Property Maintenance Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on October 10, 2021 and Budget Workshop on October 29, 2021, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund

\$167,406.70

General Outside Village	13,736.02
Highway	32,967.86
Ambulance District	66,326.58
Sewer O&M	3,709.10
Water O&M	3,034.71

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – during the Public Hearings regarding the Budget, it was not mentioned an increase in revenue for Parks & Buildings, only expenses were mentioned.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – Library is closed on November 11; Boys & Girls Club poinsettia fundraiser is happening; CPC wrapped up discussion on Short Term Rentals and Touch-a-Truck event was a huge success!

Councilman Ivino – nothing to report

Councilman Schoonmaker – nothing to report

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to increase Planning Board Secretary Becky Bertorelli’s salary to \$20.00 per hour, effective October 20, 2021.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello explained that she is a part time employee and does not earn benefits, this is a fair increase.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Douglas F. Myer to hire Joel J. Ingrassia as a full time Motor Equipment Operator at a rate of \$23.09 per hour effective November 8, 2021.

Discussion: Doug Myer said that highway has two openings and both individuals have worked for similar departments.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Douglas F. Myer to hire Joseph M. Gambichler, Jr., as a full time Motor Equipment Operator at a rate of \$23.09 per hour effective November 15, 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the supervisor to apply the NYSEDA Grant to the purchase of an electric vehicle for the police department.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that he is confident that we can subsidize to make it worth it.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve setting the following public hearing dates of November 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. and December 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. pertaining to Business District/Industrial District zoning amendments.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Saugerties Parks & Recreation and Buildings & Grounds Department employees pending town attorney approval and available upon request.

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to table above motion.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to enter into Executive Session for matters pertaining to Labor Contract negotiations at 9:19 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to exit Executive Session and adjourn town board meeting at 10:10 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

**Public Hearing 6:30 p.m.
Business District/Industrial District
Zoning Amendments**

**Pre-Board Meeting following hearing
Town Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was held in memory of Alice Tipp, Pat Hegner, Joe Sauer, Skip Leighton and Roy McLaren.

Town Clerk