

**PRE-BOARD MEETING – MARCH 19, 2025**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 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 Leanne Thornton  
Councilman Zach Horton  
Supervisor Fred Costello

Absent: Councilman Mike Ivino

The board will be moving one motion forward to the agenda tonight regarding Local Law #2 of 2025.

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Councilwoman Peg Nau  
Councilwoman Leanne Thornton  
Councilman Zach Horton  
Supervisor Fred Costello

Absent: Councilman Mike Ivino

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

Via Web-Ex Glenn Weinberg of Joule Assets joined us at 7:45 p.m. regarding the CCA (Community Choice Aggregation) Program saying that it is not ideal to lock in with differential rate; bids were 5-7% higher than they would like. Would like to recommend a contract extension through the summer into early fall. Supervisor Costello added that the second

contract is not as attractive as the first one. CCA gives residents a third option and opt-out is still part of the program.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** none

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

We will be moving the motion forward regarding firemen exemption to the agenda tonight. The Animal Shelter is under construction and they have received the endowment from Mary Bradford Estate. The Love Knot has secured funding and will return to Saugerties soon.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on March 5, 2025 and Public Hearing of March 5, 2025 regarding Tax Exemptions for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$193,647.39
General Outside Village	4,056.94
Highway	113,072.98
Ambulance District	137,331.08
Lighting District	6,597.13
Sewer O&M	29,542.18
Water O&M	5,898.65
Central Hudson	46,879.98

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Greg Chorvas – some outdoor projects got derailed because of cold weather but happy with projects that did get done – interior painting done, squad room in police department done, fence fabric replaced on Keeley Field. We are getting fields open and up and running for the next season. Different projects need addressing and will be looked at.

Ray Mayone – sweeping of roads has begun; finishing up pipe jobs and working on ditches. The department has received a new loader.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – May 31 will be the Library street fair; CPC meets the end of the month; STAC is looking at a new exit on 9W in Barclay Heights; TV23 met last week and they are up-grading the studio for a live, call in show. May 22 will be a Brooks BBQ fundraiser for the Splashpad at the large pavilion.

Councilman Horton – Ashley Carroll will be reaching out regarding a fundraiser for the dog park; CAC meets March 19 and wanted to let the Highway Department know that the roads look great!

## **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to adopt Local Law #1 of 2025, as on file, Amending Chapter 218 of the Town of Saugerties Municipal Code Entitled “Taxation” for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that this will only affect general taxes for now.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, Expressing Support for the Ulster County Legislature’s Adoption of resolutions No. 102- Establishing Policy to Fund, Facilitate, Perpetuate and Support the Augmentation and Operation of Local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in and for the County of Ulster.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that he is glad Diaz was created and supported with this to help with billing services.

Vote: Adopted -4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to allow the 34<sup>th</sup> Onteora Runners Club 15k road race to travel through Saugerties on May 25, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to accept the resignation of full time Police Officer Antoinette L. Coccozza, effective March 18, 2025.

Vote: Adopted - 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the proclamation, as on file regarding the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Masons Ulster Lodge No. 193.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the proclamations, as on file, regarding the 2025 Sports Hall of Fame Inductees (all inductees get a proclamation with the same language): Jill Dodig-Cohan, Kristin Leahy, Greg DeCelle, Thomas Miron and Joe Sheehan.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to hire Claire Ruppert as a part time employee at the Animal Shelter at a pay rate of \$17.00 per hour, effective immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to hire Joseph P. Burns as a part time Security Attendant at the rate of \$18.00/hour as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the schedule of Registration Fees (on file) for the 2025 Summer Youth Recreation Program as per the recommendation of the Summer Recreation Program Director and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Thornton to allow the Supervisor to sign the contract, as on file, for EMS service provided by Diaz Memorial Ambulance Service, Inc. to the Town of Saugerties.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said this has enabled them to maintain a third car and sustain salaries.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the supervisor to sign the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding), as on file, with Conditional Authorization to Execute Electricity Supply Agreement Amendment pertaining to the CCA (Community Choice Aggregation) Program.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that this gives residents a third option with no obligation.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to authorize the Supervisor to sign a grant to complete a study on the Glasco Waste Water Treatment Plant. If awarded, the town would be responsible for a match of up to \$20,000.00.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to adopt Local Law #2 of 2025, as on file, authorizing partial exemption for residents volunteering for a fire company.  
Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:04 p.m., carried.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

<b>Wednesday, APRIL 2, 2025</b>	<b>Pre-Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Town Board Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>

*The meeting closed in memory of Bob Aiello.*

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Town Clerk