

PRE-BOARD MEETING – MAY 4, 2022

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 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 Leanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Ivino
Councilman Zach Horton

Absent: Supervisor Fred Costello

Councilwoman Thornton asked Alvie Weeks and Kevin Brown from the Building Department to come and discuss Short Term Rentals. As of March 31, there are 129 non-owner occupied and 155 owner occupied. Alvie Weeks explained that NYS already regulates Bed & Breakfasts (serves breakfast) and they must be owner occupied. Building permit is required either way and it would be about half for Planning Board to deal with. Definitions need to be looked at.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – MAY 4, 2022

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 4, 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:

Assessor Frank Orlando explained that the office has been committed to maintaining 100% assessment since 2010; properties this year increased by 17% generally.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Harry Vickery - speed limit on Route 212 is 55 mph, which makes it dangerous to move farm equipment; 55 is too fast, people are passing on the left and right of vehicles.

Mark Hofstatter – Blue Stone Park Water District will be reaching out to DEC and Department of state; looking into attaching some type of filtration.

Chris Giordano – a concern with STR is the inspection process; can’t build anything now with all the laws in place.

Peg Krom – speed on Route 212 is excessive and unsafe with busses dismissing children.

Lou Klepner – appreciates the motion on the agenda regarding Route 212 speed limit changes throughout the stretch on 212; should be consistent with 40/45 mph.

Mark Kanter – speeding on Route 212 is not a new problem, it has just gotten worse; would like to see between 40-45 mph.

Robin Blier – Route 212 has had multiple accidents and numerous animals have been killed.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Animal Shelter fundraiser is planned for May 7, 2022. Thank you to Nicole Roskos for her help with the recent tree plantings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board, Public Hearing regarding Zoning and Public Hearing regarding Short Term Rentals all of which took place on April 20, 2022, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$147,053.08
General Outside Village	24,701.62

Highway	38,587.29
Ambulance District	109,889.84
Lighting District	2,506.13
Sewer O&M	7,040.95
Water O&M	4,467.37
Trust & Agency	29,570.00

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – planted 33 new trees last week and have received another grant for \$10,000.00; equipment is still backordered.

Ray Mayone – four employees received training and blacktop season has started.

Alvie Weeks – monthly Building Report is on file.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – Arts Commission met on April 27 with approximately 40 artists

Councilwoman Thornton – address certain language in the zoning and re-work the draft of STR; library has several events coming up

Councilman Ivino – read the MS4 report

Councilman Horton – Saugerties Beach, Esopus channel and water chestnuts are the first on the list of the Harvester schedule; part time position would help immensely to keep up with the demand.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the 2021 MS4 Annual Report.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilman Ivino 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.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Lou Klepner to the Saugerties Transportation Advisory Council (STAC) for the remainder of 2022.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that Lou has a good background for this committee.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, naming the courtroom located in Town Hall, 4 High Street, Saugerties, NY 12477 as the Judge Daniel N. Lamb Courtroom.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that Judge Lamb meant so much to the court legacy.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the schedule of Kiwanis Ice Arena Use and Other fees for 2022-2023 season (on file) as per the recommendation of the Ice Arena Director and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Sean J. Ingrassia as a part time “as needed” Laborer at a rate of \$17.00 per hour effective May 5, 2022.

Discussion: Ray Mayone explained that he is trying to build-up part timers.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to accept the resignation of Rich Valk due to retirement effective April 27, 2022.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that he was a longtime employee, appreciate his talents.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to hire Steven P. Gentile as a part time “as needed” Laborer at a rate of \$17.00 per hour effective May 5, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Clifford B. Wayman, Sr. as a part time “as needed” Laborer at a rate of \$17.00 per hour effective May 5, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the Supervisor to sign and send the letters to the NYS Attorney General and NYS Public Service Commission regarding Protection of Hudson Valley Residents and Small Businesses from unlawful actions by Community Choice Aggregation ESCO.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to enter into Executive Session for matters regarding the discipline of a particular person and for matters regarding pending litigation at 8:35 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 10:10 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Public Hearing – Zoning	5:30 p.m.
Public Hearing – STR	6:00 p.m.
Pre-Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk