

TOWN BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 1, 2025

The Town Board meeting was held on Wednesday, October 1, 2025 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 Zach Horton
Supervisor Fred Costello

Absent: Councilwoman Peg Nau

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Russell Urban-Mead, VP – Hydrogeology Department Manager with Labella Associates spoke about Winston Farm water testing. Attorney Mike Moriello said that the public hearings are over and they will not answer questions tonight from anyone other than town board members. Mr. Urban-Mead has been working in the Hudson Valley for thirty years and he noted that there is nothing uniform about the Winston Farm site. They ran the test for 35 days; the bed rock well is 150' deep and it produced 50 gal/min. The back valley well produced 220 gal/min with no water coming out of the Beaverkill; the tests were not conducted during a wet period and state protocols were in place.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Kenneth Devine – was this privilege of floor in response to all the comments that were filed and will the request be granted.

Paul Rubin, Hydro Quest – submitted two reports to the board, which are on file.

Janet Asiain – web ex can not hear; also, didn't know you could request that comments not be added.

Yves Mikol – new, good information and test was done in February; would like to know what the level is now.

Kathy Nolan, Catskill Mountainkeeper – nothing would limit to 220 gal/min and understands that this is a connected aquifer. Drought is real. The town board does not have to be constrained and should keep learning.

Joanna Weber – appreciates comments by Paul Rubin and we need to be very careful about protecting water sources.

Gaetana Ciarlante – questioned the motion on denial of appeal for FOIL.

Bill Barr – water is a precious resource, there was a time where the Blue Mountain Reservoir was extremely low.

Randolph Horner – resident of Woodstock but Saugerties is a part of the town; pumping task reveals that it is a fragile resource. We are in stage one of a drought now.

Marc Brodtkin – it would be a shame if the town board did not hear from other professionals regarding this topic.

Kathy Gordon – pleased to listen to hydrologist report but what is the effect on all of Saugerties.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

A lot of work and meetings were held for zero waste at the Garlic Festival; appreciate Councilman Ivino for all hard work and UCRRA’s role in this.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of September 17, 2025, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$348,967.48
General Outside Village	10,004.00
Highway	238,018.64
Capital Projects	309,650.25
Ambulance District	137,331.08
Lighting District	6,128.97
Sewer O&M	843.89
Water O&M	195,976.76
Central Hudson	39,868.63

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Ray Mayone, Highway – everything running smoothly

Greg Chorvas, Parks & Rec – Garlic Festival was successful; on-site parking had over 3000 cars parked. Would like to thank Mike Ivino for all of his help.

KJ Swart, Police – thank town board for Halloween curfew motion and thank Officer Zhang for serving with us.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Thornton – Repair Café is 10/04 and Touch-a-Truck is 10/26

Councilman Ivino – budget workshop went well; Garlic Festival had a great turnout, thank you to Greg Chorvas and Ray Mayone for help.

Councilman Horton – Alzheimer benefit was a success; Budget Workshop had a good start

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to deny the FOIL Appeal filed by Melissa Fisher on September 22, 2025 on the grounds set forth in the letter from John J. Greco, Attorney for the Town of Saugerties to Melissa Fisher dated September 15, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Nau absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Carole Furman to the UC Environmental Management Council as the town's representative for a 3 (three) year term to expire on October 31, 2028.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello is grateful for her continued service to the town.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Nau absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve a curfew of 8:00 p.m. for Halloween, October 31, 2025, in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Nau absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve setting a public hearing date of November 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. pertaining to exceeding the 2% tax cap.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said it is good to have public involved also.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Nau absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve setting a public hearing date of November 5, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. pertaining to the 2026 budget.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Nau absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to hire Corey Litts as a full time Motor Equipment Operator to fill the vacancy for the Highway Department at a rate of pay of \$28.78 effective October 2, 2025 as per the recommendation of Raymond Mayone, Highway Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes (Councilwoman Nau absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the supervisor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

Motion to table the above motion made by Supervisor Costello and seconded by Councilman Ivino.

Vote on motion to table: Adopted 4 Yes (Councilwoman Nau absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to accept the resignation of Police Officer Jackie Zhang, effective September 26, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Nau absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the Order, as on file, of the town board scheduling public hearing on the extension of the Glasco Ponds Stormwater Management District.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Nau absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve setting a public hearing for 6:00 p.m. on October 15, 2025 in regards to the extension of the Glasco Ponds Stormwater Management District.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Nau absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:31 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

October 15, 2025	Public Hearing	6:00 p.m.
	Glasco Ponds Stormwater	
	Pre-Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
November 5, 2025	Public Hearing	6:00 p.m.
	Exceed 2% Tax Cap	
	Public Hearing	6:30 p.m.
	2026 Budget	
	Pre-Board Meeting	following hearings
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

The meeting closed in memory of James Armstrong and Kieontae Evans-Wright.

Town Clerk