

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING – JUNE 15, 2022**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 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 Leanne Thornton  
Councilman Mike Ivino  
Councilman Zach Horton  
Supervisor Fred Costello

### **PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

Susan Puretzt presented the board with three tee-shirts – CARES, Stop the Mine and CasiNO; wanted to point out that appreciation should be demonstrated toward volunteers and honor them.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Councilman Horton would like to thank everyone in attendance and have spoken with about 200 people about the gun show. Personal opinion is that this country does not have a gun problem. The town board is a collective governing body but the decision was made without all present.

Elmer LeSeur – member of gun club and federation organization and it was inappropriate how decisions have been made; support for gun show to be seen and heard.

Jason Adsit – long history of family members serving country; don't want Saugerties turning into NYC.

Anthony Contarino – resides in Poughkeepsie and supports the gun show; crazy people are allowed to dictate laws on the whole country; be calm and take it logically.

Tom Melville – in support of gun show; legal contract was written and venue was booked. A lot of people in the town are in support of guns.

Bridget Maldarelli – listed number of people who have died in different circumstances and by guns was lowest; assault weapons are banned in NYS. Anything can kill people.

Robert Gallenz – in opposition of gun show; the board has a legal and moral obligation to do what is right.

Gaetana Ciarlante – why are weddings prohibited in Short Term Rentals and three or more complaints should be valid and verified. Sportsman Show should continue; the decision involved coercion and maybe a degree of extortion.

Santos Lopez – responsibility vs accountability. If a criminal shoots someone, the gun is blamed. If a police officer shoots someone, the police officer is blamed.

Cyn Kendall – vote against the gun show; fighting for public safety measures against gun violence.

Ralph Mayone – a contract has been signed; town will be liable for breaking that contract. Chief singled out gun show with “any trouble and it will be shut down”. More people die from cars than guns.

Brian Donaghue – not against guns but should not be held now and near schools. There are plenty of other places to buy guns.

Laura Phillips – don’t want promotion of gun culture to influence children. This is sending a powerful message.

David Radavanovic – fortunate to live here but concerned with family’s safety. Does not benefit taxpayers.

William Barr – no problem with people who have guns; mental and social illness is a real problem. Why would civilians need AR15?

Kathryn Meyer – shootings happening more frequently but we can make a difference. Children should not be afraid.

Kathy Gordon – grew up in hunting family but opposed to the gun show.

Gregory Kleen – car show should be cancelled because traffic accidents with cars cause death.

How is the Safe Act doing? More gun control is not working.

Elizabeth Strom – oppose gun show, should not happen now; it is insensitive.

Sue Rosenberg – stop the gun show from proceeding.

Lanny Walter – not a gun owner and not anti-gun; gun show does not seem dangerous. Have to stand up for sanity.

Richard Azoff – wait until no more massacres and since that won’t stop, there will be no gun shows.

Mike Leone – President of Federation Sportsmen Club of Ulster County – nothing about the new laws has done anything to jail offenders; mental illness should be taken in to accountability.

Dawn D’Elia – owns Girly-go-Bag company (ladies self-defense); should hold the right people liable/accountable. Hundreds of vendors represented, it’s not just guns and ammo.

Louise Bloomfield – approve original motion and return the promoter his money.

Mike Meyers – two daughters play hockey and the facility should be used for appropriate use, the gun show is not appropriate.

Gilda Riccardi – support to not hold the gun show, it doesn’t belong here.

Tony DiBenedetto – sees heaven around track, ice rink, environment; timing is misplaced.

John Schoonmaker – appreciate open dialogue; ice arena is a family venue, gun show is not.

Town board should help promoter find an appropriate venue.

Harry VanEtten – raised four boys and taught them how to use and take care of guns. Its not the guns that kill people, its people.

Suzanne VanWagenen – whole board was not asked whether or not to stop the gun show, must be done the right way. The Supervisor and Police Chief are out of order. Councilwoman Thornton said this is not a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment or political issue. Daily routines changed after Columbine, especially in school settings. Kids that are in trouble, slip through the cracks. This is not the time or place for a gun show.

