

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – JANUARY 6, 2021

The Organizational Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Webex virtual meeting. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Councilman Mike Ivino
Councilwoman Peg Nau
Supervisor Fred Costello

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

This Organizational Meeting is the first meeting held in the new year and it is a resourceful document through these minutes. COVID is still at the forefront and Town Hall is closed to the public except by appointment. Department Heads have gone over and above adjusting to changes and the board thanks you for it. The Tax Department is looking into putting a window in the door so residents can pass through the payment without having to go in the office. With all the heavy rain recently, the reservoir is at 90% capacity.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on December 16, 2020, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$207,673.01
General Outside Village	11,122.15
Highway	38,596.38
Capital Projects	3,672.67
Ambulance District	66,326.57
Sewer O&M	3,903.45
Water O&M	3,536.40
Central Hudson	5,777.91

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to designate the Hudson Valley One as the official newspaper of the Town of Saugerties pursuant to Section 64(1) of the Town Law and to designate the Kingston Daily Freeman as an additional newspaper for the publication of such notices, resolutions and ordinances at the option of the Town Board for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following as the official bank for the Town of Saugerties for 2021: M & T Bank.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint George Redder as an attorney for the Town of Saugerties to handle all legal work for the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board, actions in which the Saugerties Town Board is an involved agency, SEQR purposes, highway department, FEMA and will be responsible for motions and resolutions required by the Saugerties Town Board for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint John Greco as an attorney for the Town of Saugerties for the purpose of handling prosecution for Animal Control, Building Inspector, Police Department, HUD, will be responsible for working the Assessor's Office in all tax cases, will be responsible for all legal work required in the Water and Sewer District special prosecutor for traffic tickets, all legal matters related to Parks & Rec, all matters related to insurance claims against the town, employees, consultants and sub-consultants and will be responsible for motions and resolutions required by the Saugerties Town Board for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to appoint Gary Newkirk who is an associate for UHY Advisors NY as the Town of Saugerties Accountant for the year 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to appoint Audrey Klinkenberg as the Town of Saugerties Historian for the year 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint Brinnier & Larios, PC as the Town of Saugerties Engineers for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to appoint Nelson, Pope & Voorhis as the Town of Saugerties Consulting Planner for the year 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint Lisa Stanley, Saugerties Town Clerk, as Registrar of Vital Statistics and Records Management Officer for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to appoint Leslie Duffy, Saugerties Deputy Town Clerk, as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve that the weekly expense vouchers be inputted to the accounting software for auditing to the Town of Saugerties Bookkeeper by 12 noon on the Friday prior to the scheduled Town Board meeting and that all claims or vouchers must be accompanied with purchase bills or receipts of purchased items and initialed/signed by department heads where applicable.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to have the Saugerties Town Board Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center on Market Street in Saugerties, NY for 2021 on: January 6 & 20, February 3 & 17, March 3 & 17, April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19, June 16, July 14, August 11, September 1 & 15, October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17 and December 15.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the following dates for the town offices to be closed in 2021: January 1, New Years; January 18, Martin Luther King Jr Day; February 12, Lincoln's Birthday; February 15, President's Day; April 2, Good Friday; May 31, Memorial Day; July 5, Independence Day Holiday; September 6, Labor Day; October 11, Columbus Day; November 2, Election Day; November 11, Veteran's Day; November 25, Thanksgiving Day; November 26, Day after Thanksgiving; December 24, Christmas Holiday and December 31, New Year's Holiday.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to authorize the Town of Saugerties Supervisor to designate use of his signature stamp where deemed necessary according to Town Law Section 29(3).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve a charge of \$35.00 on each check tendered for payment and returned for insufficient funds, according to Section 85 of the General Municipal Law.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the Town of Saugerties Procurement Policy, as on file, as required by General Municipal Law Section 104b which was revised on January 1, 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilman Ivino to re-adopt Resolution #94-241 (as on file), dated December 21, 1994 and modified on February 4, 2004 which approves the Town of Saugerties Investment Policy as it conforms with General Municipal Law Section 39.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Ivino to appoint the Town Board Members to serve as liaisons for the following:

