

TOWN BOARD MEETING – MAY 1, 2024

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 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 was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

Councilwoman Peg Nau
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Ivino
Councilman Zach Horton

Absent: Supervisor Fred Costello

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The following individuals spoke regarding the Town Board signing a resolution to pass a ceasefire with Palestine. They will be listed as being in favor of signing a resolution or not.

Susan Poretz – no
Margarita Asiain – yes
Janet Asiain – yes
Lanny Walter – yes
Alice Fahmie – yes
Eliza Blum – yes
Zack Redmond – yes
Kathy Gordon – yes
Casey Branker – yes
Deena Rae Turner – yes
John Gillully – yes
Bascomb Turner – yes
Marjorie Leopold – yes
Jasmin Attalla – yes
Allison Byrne – yes
Rose Panke – yes
Alexis Reinhold – yes
May Herskovitz – yes
Bruce Tuchman -no
John Schoonmaker – yes

Cheryl Quma – yes
Joe Puma – no
Joanne Pagano Weber – yes
Brittany Barnard – yes
Sue Rosenberg – yes

The speakers wanted to know why the board is not giving answers and if they are going to sign a resolution. Councilman Horton explained why he feels it's not up to our town to have a ceasefire resolution; he feels it will bring a bigger divide. Councilwoman Thornton added that she spoke to people about this and that they should keep reaching out to higher legislation. Councilwoman Nau read a statement that the town comprises of 20,000 residents and the people that have stated their opinions total less than 1%; will not be intimidated and will not support any issue that is outside the scope of the Saugerties Town Board. Councilman Ivino said that he does not have enough knowledge on this subject.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Deputy Supervisor Leeanne Thornton congratulated the Saxton Ladies Fire Auxiliary on their 75th Anniversary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the minutes of Pre-Board Meeting and Town Board Meeting of April 17, 2024; Public Hearing regarding Kings Highway Water District and Kings Highway Sewer District on April 17, 2024, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the bills as presented, carried.

General Fund	\$1,154,748.26
General Outside Village	33,411.61
Highway	140,100.59
Capital Projects	2,030.00
Ambulance District	126,621.36
Lighting District	12,291.48
Sewer O&M	55,515.66
Water O&M	11,082.22
Trust & Agency	26,067.58

Central Hudson

67,073.81

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Nuzzo – thank you to Building & Grounds department for painting the police area.
Greg Chorvas – cleaning up all the field; training is being done on the new Zamboni also on new chiller; two grants have been received.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report
Councilwoman Thornton – Studio Tour will be held August 10 & 11; Boys & Girls Auction will be Friday, May 17; Opus 40 will have a spring preview exhibit of artists; gallery is open to all.
Councilman Ivino – nothing to report
Councilman Horton – asking for funding for Jaycee Field updates.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to hire Daniel Goldpaugh as a full time Motor Equipment Operator to fill the vacancy for the Highway Department at a rate of pay of \$28.78 per hour, effective May 2, 2024 as per the recommendation of Raymond Mayone, Highway Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Costello absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to accept the resignation of Mary O'Donnell as Chair to the town's Conservation Advisory Commission and Climate Smart Task Force.

Discussion: Councilman Horton thanks Mary for all of her hard work and dedication.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Costello absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Horton to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties, one (1) York Liquid Cooled Chiller, Model #YCWU88M40-46A, Serial #RKL004072, as per the recommendation of the Ice Arena Director and Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Costello absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to further declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties, one (1) Brine Pump, one (1) Condensate Pump, one (1) Condensate Tank and one (1) BAC Cooling Tower (Model and Serial numbers on plates are too work off to obtain numbers), as per the recommendation of the Ice Arena Director and Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 (Supervisor Costello absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to dispose of aforementioned equipment via the most revenue producing means which may include, but not limited to, Auctions International, Legal Notice and Website and Social Media postings/notices, along with possible Metal Salvage Reclamation, as per the recommendation of the Ice Arena Director and Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Costello absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to accept the retirement of full time Officer Jeremy Rushkoski from the Police Department, effective May 10, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Costello absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:30 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was closed in memory of Jeanette Bock.

Deputy Town Clerk