

PRE-BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 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 Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Ivino
Councilman Zach Horton
Supervisor Fred Costello

Discussion regarding moving a motion forward to the agenda regarding TE-9, all are in agreement to do so.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 17, 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 Peg Nau
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Ivino
Councilman Zach Horton
Supervisor Fred Costello

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Elizabeth Schafer – resolution “Big Beautiful Bill” is very important, federal funding will drop and difference needs to be made up with local taxes.

Stephen Schafer – supports resolution opposing the Big Beautiful Bill; our congress people did not support this bill.

Stephanie Bassler – questioning the STAR exemptions, seems they have gone down this year. Also, would like to thank Chief Swart for introductions to the staff on facebook.

Gaetana Ciarlante – thank secretary Wood for help on questions on agenda and has questions regarding the new assessor’s vacation and an employee going from temporary full time to permanent full time and would like to know if this is a civil service position.

Matthew Sabia – thank you to the town board for appointing me as the new Assessor on tonight’s agenda.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS: none

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 3, 2025, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$149,296.61
General Outside Village	3,986.50
Highway	52,456.38
Lighting District	6,128.97
Sewer O&M	402.48
Water O&M	402.47
Central Hudson	3,802.19

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Ray Mayone, Highway – finished paving Schoolhouse Road, thank you to Greg Chorvas and Mike Ivino for finding leak on roof and repairs.

Greg Chorvas, Parks & Rec – flat roof at highway is complete; new roof installed at town hall. Pre-Garlic work has started. New LED lights at West Field is operational.

Chief Swart, Police – very busy fall season, working on revamping school safety.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – September 18, 5-9 Food Truck Festival and there will be 12 trucks; October 4, 10-2 will be Repair Café at the Senior Center; October 26, Touch-a-Truck, STAC met. We know there is a problem with the sound on TV23 and Spectrum.

Councilman Ivino – read Building Department report; thank you to Greg Chorvas with waste removal plan with the Garlic Festival.

Councilman Horton – CAC meets September 18; September 20 will be an Alzheimer fundraiser at Centerville Firehouse.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to rescind the following motion that was approved on the September 3, 2025 agenda because this was previously done on the August 13, 2025 agenda and approved as Local Law #5 of 2025: *motion to approve Local Law #7 of 2025, as on file, regarding amending Chapter 190 of the Town of Saugerties Municipal Code entitled Sewers.*

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint Matthew Sabia as the new Town of Saugerties Assessor with a term to run from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2031 with an annual salary of \$92,000.00 along with 5 vacation days and 1 personal day to be used in 2025 and 20 vacation days and 3 personal days for calendar year 2026.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that Matt is not an entry level employee, previous assessor in Rhinebeck and the Town of Ulster.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the resignation of part time Police Officer Erik Thiele, effective August 29, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint Aaron M. Reynolds as a full time police officer (lateral) at Step 6, with a rate of \$38.66 per hour, effective October 6, 2025.

Discussion: Chief Swart is looking forward to having an experienced individual.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to move Samantha Wamsley from temporary full time to permanent full time with no increase in current rate of pay as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas explained that if a vacancy comes up, usually hire temporary to make sure it works out.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve William Cusack as permanent full time Garage Mechanic filling the open vacancy resulting from the retirement of the previous Garage Mechanic, at the starting base rate of \$31.80, as per the NRMOA, Article VI, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to reject all bids received for the new Cantine Restrooms, in reference to the 2023 Senate Grant, as per the recommendation of the Project Engineer and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas explained that sub-contractors amounts have doubled.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to authorize the Town Clerk to submit form TE-9 to the appropriate transportation department on behalf of petitioners seeking to reduce the speed limit from the existing 55 mph speed limit on Fishcreek Road.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that Leg. Levine turned over petitions at our last meeting.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:49 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, October 1, 2025	2026 Budget Workshop	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 1, 2025	Pre-Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Meeting closed in memory of Mary Lou Dengler.

Town Clerk