

**PRE-BOARD MEETING – MAY 15, 2019**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 6:00 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 Mike Maclsaac  
Councilman John Schoonmaker  
Supervisor Fred Costello

This meeting was held earlier to accommodate discussion with Chief Sinagra and Commissioner Mike Iapoce from Department of Social Services to speak regarding Family and Child Advocacy Center and the role a Saugerties Police Officer would play in this. Town of Saugerties along with Ellenville would participate in this county wide program. The FCAC started in 1994 to help develop expertise in Family Court and criminal proceedings. This is a highly trained unit and the first one in NYS. Law enforcement staffing includes individuals from the UC Sheriff, NYS Police and local municipalities and they are on-call 24/7. In 2018, a dialog was started with Town of Saugerties and Town of Ellenville who were receptive to working together to get training and assign law enforcement. County would pay \$75,000.00 per year for a two year period for each officer and they would be working full time for the unit.

Chief Sinagra added that through yearly evaluations he would be able to match the right personality and work ethic for this position.

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Town Clerk

**TOWN BOARD MEETING – MAY 15, 2019**

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Councilman Paul Andreassen  
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton  
Councilman Mike Maclsaac  
Councilman John Schoonmaker  
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**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:** none

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Frank Gillespie – feels Officer Hampel would be well received to be on the Family and Child Advocacy unit.

Mike Ivino – would like to see the board vote in favor of the motion on the agenda regarding the FCAC.

**SUPERVISORS’S COMMENTS:**

Several events have taken place in our town recently, Fishing Tournament, Veterans lunch, community forum regarding dumping, UC Chiefs Awards, Hope Rocks Ball Tournament and Gala and grand prix and bike circuit race. The Go Green event had a great turn out and there are two new charging stations located in the village.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to approve the minutes of Pre-Board Meeting and Town Board Meeting on May 1, 2019 and Public Hearing on May 1, 2019 regarding Road Design Standards, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$122,794.25
General Outside Village	12,608.56
Highway	40,384.44
Capital Projects	9,054.24
Lighting District	21,245.05
Sewer O&M	744.75
Glasco Sewer	18,052.99
Water O&M	609.33
Malden Water	54,578.12
Central Hudson	5,156.12

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Chief Sinagra would like to thank the highway and fire departments for their help with cycling events. On May 10<sup>th</sup> Officer Culver graduated from canine school and took first place at a

national event. On May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm there will be Pedestrian Safety information at the senior center.

Greg Chorvas reported that bids went out for the ice rink, bid opening will be on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Equipment up-grade is being done at Bigelow Park. There has been vandalism at Cantine Complex on May 4<sup>th</sup>, hoping to find the people responsible. The MHAL baseball championships will be held at the complex on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Andreassen – questioned when work will be done on Terpening Park; Greg Chorvas said they are expecting quotes on pre-fab structure in the near future. NYS hearing on health act will be May 21<sup>st</sup>. Diaz Ambulance is short staffed. The Animal Shelter yard sale is happening May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 2:00. There is a Habitat for Humanity project going on in Glasco and a benefit concert will be held for Taylor Block at Smoking Pony. Had recent contact with the Town of Catskill Supervisor regarding the ash dump and would like to protect the Hudson River.

Councilwoman Thornton – May 17<sup>th</sup> Boys and Girls Club will hold a fundraiser at Diamond Mills and on August 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a golf tournament fundraiser. Small World Playground is bringing back the picket fence fundraiser, forms can be picked up at the Town Clerk's office. May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center there will be a discussion of healthcare topic on taking care of elders. June 15<sup>th</sup> will be the Library Street Fair; CPC meets on May 23<sup>rd</sup>; STAC meets on May 28<sup>th</sup>; and Town and Village CPC will meet May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Maclsaac – at the Go Smart Go Green event there were a dozen vendors and 100+ attendees, great event. There will be a meeting of internet and fiber optics coming to town.

Councilman Schoonmaker – Animal Shelter is holding another kitten fostering class on May 30<sup>th</sup>. HPC meets at the town hall conference room. Ash forum held; feels good about the resolution and concerned about safety.

### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to adopt the Climate Action Plan for Government Operations, as on file.

Discussion: Mary O'Donnell said this plan has been in the works for several months; department heads and staff have been very supportive.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the town board to approve a lateral transfer for Officer Christopher Benson from the Woodstock Police Department to the Saugerties Police Department as a full time police officer. He will be starting as a Step 2 officer, effective May 20, 2019 at the rate of \$27.22 per hour.

Discussion: Chief added that this is filling one of four open vacancies.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the towns accountant to examine the records of the justice court for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 as prepared in accordance with the Office of the State Comptroller Handbook for Town & Village Justices and Court Clerks and the agreed upon procedures will be conducted in accordance with the attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants which is explained/outlined in the engagement letter, as on file, to be signed by the supervisor.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to allow the towns accountant to examine the records of the town clerk for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 as prepared in accordance with Local Government Management Guide: Fiscal Oversight Responsibilities and the agreed upon procedures will be conducted in accordance with the attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants which is explained/outlined in the engagement letter, as on file, to be signed by the supervisor.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the towns accountant to examine the records of the town tax collector for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 as prepared in accordance with Local Government Management Guide: Fiscal Oversight Responsibilities and the agreed upon procedures will be conducted in accordance with the attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants which is explained/outlined in the engagement letter, as on file, to be signed by the supervisor.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker granting Department Head Douglas F. Myer the authority to award the RFP Contract, for grinding all wooden debris at the Transfer Station to Rothe Lumber Corp. 1451 Route 212, Saugerties, NY 12477 for a total price of \$8,000.00 as submitted.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello explained that this is in preparation for solar to be installed. Councilman Schoonmaker wondered what happens after its ground and Doug Myer explained that it is on site for town use.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the annual Department Staffing Packet (on file), including list of staff for the Summer Youth Recreation Program and other staff related, along with the department's waiting list, as per the recommendation of the Recreation Sub-Committee, Summer Youth Recreation Program Director and Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac to approve partnering with the Saugerties Farmers Market and the Village of Saugerties to enter into a contract with WAMC Northeast Public radio in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 to promote Saugerties through advertising.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said this would begin promotional spots throughout the summer for different events.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the FCAC Investigator Agreement, as on file, and pending attorney approval.

Discussion: Councilman Schoonmaker said that the officer in mind would come from URGENT and the town would be reimbursed \$75,000.00 per year. Supervisor Costello added that Commissioner Iapocce clarified some questions that were raised earlier. Councilman Andreassen added that he had reservations but now fully supports this.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve a fireworks permit for Kevin Fritschler of American Fireworks Display, LLC for a fireworks display at Cantine Field on the following dates May 31, June 28, July 16 and July 31, 2019 to begin after the Stallions baseball games and pending the appropriate signatures needed on the permit.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to authorize the supervisor to sign the letter, as on file, to the NYSDOT requesting a new traffic study for a traffic light at the intersection of Route 32 and Glasco Turnpike in the hamlet of Glasco, NY.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said there was a petition drive because of several recent accidents; therefore, we are asking DOT to revisit a study for a traffic light.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to enter into Executive Session for matters related to pending litigation at 8:00 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Supervisor Costello to exit Executive Session at 8:55 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Supervisor Costello to enter Executive Session for matters related to the employment of a particular person at 8:56 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Supervisor Costello to exit Executive Session at 9:27 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:27 p.m., carried.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, June 12, 2019**

**Pre-Board Meeting**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Town Board Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.**

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Town Clerk