

**PRE-BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 18, 2020**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 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 Leeanne Thornton  
Councilman Mike Ivino  
Councilman John Schoonmaker  
Supervisor Fred Costello

Discussion as to closing town hall to the public again or at least they would call for an appointment to come into the building. The cases are increasing in Ulster County. There may be a shortage of Coronavirus test kits and we need a plan in place.

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**TOWN BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 18, 2020**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 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 Leeanne Thornton  
Councilman Mike Ivino  
Councilman John Schoonmaker  
Supervisor Fred Costello

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Peter Barber, Blue Mtn. Church Road – presented to the Planning Board last night about an on-going problem near his home. They want to make a house in to a resort – how many people?, how many more buildings? They want to add a sound studio, yoga area and room for 50 cars; there is now room for 10 cars. This was built as a single family home.

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

Superintendent of Saugerties Central Schools Kirk Reinhardt gave a presentation on the Capital Project. This is a \$22 million project that will be voted on December 15, 2020 from noon to 9:00 p.m.

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

Covid numbers are going up and the town board has discussed some options. Please use caution.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Public Hearing on November 4, 2020 on the 2021 Budget; Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on November 4, 2020, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$68,000.00
General Outside Village	5,650.15
Highway	120,416.66
Ambulance District	64,394.75
Lighting District	8,158.15
Sewer O&M	112.50
Water O&M	112.50
Trust & Agency	795.00
Central Hudson	378.64

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Greg Chorvas – fiber is in the ground but waiting for 25 additional feet to finish the job. Ice arena is \$529.00 ahead of where it was in 2018 but we will not do well with public skate for the holidays with all of the restrictions in place.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Thornton – encourage all to visit Arts Commission website. CPC town and village committees held two public hearings for the public and the town and village boards will be held on December 2, 2020. Lifespring just finished fall classes; spring semester will be held by Zoom.

Councilman Ivino – building department has been very active. The water department is operating well. Thank you to Mayor Murphy and crew for holiday decorations.

Councilman Schoonmaker – Shout Out Saugerties has done window displays; Historic Preservation Commission may start back up soon. Animal Shelter is in need of supplies.

### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve adopting the 2021 Budget.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that every year the budget is a difficult process, the board does that in a meaningful way. The amendments have been outlined by the town accountant. Councilman Ivino thanked all department heads for working with us. Councilman Schoonmaker added that the town board and supervisor are not receiving raises this year.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilman Ivino authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Douglas F. Myer to hire any of the following individuals: Ronald B. Stanfield, Richard D. Allen and/or Dawud B. Rivera as a part time “as needed” laborer for winter snow removal at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve Peg Nau as a member of the town board to fill the balance of the term vacated on September 2, 2020.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that Peg is our former Tax Collector and ran the department in a bipartisan way; she is a very valuable member for the board. Councilman Schoonmaker thanked everyone who applied for the position. Councilwoman Thornton extended her congratulations to Peg and Councilman Ivino welcomed Peg and is looking forward to working together.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to adjourn town board meeting at 8:11 p.m., carried.

*Meeting closed in memory of Dan Ellsworth*

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

<b>Wednesday, December 2, 2020</b>	<b>Town &amp; Village Boards Public Hearing Comprehensive Plan</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 16, 2020</b>	<b>Pre-Board Meeting Town Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:30p.m. 7:00 p.m.</b>

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