

PRE-BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 16, 2023

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

The following was discussed:

The Town Board went into Executive Session to discuss employment of a particular person and exited at 6:55 p.m.

Town Clerk

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Councilwoman Peg Nau
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
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Supervisor Fred Costello

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Sam Magarelli of the Volunteers Day Committee spoke regarding Volunteers Day. Would like to thank all the volunteers in the town; should not be taken for granted.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Bridget Maldarelli – police department needs to check speed on Kings Highway, people are going too slow. We need to hire more police or separate the town and village. The town is too big for 18 full time cops.

Adam Kane – concerned with new venue housing parties on George Sickles Road. The music is so loud and police were called and responded six times. Residents couldn't sleep a half mile away.

Rich Azoff – urge the town board to pass event regulations.

Tim Mauro – thank you for getting rid of the car that has been blocking road. John Greco gave the property owner five years to clean up the mess and now Mr. Rennie has garbage laying in a state right-of-way.

Todd Hanson – confrontation with Mr. Rennie two times, he needs to clean up his property.

Supervisor Costello said that because the Property Maintenance Law is in effect, this can be enforced and will have repercussions on the property owners. Councilman Ivino added that he will be issued appearance tickets and a 30-day Order to Remedy.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

When Kevin Hinchey wanted to end The Stallions, a team of volunteers came together and enjoyed a successful season. Congratulations!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the minutes of Public Hearing of July 12, 2023 regarding Malden Turnpike Water District Extension; Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on July 12, 2023; two Public Hearings of July 25, 2023 regarding the Receiver of Taxes position; Workshop of July 25, 2023 regarding Lodging & Event Regulations; Emergency Town Board Meeting of July 26, 2023 and Special Town Board Meeting of August 10, 2023, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$ 92,013.96
General Outside Village	5,883.46

Highway	136,215.47
Trust & Agency	820.48
Central Hudson	7,884.15

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Ray Mayone – mud on the road will be taken care of tomorrow morning; working on paving and drainage issues throughout the town.

Greg Chorvas – had to reschedule sod delivery again because of weather. People have been using the pickleball courts with moveable nets. Ice Arena is open and it’s the last week of Summer Camp with a very successful summer.

Legislator Aaron Levine – gave a report from their recent meeting.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – Transfer Station has had \$284,932.00 reported.

Councilwoman Thornton – CPC signed off on lodging and event and sign ordinance changes; food trucks will be October 13; Touch-a-Truck October 29. The Library has an opening for part time clerk and their budget vote is September 7, 2023.

Councilman Ivino – Building Department report is on file at the Town Clerk’s Office. Elly Monfett reports that the Animal Shelter has gone out to bid yesterday for the building.

Councilman Horton – CAC meets and is working on the re-accreditation on the bronze level for Climate Smart Community. On August 31 there will be a workshop at Marbletown Town Park regarding protecting the lower Esopus Creek.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to lift the hiring freeze for the Saugerties Police Department.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to promote officer Jordyn Kilfoyle to the rank of Detective to fill a vacancy in the Police Department, effective August 16, 2023.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that the department has experienced turmoil and is moving forward at this time.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the promotion/duty assignment of Joseph Comito to K9 handler to fill one vacant K9 position and purchase of one police dog up to the amount of \$10,000.00 via USPCA AKC reunite K9 grant in the amount of \$7,500.00 with a town match of \$2,500.00.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that Off. Comito has shown leadership and Councilman Ivino thanked Sgt. Rushkoski for information with the grant.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to withdraw from the county UCFCAC program until our staffing arrangements improve.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to withdraw from ORACLE program until our staffing arrangements improve.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the retirement of Captain Steven Filak, Sr., effective September 4, 2023.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said he has been with the police department for approximately 12 years coming from the Village PD, we wish him well.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to surplus 2008 Crown Victoria police unit 780 VIN 2FAHP71V98X115944 and dispose of via auction or scrap metal recycling.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to surplus a 2013 Ford Taurus police unit 787 VIN 1FAHP2M82DG152729 and dispose of via auction or scrap metal recycling.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to accept the resignation of Joseph Sinagra from the Town of Saugerties, effective September 24, 2023.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that he came during time of merger, got the department accredited, implemented Narcan and many other positive changes. Wish him well in retirement.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the Supervisor to sign the agreement, as on file, for Out-of-District Municipal Water Service.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to allow the Supervisor to sign the agreement, as on file, for Out-of-District Municipal Sewer Service.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve memorializing Animal Shelter Manager/Animal Control Officer Elly Monfett's longevity date as of January 1, 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve Green Building Specialist (Marcy Cleveland & Jeff Luoma) PO Box 1484, Pine Bush, NY 12566 845-219-1024 as a Certified Energy Code Compliance Inspection Company per the International Energy Conservation Code 2015 for the Specialized Inspector List.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve Michael Wentland from Building Science Group LLC, 101 Bristol Hill Road, Glenford, NY 12433 as a Certified Energy Code Compliance Inspection Company per the International Energy Conservation Code 2015 for the Specialized Inspector List.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to accept the letter of retirement (on file) from William Randy Nilsen effective September 29, 2023, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas added that he was a 39 year dedicated employee, will be missed.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties approximately 750 cubic yards of native soils mixed with stones, rocks and other related debris, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to authorize the Parks & Buildings Department to advertise for the sale of aforementioned material and award to the highest submitter, per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the Schedule of Fees (on file) for the 2023-2024 Ice Season, as per the recommendation of the Ice Arena Director and Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to increase the Facility Use Refundable Deposit for use of the Greco Center, by \$40.00, to \$200.00 for residents and \$250.00 for non-residents, effective immediately, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to increase the Greco Center Alcoholic Beverage Permit Refundable Deposit, by \$40.00, to \$170.00 for residents and \$195.00 for non-residents, effective immediately, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint Robert Irizarry to the Conservation Advisory Commission for the remainder of 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the resignation of Patti Kelly as the alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective August 31, 2023.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that Patti has dedicated decades to ZBA, tremendous asset.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Holly Strutt to the vacant alternate position on the Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of 2023, effective September 1, 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, approving extension of the Malden Water District in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the resolution, as on file, directing removal of buildings, structures and personal property located at 309, 311, 331 Route 212 in Saugerties owned by Shane Edwards.

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to table the above motion.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the termination of Provisional full-time Clerk Stacy Legg, effective August 4, 2023.
Discussion: Supervisor Costello said the position is classified by civil service, did not take the test.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to move Lisa Bach to full time Chief Clerk for the Saugerties Town Court per the recommendation of Judge Stan O'Dell and Judge Chris Kraft, effective August 16, 2023.
Discussion: Supervisor Costello said Lisa is a terrific, quick learner and Haley will be able to help on court nights.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Ivino to move Haley Whalen to part time Court Clerk to serve at the pleasure of the judges at an hourly rate of \$25.00 per the recommendation of Judge Stan O'Dell and Judge Chris Kraft, effective August 23, 2023.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the Shared Services Agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and the Town of Esopus.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino authorizing Superintendent of Highways Raymond Mayone to change the rate of pay for Richard Keator to \$17.00 for part time as needed labor and/or snow removal at the Highway Department effective August 17, 2023.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton authorizing Superintendent of Highways Raymond Mayone to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties Highway Department (1) 2018 Dodge Ram pickup truck bed and to dispose of it via Auctions International.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to set public hearing dates of September 6, 2023 and September 26, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. to amend the zoning law and zoning map of the Town of Saugerties to rezone property owned by the Dominican Convent of

Our Lady of the Rosary, a/k/a Dominican Sisters of Sparkill located at the terminus of Spaulding Lane on a parcel designated on the Town of Saugerties tax map as 29.5-5-13.100, from the Low Density Residential District (LDR) to High Density Residential District (HDR).

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that they are proposing senior housing and need the zoning change.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to enter into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining in the Police Department at 8:35 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:54 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Public Hearing

5:30 p.m.

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Pre-Board Meeting

following hearing

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk