

PRE-BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 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 Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Ivino
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Supervisor Fred Costello

Discussion on Small World Playground – we need to move forward on some type of plan; the arch should be taken down and saved; also the pickets with the names on them.

Doug Myer wants to sell the backhoe for \$30,000.00 and Water & Sewer Department needs one but some board members do not feel it is right for one department to sell equipment to another town department.

Regarding a motion on the agenda with people being appointed to the police commission. This has not really been discussed as a board. There may be an ethical conflict; agreement between the board that this motion will be tabled.

Village has put out signs of no truck traffic and speed limit of 25 mph.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 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 Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Ivino
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Supervisor Fred Costello

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Leslie Surprenant – a long time employee of DEC, gave a presentation of sampling study of invasive species in the Esopus Creek. Mary O’Donnell added that this was a very extensive study and the town is fortunate to have Leslie. Appreciate town and village initiating harvesting on the Esopus. Would also like to thank residents that live along the creek that are pitching in and learning how to operate the harvester to pull up the Milfoyle. Supervisor Costello would like to thank Cornell Co-op for their help.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Attended the Supervisor’s Association meeting to try and augment a share agreement with sales tax; will negotiate a new agreement with surplus above benchmark. Compliment Chief and police department for conducting training on Domestic Violence. It has been a successful three weeks in collecting school taxes with credit cards.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on September 2, 2020, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to accept the bills as presented, carried.

General Fund	\$65,883.92
General Outside Village	16,431.25
Highway	9,051.15
Capital Projects	4,600.00
Ambulance District	64,398.75
Lighting District	7,312.41
Sewer O&M	64.42
Water O&M	64.42
Central Hudson	15,581.86

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – revenues will be in better shape than originally thought; exploring new avenues for ice rink (25% capacity). Early November will be working on fiber connection with the senior center. Small World will be dismantled this fall.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Thornton – congratulate the three new trustees on the Library board and the budget passed; they are also open by appointment for ½ hour increments. Boys & Girls Club has a fundraiser on September 28 with Mirabella’s – a chicken parm dinner! TV23 has a production company filming and using the studio. A virtual auction is now being held for the Butterflies. STAC has been sent county proposal and they are reviewing.

Councilman Ivino – looking forward to working on new committees and positive outlook on Thruway south and Route 32 interchange.

Councilman Schoonmaker – Animal Shelter has had many new applications for adoptions and has raised \$5,000.00+ for the mower fundraiser. Thank you to Mowers & More! September 25 at 4:00 p.m. is the deadline for submitting applications for the vacant town board position. September 26 an informative meeting will be held on How to Charge your Electric Vehicle at the senior center, available by Zoom.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the Resignation of Todd Snyder, Jr., effective September 11, 2020, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Building Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to add to the Parks & Buildings part time custodial and security staff, Joseph L. Hunter, effective immediately at the starting classification rate of \$15.00 per hour, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Douglas F. Myer to hire Aaron T. Caskey as a full time Motor Equipment Operator at a rate of \$22.53 per hour effective September 17, 2020.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to re-assign liaison position of the following departments/committees to Councilman Mike Ivino: Diaz Ambulance, Buildings & Zoning Codes and the Ethics Committee, Planning Board, ZBA and Water & Sewer Department.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that these next two motions are a result of Paul Andreassen resigning from the board.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to re-assign liaison position of the following departments/committees to Councilman John Schoonmaker: Historic Preservation.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the following individuals to serve on the independent Saugerties Community Civilian Board to review policies, procedures and activities of the Saugerties Police Department, per Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order – Christine Dinsmore, Tamika Dunkley, Rob Irizarry, Annette Mulyanti, Farzan Nadim, Joseph Puma, Gilda Riccardi, Robert Thomann and Lanny Walter.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to table the above motion as there are still questions surrounding the new committee.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve a forthcoming resolution from the Ulster County Planning Department/Transportation Council in regard to the Route 32 and NYSTA (Exit 20) Intersection Traffic Impact Study and pending town attorney approval.

Discussion: Supervisor added that residents are very familiar with problems at this intersection.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:16 p.m., carried.

Meeting closed in memory of Barry Kerr, John Quinlan and Donna Boice.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk