

PRE-BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 20, 2024

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 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
Supervisor Fred Costello

Absent: Councilman Zach Horton

The 2025 Budget was discussed and it was decided to make adjustments in the part time Clerical line in the Tax Department; Assessor department head and part time clerical lines. Building department adjustments would include part time, overtime, dues & publication, education, printing and supplies. May be able to tighten up numbers in the police department as well as parks and rec department.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 20, 2024

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 20, 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 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

Councilwoman Peg Nau
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Ivino
Supervisor Fred Costello

Absent: Councilman Zach Horton

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Dan Erceg – Saugerties Central School District Superintendent, spoke regarding secondary access at Riccardi Elementary, which would be special egress and ingress. This has been an on-going conversation for several years. Congestion on Plenty and Delaware Streets with 50-70 vehicles dropping off children in the morning and afternoon.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Gilda Riccardi – heard the budget was on the agenda and vehemently opposes going above the tax cap. Elected officials are responsible to make the budget work.

Gaetana Ciarlante – anything over 2% increase is not fair, way too much of a jump.

Suzanne VanWagenen – wanted leaves removed in Twin Maples because children play in there and you don't know what debris is under there. Increase for Social Security is 2.5%, can't do it on a fixed income.

Jennifer Mangione – had to fill Al Bruno's shoes on BAR, would recommend Johannes Sanzin to the vacant spot.

John Schoonmaker – an issue with not having the complete information with budget modifications.

Michelle Numssen – actively following the budget process for over ten years. The board should require the budget worksheets earlier. Elected officials and department heads should not get a raise; this is an austerity issue. Need centralized supply center.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

This budget has been extraordinarily difficult to work on; past budgets could be brought under control but so many line items have gone up and out of our control to keep reasonable. Every town is experiencing this difficult process. Would like to thank Diane Friedmann for maximizing investments. This budget must be delivered to the County by November 21st.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on November 6, 2024, Public Hearings on November 6, 2024 Exceeding the Tax Cap and 2025 Budget, Bid Openings on November 7, 2024, November 12, 2024 and November 13, 2024, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund

\$119,701.86

General Outside Village	14,352.08
Highway	132,436.82
Capital Projects	202,168.82
Ambulance District	129,134.25
Lighting District	6,825.46
Sewer O&M	18,402.41
Water O&M	3,809.92
Trust & Agency	22,980.80

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – soccer field drainage is done, docks and fishing piers have been pulled, winterizing buildings are in progress; received a donation and letter from the Vintage Brickman baseball team. Two more acts of vandalism with the bathrooms at Cantine have been committed.

Ray Mayone – leaf pick up and shoulder work on the roads with new paving near completion.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – two new members of TV23 and a new comedy talk show will be in January; Boys & Girls fundraiser on December 18; Historical Society with Santa at the barn and CPC will be reviewing final wording on Lodging and Events.

Councilman Ivino – nothing to report

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, which will be the adoption of Local Law #3 of 2024 pertaining to overriding the tax levy limit.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the 2025 Budget.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Johannes Sanzin to the Board of Assessment Review for a five year term to expire on September 30, 2029.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello authorizing the Supervisor to sign on behalf of the Town of Saugerties the settlement agreement presented in connection with the action in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, entitled Melissa Fisher v Town of Saugerties, et al., Docket No. 1:23-cv-01511 (DNH)(DJS) upon the recommendation of the attorneys for the Town of Saugerties in the action, Sokoloff Stern LLP.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to reject the one (1) bid received for the DASNY Grant Project, “Cantine Veterans Sports Complex Field #11 Restroom Building”, per the recommendation of the Project Engineer and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas added that the bid came in ridiculously high, may have to do some of the work in-house.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton in reference to the DASNY Grant Project, “Cantine Veterans Sports Complex Field #11 Restroom Building”, authorizing the Project Engineer, along with the Parks & Buildings Department, to advertise for new bids for the first floor Restrooms only, as per the recommendation of the Parks and Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the 2025 schedule of pay rates (on file) for all positions/employees in the Parks and Buildings Department, including Summer Youth Recreation Program, not covered in the Non-Represented Memorandum of Agreement, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the schedule of Facility Use Fees for 2025 (on file), as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas said the increase is more for non-residents.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties one (1) 2004, F550 Ton and half dump truck VIN #1FDAF57594EC-95546, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to dispose of the aforementioned 2004, F550 dump truck in the most revenue producing means, which may include metal salvage reclamation, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the amount of \$9.69 for the operation and maintenance water rate for 2025.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to amend the motion to approve the amount of \$9.69 for the operation and maintenance water rate for 2025 effective October 14, 2024.

Vote on amendment: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the amount of \$10.47 for the operation and maintenance sewer rate for 2025.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to amend the motion to approve the amount of \$10.47 for the operation and maintenance sewer rate for 2025 effective October 14, 2024.

Discussion: Councilman Ivino explained that this is a 5 year differential built in, which will see rate relief after that time.

Vote on amendment: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to award the bid to Green Meadows Enterprises, Inc. of Wallkill, NY in an amount not to exceed \$282,200.00 for a low pressure sanitary sewer extension in regards to the Kings Highway Sewer District.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to award the bid to Birdsall Excavation and Construction LLC of Clarksville, NY in the amount not to exceed \$441,490.00 for a water main extension in regards to the Kings Highway Water District.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Horton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:08 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

**Pre-Board Meeting
Town Board Meeting**

**6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was closed in memory of Susan Bolitzer, Helene King, Sondra Pietrofessa, Bree Freese and Joe Fay.

Town Clerk