

PRE-BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 11, 2019

A Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday December 11, 2019 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:

Councilman Paul Andreassen
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Supervisor Fred Costello

Absent: Councilman Mike Maclsaac

Discussion regarding resolution condemning violence and there is a concern that it may be directed at a neighbor flying the Confederate flag. People have every right to voice their opinion; be a respectful and civil society.

Doug Myer and Council-elect Mike Ivino spoke to the board about a recent STAC traffic study on Route 32 by the thruway entrance. Several hundred accidents have already occurred; something needs to be done. The situation seems to have become worse since the Holiday Inn turn lanes were installed. In agreement that a letter from the board urging action to be taken should be done.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 11, 2019

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday December 11, 2019 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:

Councilman Paul Andreassen
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Supervisor Fred Costello

Absent: Councilman Mike Maclsaac

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Kirk Reinhardt, Superintendent of Schools – introduced himself and is looking forward to working with all for a smooth transition. Three major goals – all four elementary schools to be equal, safety and liaison between school and community.

Gilda Riccardi and Farzan Nadim spoke regarding hate speech and hate expression and the intended resolution on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Tamara Schuppin – emailed cease and desist notice on wireless 5G, written comments are on file at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Elizabeth Shafer – concerned with recent polarization.

Stephen Shafer – some months ago, the board passed a resolution on climate emergency. Keep at it and move faster if you can to move Saugerties to almost zero carbon footprint.

Charles Potter – obliged to drive by Confederate flag to get to house and is offended by it; strong partisan of free speech.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

County shared services is voting on a plan regarding highway and the town and village are trying to buy a harvester. Congratulations to Sircusano’s and participants for Holiday in the Village. There will be a Ball Drop on New Year’s Eve. We acknowledge symbols as propaganda tools. We pledge to our flag at the start of our meeting but others may see it different than we do without prejudice toward any particular symbol. This is the last meeting of the year, wish everyone Happy Holidays!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on November 20, 2019, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$151,251.82
General outside Village	14,117.10
Highway	242,074.42
Capital Projects	165.00
Ambulance District	63,132.08

Lighting District	10,026.29
Sewer O&M	4,386.50
Water O&M	4,206.55
Central Hudson	9,723.58

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Doug Myer – solar project is 85% complete; Highway Department is taking care of weather situations.

Greg Chorvas – ice arena is open to private groups and this Saturday will be open to the public. We have had a tremendous out-pouring of volunteers to get the ice rink ready. There have been three problems with the chiller but unrelated to the renovation. Rich Praetorius has donated all his services to the Town of Saugerties for 2017 and 2018.

Chief Sinagra – the situation that was brought up last month regarding Formisano’s unregistered vehicles has been checked into; there were 3 unregistered and they have been taken care of. The monthly report for the Police Department is on file at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Claudia Andreassen – Narcan meeting was very interesting and all arrests have been taken care of. There are many changes in the laws coming in January.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Andreassen – welcome to all; with regard to memorializing resolution, feel free to come to him if you ever feel threatened. HPC will be working on archiving. Malden Sewer will have some up-grades; thank you to highway for storm work. Planner Dan Shuster is retiring and ZBA member Samantha Dederick is stepping down. It was a pleasure to work with Mike MacIsaac and thank you to Joe Maloney for his time and work in the legislature.

Councilwoman Thornton – poinsettias are ready for pick up from the Boys & Girls Club fundraiser. TV23 meets in January; CPC meets end of January, STAC is working on thruway/Route 32 intersection.

Councilman Schoonmaker – received a decision on Karolys case in favor of the Town of Saugerties and can now be enforced. The Animal Shelter held its annual sale, which was well attended and the capital campaign has begun for the shelter – it will be a unique design! Shout Out Saugerties holding pop up books at the gallery.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to move Patrick Maloney from temporary full time status to permanent full time status, effective

December 12, 2019, with no increase in current pay rate, to fill position previously vacated on August 14, 2019, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Maclsaac absent)

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to add to the Parks & Buildings Security call out list, Joseph R. Quirk, at a rate of \$15.00/hour as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Maclsaac absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to add to the Parks & Buildings Custodial and Security call out list, Joseph B. Wells, Jr., at a rate of \$15.00/hour as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Maclsaac absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to authorize the transfer of \$17,068.43 from the Saugerties Festival Development Corporation, Account #15004229652620 to Account #B7110.432 Real Estate Taxes for taxes paid to Northeast Solite in 2018 and 2019 prior to closing on sale of property, as per the recommendation of the Town Account and Town Supervisor.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Maclsaac absent)

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to authorize the transfer of \$15,000.00 from Saugerties Festival Development Corporation Account #15004229652620 to Account #B7110.200 Equipment and Capital Outlay, for the procurement of the Terpening Memorial Park Pavilion, along with related materials, as per the recommendation of the Town Accountant and Town Supervisor.

Discussion: The Terpening Family pledged money for this and this represents the balance.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Maclsaac absent)

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the list of Facility Use Fees, Rental and Services Charges and Surcharges, for resident and non-residents, as per list on file, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Maclsaac absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to accept the stipulation of agreement and the resignation of Dennis Pearce, effective December 6, 2019.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Maclsaac absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the Street Lighting Authority Order, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello clarified that this is a street light in Mt. Marion district.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Maclsaac absent)

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, condemning violence, hate speech and symbols of hate put forth by citizens of Saugerties.

Discussion: Councilman Schoonmaker added that we can not infringe on rights, this is a memorializing resolution; while we cannot stop it, we don't like it.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Maclsaac absent)

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Supervisor Costello to award the bid of December 5, 2019 for \$54,668.50 to Sawyer Motors for the purchase of one 2019 Ram 3500 chassis cab 60" 4x4 truck equipped with a 6.4L hemi gas engine and 6 speed HD Alisin automatic transmission for the Water & Sewer Department.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Maclsaac absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to hire John Hanzl full time in the Water & Sewer Department at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Maclsaac absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton that Resolved, the Town of Saugerties approves submitting an application for \$500,000.00 to the Department of Agriculture and Markets 2019-2020 NYS Companion Animal Capital Projects Fund for the purpose of building a new Animal Welfare Shelter at a total projected cost of \$1.5 million. The town's 25% match is expected to arise from in-kind construction services and if necessary, the Saugerties Animal Welfare Fund, which currently has raised \$400,000.00 toward the Project.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Maclsaac absent)

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to enter into Executive Session regarding matters relating to public employee collective-bargaining negotiations at 8:37 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:20 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Organizational Meeting

7:00 p.m.

The Town Board wishes all a very Happy Holiday!

Meeting was closed with a moment of silence in memory of Brian Sawchuk and Joe Comito.

Town Clerk