

TOWN BOARD MEETING – JUNE 13, 2018

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 6:00 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:

Councilman Paul Andreassen
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Councilman Mike Maclsaac
Supervisor Fred Costello

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac to enter into Executive Session regarding collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law), carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac to exit Executive Session at 6:35 p.m., carried.

A presentation was given by Glenn Weinberg from Joule Community regarding community clean energy.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Ginger Vail spoke regarding the lighting project on Thornton field 3 for evening games for girls.

Recognition Awards were given to those participating in the Empire State Games.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Al Bruno, Malden – disturbed that only four American flags were displayed during Memorial day through the village.

Pam Steinburg, Lighthouse Drive – thank you for honoring Empire State Games participants. The rink adds to the town, would be able to make more money if it was open year round.

Kevin Freeman, Lighthouse Drive – travel time for ice interferes with practice time, good to have rink in Saugerties.

Bill Barr, Livingston Street – single payer healthcare would have saved Town of Saugerties \$1 million and increases quality of life, please support NY Health Act.

Janet Asiain – people on Medicare do care about health act, fees can add up. Please support resolution.

Sue Rosenberg, West Saugerties Road – spoke regarding healthcare for NY, passing resolution sends support to Albany.

Skip Arthur, Wilhelm Road – please support NY Healthcare Act.

Tamara Schuppin, Church road – needs healthcare that covers needs; would benefit from NY Healthcare Act.

Elissa Krauss, Red Hook – residents would be saving and 1.4 million residents still don't have healthcare.

David Minch, Minard Street – in support of NY Healthcare Act. Businesses will come to NY and attract more people if passed.

Kelly Myers, Washburn Terrace – thank you for recognizing athletes, many have won medals and earned the right to go to Nationals. Anything to be done to make it year round, the better.

Charlie Schachuzi, Blue Hills Drive – recently vandalism has risen, there are not enough police patrols in Barclay Heights.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Town has been prepping for the Vietnam Memorial arriving in July. Elks will be doing their Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th. Glasco Firehouse is holding a food truck event on June 16th. St Mary's Bazaar will be held June 21, 22, and 23. Kiwanis had a vision years ago for an Ice Rink and it has been very supported in the community; will be improving the structure in the near future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on May 16, 2018 and Bid Opening for Highway Department on May 24, 2018, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to approve the bills as presented, carried.

General Fund	\$272,491.10
General Outside Village	20,133.69

Highway	93,768.36
Ambulance District	60,678.33
Lighting District	6,234.92
Barclay Heights Sewer	2,274.16
Glasco Sewer	9,786.10
Malden Sewer	3,013.40
Kings Highway Sewer	58.80
Glasco Water	5,401.59
Malden Water	627.94
Kings Highway Water	93.89
Bluestone Park Water	98.78
Trust & Agency	1,655.54

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Andreassen – there will be an increase in rates for water and sewer and we are going to quarterly billing. Just to clarify that we are not going to lose the ice rink or close it. Recently attended the immigration meeting in Woodstock and the SHS presentation with Daryl Strawberry. Apologize for not attending the open house for the Animal Shelter. The Historic Preservation Commission mourns the loss of Myles Putnam.

Councilwoman Thornton – attended the Eagle Court for Travis Stade. TV23 meets next Thursday and CAC meets regarding zoning.

Councilman Maclsaac – attended the CSC meeting at the County. Received a letter from a friend and they may not be able to live here because of taxes, would like the budget cut by 2%.

Councilman Schoonmaker – on July 10 there will be food trucks at Cantine with a pop-up by Ric Orlando. Diaz Ambulance received agency of the year award. Attended the open house at the shelter and we are looking into grants with Libby Post. Shout-Out Saugerties has several events planned through the summer – village as a gallery; food and art walk-about; film series; history scavenger hunt and drumming circle.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – work is being done on tennis courts; drilling for the new flag pole; stone dust will go down for a walkway by the Vietnam wall; Glasco baseball fields are being worked on. There is a Scout Jambouree being held at Cantine this weekend.

Chief Sinagra – gave the department report, which is on file and department has been awarded \$12,000.00 from DWI.

Doug Myer – finished paving at town hall, Cantine and Village DPW and now moving on to town roads.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the resignation of Juanita Wilsey, Planning Board Secretary, effective June 8, 2018.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that Juanita was an employee for 20+ years, grateful for her service.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to accept the resignation of Police Dispatcher Rebecca Salinas, effective May 16, 2018.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said she was a part time dispatcher and now she will be a college intern.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac to increase the salary of Court Security Officer Tom Sperl to \$21.00 per hour, effective June 13, 2018.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Andreassen abstained)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to increase the salary of Court Security Officer Tom Rea to \$21.00 per hour, effective June 13, 2018.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Andreassen abstained)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac to increase the salary of Court Security Officer Hank Yost to \$21.00 per hour, effective June 13, 2018.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said the three previous motions were because staff has been depleted and they raised the salary to get quality people. Councilman Schoonmaker said this money was already budgeted.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Andreassen abstained)

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to accept the resignation of Ann Bryan from the Conservation Advisory Commission – CAC for the remainder of 2018.