- Senior Education Commission – Leeanne Thornton
- HUD – Peg Nau
- Parks (Recreation) and Buildings – John Schoonmaker
- Transfer Station – John Schoonmaker
- Justice Court – Fred Costello
- Building & Zoning Codes – Mike Ivino
- Planning Board – John Schoonmaker
- Zoning Board of Appeals – Mike Ivino
- Police – Fred Costello
- Assessors – Mike Ivino
- Water & Sewer – Mike Ivino
- Animal Shelter – Mike Ivino
- Public Cable Access – Leeanne Thornton
- Historian – Peg Nau
- Conservation Advisory Committee – John Schoonmaker
- Tourism Committee – Fred Costello
- Library – Leeanne Thornton
- Diaz Ambulance – Mike Ivino
- Comprehensive Planning Committee – Leeanne Thornton
- Boys & Girls Club – Leeanne Thornton
- Ethics Committee – Mike Ivino

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Historic Preservation Commission - John Schoonmaker
Historical Society – Leeanne Thornton
Board of Assessment Review (BAR) – Mike Ivino
Bristol Beach Finance & Outreach Advisory Committee – Leeanne Thornton
Saugerties Transportation Advisory Council – Leeanne Thornton
Comprehensive Plan Update Committee – Leeanne Thornton
Climate Smart Task Force – John Schoonmaker
Arts Commission – Peg Nau

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that this is a difficult motion to put together. Thank you to the Town Board for their cooperation and we hope it will be a productive year.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint the following individuals to the Bristol Beach Finance & Outreach Advisory Committee for 2021: Lanny Walter, Cindy Saporito and Mike Harkavy.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said 2020 was not productive but we hope better in 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee for 2021: Bill Ball, Heidi Whittaker, Stephen Dodig, Kevin Pendergast, Joe Gavner, Rich Koegel, Joe Quirk, Pat Caffrey and Dean Fabiano as Honorary Member.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Conservation Advisory Committee for 2021: Mike Harkavy, Skip Arthur, Mary Ann Wrolsen, Mary O'Donnell, Elizabeth Shafer, Carole Furman, Leslie Surprenant and James "Spider" Barbour as Honorary Member.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said this is a very productive committee.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Mary O'Donnell as the chair to the CAC and the CSTF for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee for 2021: Ray Mayone and John Poll.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that there is room on the committee if anyone is interested.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Cable Access Commission for 2021: Gus Pedersen, Matthew Phillips, Paul O'Malley and Tamara Schuppin.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Tourism Committee for 2021: Marjorie Block and Mark Smith.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said COVID curtailed many events this year.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Marjorie Block as the chair to the Tourism Commission for 2021.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton added that she is happy Marjorie is willing to keep doing this.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Comprehensive Planning Committee for 2021: Carol Ann Mayone, Josepha Gutelius, Susan Weeks, Sam Dederick, Bob Dederick, Bill Schirmer, Aden Hughes, Richard Azoff and Steve Hubbard.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint Jamie Fine and Joe Gavner to serve on the Board of Assessment review with a 5 (five) year term each that expires on December 31, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Al Bruno as the chair of the BAR for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to appoint Jeanne Goldberg as chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Patti Kelly to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5 (five) year term that expires on December 31, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to appoint Patti Kelly as vice-chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to appoint the following individual, Holly Strutt to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate for a 1 (one) year term that expires on December 31, 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Pat Fitzsimmons, Josepha Gutelius, Samantha Dederick, Carole Furman and Steve Hubbard as town reps to the Town/Village Comprehensive Plan Update Review Committee for 2021.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to appoint Robert Hlavaty to serve on the Planning Board for a 7 (seven) year term that expires on December 31, 2027.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to appoint Kevin Brady to serve on the Planning Board with a term to expire on December 31, 2023 to fill the vacancy due to the unfortunate passing of Dan Ellsworth.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Howie Post as chair of the Planning Board Committee for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to appoint Carole Furman as vice-chair of the Planning Board Committee for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Saugerties Transportation Advisory Council (STAC) for 2021: Sgt. Jorge Castagnola, Doug Myer, Al Bruno, Glenn Jones and Brian Carmody.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Saugerties Art Commission for 2021: Suzanne Bennett, Yvonne Rojas-Cowan, Elizabeth Troxell, Katie Cokinos and Isabel Soffer.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton thanked Barbara Bravo for serving on commission.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to re-appoint Jeremy Russell as the secretary to the Historic Preservation Commission for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to re-appoint Becky Bertorelli as the secretary to the Planning Board for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to re-appoint Kevin Freeman as the secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the standard IRS allowance for mileage reimbursement at a rate of 56 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2021.