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

The first customer with fiber optic has been turned on. Shared a quote taken from the promoters website regarding the gun show.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter that would imperil public safety.

Vote: Not Adopted – 3 No (Councilwoman Thornton and Councilman Ivino voting yes)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of May 18, 2022; Public Hearings of May 18, 2022 regarding Zoning and STRs and Special Town Board Meeting of May 31, 2022, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$318,680.00
General Outside Village	26,380.40
Highway	196,252.75
Capital Projects	21,320.77
Lighting District	1,045.81
Sewer O&M	15,984.81
Water O&M	13,537.49
Trust & Agency	995.00

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Ray Mayone, Highway Superintendent – oil and chip roads are priced at \$10/foot and black top is priced at \$25/foot; we are doing oil and chip on roads and will be comparable to blacktop.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – Boys & Girls Club is holding a golf tournament & check out the library website.

Councilman Ivino – nothing to report

Councilman Horton – Climate Smart Task Force will be meeting tomorrow

### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve a refund of \$2,000.00 to David Petronis, President of NEACA, Inc.

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to amend the motion to reflect the Town of Saugerties to honor the contract with NEACA on June 17 and 18.

Discussion: Councilwoman Nau said she was very disappointed that she was not included in the decision. Supervisor Costello said the board should not feel left out, can speak at this meeting.

Vote on amendment: Not Adopted – 2 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton, Supervisor Costello & Councilman Ivino voting No)

Vote on original motion: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Nau – abstain, Councilman Horton – No)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the supervisor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU)(Landfill/Sewer Treatment/Animal Control Unit).

Discussion: Supervisor Costello thanks Mark Resso for his participation

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to move Highway Department employee Brandon Renner to the position of Heavy Motor Equipment Operator at \$26.78 per hour, effective June 16, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Richard T. Walls as a Reserve Police Officer, effective June 16, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to accept the resignation of Mikayla Weeks, effective June 17, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the resignation of Deputy Tax Collector Donna Shultis, effective June 20, 2022.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello explained she will move laterally to HUD.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to hire Donna Shultis as the Program Assistant for HUD with a start date of June 21, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the resignation of Planning Board member Ken Goldberg, effective immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the retirement/resignation of Claudette Zinkow full time Municipal Code Aide of the Town of Saugerties Building Department, effective June 22, 2022.

Discussion: Claudette's energy and dedication will be missed, she is a treasure.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to hire Claudette Zinkow part time as a Municipal Code Aide for the Town of Saugerties Building Department at the rate of \$25.00 per hour, effective June 27, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the resignation of Kristen Garnier from the Saugerties Arts Commission.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint Lisa Nicholas to the Saugerties Arts Commission for the remainder of the year 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Nina Schmidbaur to the Saugerties Arts Commission for the remainder of the year 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to accept the resignation of part time Dispatcher Lyric Blanch of the Town of Saugerties Police Department, effective May 30, 2020.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve an increase in salary to \$25.00 per hour for the town's grant writer Kathleen Gray, effective immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the supervisor to sign the Central Hudson Small Business Direct Install Lighting Program Energy Efficiency Proposal, available upon request, for the Town of Saugerties Police Department.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to move Highway Department employee Ryan Maxwell to the position of Heavy Motor Equipment Operator at \$26.78 per hour, effective June 16, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the list (on file) of Summer Youth Recreation Employees, some of whom may be utilized at times in the maintenance division, as per the recommendation of the Summer Youth Recreation Program Director and the Parks and Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve a fireworks permit for Kevin Fritschler of American Fireworks Display LLC for a fireworks display at Cantine Field on June 23, 2022 to begin after the Stallions baseball game and pending the appropriate signatures needed on the permit.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the proclamation, as on file, celebrating Rabbi Jonathan Kligler.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to adopt Local Law #2 of 2022 by resolution, as on file, regarding Short Term Rentals (STRs).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

*The meeting was closed in memory of Mike Bigler, Concetta Quinlan, Vernon Benjamin and Beau Vittaris.*

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, July 13, 2022**

**Pre-Board Meeting  
Town Board Meeting**

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

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Town Clerk