Discussion: Councilman Maclsaac added that she loves gardening and this takes too much time.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Carole Furman to the Conservation Advisory Commission – CAC for the remainder of 2018.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Supervisor Costello to rescind the motion of April 4, 2018 appointing Councilwoman/Deputy Supervisor Leeanne Thornton as the liaison to the Saugerties Adult Learning Community Group – Lifespring.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton abstained)

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint Councilwoman/Deputy Supervisor Leeanne Thornton as the liaison to the Senior Education Commission for the Saugerties Adult Learning Community Group – Lifespring.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton abstained)

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to approve an additional air test of \$395.00 for air Testing of asbestos removal at 508 York Street (SBL #18.10-3-15) performed by Alpine Environmental Services for a total of \$790.00 to be reimbursed to Ray Mayone Construction, Inc. The total cost for such to be assessed against the land on which the structure is located.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve a mass gathering permit for Catskill Animal Sanctuary of 316 Old Stage Road for July 21, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve a mass gathering permit for Catskill Animal Sanctuary of 316 Old Stage Road for October 20, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac to allow the supervisor to sign the agreement, as on file, with CGI Communications regarding a cost free Community Showcase Video Program.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the supervisor to sign the agreement, as on file, between the town and the Town of Wawarsing in regards to Wawarsing using the town's animal shelter.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as read, pertaining to the NY Health Act.

New York Health Act (NYHA)

Whereas, the New York Health Act (NYHA) establishes the New York Health program, a comprehensive system of access to health insurance for all New York State residents;

Whereas, NYHA provides universal health care coverage with no limitations to selection of health care providers;

Whereas, NYHA would eliminate deductibles and co-pays, and all health care costs would be covered by a payroll tax similar to Medicare and a tax on non-payroll income, such as interest, dividends, and capital gains;

Whereas, NYHA has passed the New York State Assembly three times, in 2015, 2016 and 2017; and

Whereas, the NYHA has not passed the New York State Senate:

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Saugerties Town Board:

~ finds universal health care coverage is needed for Saugerties and New York State residents;

~ supports the passage of the New York Health Act;

~ request the Town Clerk of the Town to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Flanagan, Senator Stewart-Cousins, Speaker Heastie, Senator Klein, Senator Hannon, Senator Rivera, Senator Amedore, Assembly Member Tague, and Assembly Member Gottfried.

This resolution was submitted to a vote and the vote was thereon as follows:

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Andreassen granting the Superintendent of Highways Douglas F. Myer the authority to accept and sign the “Inter-Municipal Mutual In-Kind Services Agreement” as presented and on file between the Town of Saugerties Highway Department and the County of Ulster.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Andreassen authorizing Transfer Station Department Head Douglas F. Myer the authority to enter into a purchase agreement with Wastequip Corp. located at 1079 State Route 20, New Lebanon, NY 12125 for the purchase of one 30 cubic yard standard Duty Rectangular Roll Off Container with recycle roof and three 30”x30’ hinged poly doors at a quoted price of \$6,969.00 through NJPA Awarded Contract # WQ-10078113.

Discussion: Doug added that RRA changed recycling and needed one more to comply.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to approve a fireworks permit for Kevin J. Fritschler of American Fireworks Display, LLC for a fireworks display at Cantine Field on June 22, 2018 to begin after the baseball game with an end time of approximately 10:00 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the supervisor to sign the agreement, as on file, between the town and the Town of Esopus in regards to Esopus using the town's animal shelter.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Supervisor Costello to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties one 1989 Toro Groundskeeper, with mower deck Model #GM345, Serial # 30789-10199, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Supervisor Costello to authorize the Parks & Buildings Superintendent to dispose of aforementioned equipment, which may include metal salvage reclamation, in the most revenue effective (producing) means, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas added that this can not be traded in, metal is at a high right now.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Supervisor Costello to authorize the purchase of one John Deere Groundskeeper, with recycling mower deck, off of NYS Piggybacking NJPA Landscaping and Grounds Equipment, Bid Contract #PC66663 (PG XN) in the amount of \$34,414.93, as per 2018 Budget Line Items #A7110.200 and #B7110.200 and per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to add to the staff of the Summer Youth Recreation Program, Olivia McNiff, per salary rate scheduled previously established and approved, as per the recommendation of the Summer Youth Program Director and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Costello abstained)

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to add to the Summer Youth Recreation Program Waiting List, Lee Baldwin, Vanessa Brandt, Allyson DeCelle, Payton Maloney, Jordann Mayr, Darian Wood as per the recommendation of the Summer Youth Program Director and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to allow the Supervisor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Saugerties and the Saugerties Policeman's Benevolent Association for the term beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2021.

Discussion: this will be the contract for the next 4 years, hard fought negotiations 2% raise for 2018.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 9:00 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

**Pre-Board Meeting
Town Board Meeting**

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

A moment of silence was observed for Myles Putnam who recently passed away suddenly.

Town Clerk