Vote: Adopted -5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the salary of \$76,492.42 for Greg Chorvas, Department Head for the Town of Saugerties Parks & Rec and Buildings & Grounds Department for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the salary of \$107,703.87 for Joe Sinagra, Police Chief for the Town of Saugerties for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the salary of \$86,150.10 for Captain Steve Filak of the Town of Saugerties Police Department for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the salary of \$72,652.07 for Alvah Weeks, Department Head for the Town of Saugerties Building Department for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the salary of \$50,997.96 for Deb Wells, Department Head for the Town of Saugerties HUD Department for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the salary of \$80,503.50 for Frank Orlando, Department Head for the Town of Saugerties Assessor's Office for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the salary of \$59,447.23 for Mark Resso, Department Head for the Town of Saugerties Water & Sewer Department for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the salaries, as approved in the budget as listed for 2021 for elected officials: Receiver of Taxes at \$41,758.00, Town Clerk at \$46,000.00, Highway Superintendent at \$69,626.00 and Court Justices (2) at \$32,097.50 each.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that the town board and the Supervisor decided to forego increases this year.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve a stipend of \$18,000.00 for 2021 for Julie Dunn for her bookkeeping/accounting duties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to approve an hourly salary of \$17.14 for Elly Monfett of the Animal Control Officer, effective January 1, 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Mary McNamara as the Town of Saugerties representative on Lower Esopus Creek matter.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to appoint John Schoonmaker as the Town of Saugerties representative to the Ulster County Climate Smart Committee.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Schoonmaker abstained)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Ivino to re-appoint Stephen Gakenheimer as “Deputy Highway Superintendent” for the year 2021 at a rate of pay of \$27.17 per hour or as per any wage increases as agreed upon in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Saugerties and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local Union No. 445 for said hourly rate, plus a Deputy stipend of \$200.00 per week.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to re-appoint Darcy Snyder to the position of “Secretary to the Highway Superintendent” for the year 2021 at a rate of pay of \$21.66 per hour or as per the wage increases agreed upon in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Saugerties and Communication workers of America Local Union No. 1120.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve a stipend of \$312.49 per week for 2021 for Douglas Myer, Department Head of the Town of Saugerties Transfer Station, effective January 1, 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve Tokyo Marine/Houston Casualty Co. with the writing company/tier being US Specialty through Reis Insurance as the property and casualty insurance carrier for the Town of Saugerties for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint both Stephen Gakenheimer and Randy Ricks as the Town of Saugerties Civil Defense Deputy Directors for 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve a stipend of \$157.30 per week for 2021 for acting Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Resso, effective January 1, 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve a 2% increase in salary for the following employees: Kate Cappello, Leslie Duffy, Donna Shultis, Terri Wood and Claudette Zinkow, effective January 1, 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to approve a \$.50 (fifty cent) raise for all clerical part-timers, effective January 1, 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to reappoint Mary McNamara as the Organic Recycling Coordinator for the Town of Saugerties Transfer Station for the year 2021 as per the recommendation of the Transfer Station Manager, Douglas F. Myer.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve an hourly salary of \$30.60 for Kevin Brown, Assistant Building Inspector effective January 1, 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Carole Furman as Planning Board Rep to the CPC Town and Village Committee.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to authorize the purchase of one (1) new 2021 Ram 2500 Crew Cab $\frac{3}{4}$ ton Pick Up Truck to replace 1999 Ford 450 ton and $\frac{3}{4}$ Dump Truck under Government Concession Pricing, along with piggybacking off Town of Kingston at a cost of \$34,307.00, retroactive to December 31, 2020, per 2020 Parks & Buildings budget and further per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent. Discussion: Greg Chorvas said this is downsizing with around \$20,000.00 savings.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to declare surplus and no longer of use to Town of Saugerties, one (1) 1999 Ford 45 ton and $\frac{3}{4}$ Dump Truck, Vin #1FDXF47XXEA1570, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to authorize the Parks & Buildings Department to dispose of aforementioned truck by the most revenue generating means, which may include Metal Salvage Reclamation, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to approve going out to bid for a 2021 mid-size SUV. The bid will be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder meeting the specifications in the outlined bid package.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the agreement, as on file, for the expenditure of Highway monies in accordance with Section 284 of the Highway Law for the year 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the resolution, as on file, of the town board consenting to dedication of Spada Drive and Mauro Court from Tim Mauro Co., Inc. pending town attorney approval.

Discussion: This is a subdivision that has 1-2 lots available.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to appoint Leeanne Thornton as Deputy Supervisor for 2021.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that Leeanne has always been one to lean on and she is a tireless advocate for her committees.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton abstained)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to adjourn Organizational Meeting at 8:15 p.m., carried.

The meeting was closed in memory of Clarence "Peanuts" Gardiner.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk