

**TOWN BOARD MEETING – MAY 6, 2020**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Webex Virtual Meeting as NYS is still sheltering in-place because of the Coronavirus situation. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

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

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

Thank you to Greg Chorvas for setting up the Webex tonight for the meeting. Today is National Nurses’ Day, we honor and appreciate them. The CGI Video is complete and we thank Leeanne Thornton and Marjorie Block for their work on this project. We are progressing on the east side of town hall for the accessibility entrance. We received a check from the VFW to help in the Resiliency Program, thank you! The Harvester has been delivered and is in the Village. The Village will own the equipment and we thank John Mullen who donated toward the Harvester. We will slowly restore normalcy after May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of April 1, 2020, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$298,617.01
General Outside Village	29,888.75
Highway	105,649.97
Capital Projects	19,674.58
Lighting District	3,103.86
Sewer O&M	4,737.06
Water O&M	4,364.79
Central Hudson	21,788.37

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Andreassen – Diaz Ambulance is holding well and staying safe; Planning Board and ZBA are holding meetings via Zoom. Hopefully we will be able to hold celebrations by Memorial Weekend. Would also like to hold budget workshops in the near future; grants will probably be nil from NYS.

Councilwoman Thornton – would like to encourage residents to check out the Tourism page on facebook to support local businesses. TV23 up-dates can be sent to the program director; Food Trucks are cancelled in June. Boys & Girls Club has pre-registration for the fall and the Auction will be held August 28.

Councilman Ivino – assessments will not rise but budget meetings will be tough coming up. Would like to look into new exit interview process.

Councilman Schoonmaker – CAC meets virtual and the Animal Shelter and Shout out Saugerties does not have much going on currently.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Greg Chorvas – involved with Resiliency Program and we are currently doing 1200+ meals a day! Safety measures have been put in place. We are working with 33-38% staff at one location and we use the large pavilion as command. We keep up-to-date with restrictions daily.

#### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the 2019 MS4 Annual Report.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the authorization to seek grant for State and National Register Designation for Asbury Historic District.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that Saugerties holds the most historic homes in Ulster County. Councilman Schoonmaker congratulated those who put in the time on a good job.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the proclamation, as on file, regarding May as American Legion Poppy Month.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the settlement agreement, as on file, regarding a grievance on behalf of George Wynkoop of the Highway Department.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the resignation of Tad Richards from the Saugerties Arts Commission.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton said he was an invaluable member, we will miss him.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve hiring Dion A. Johnson, Jr. as a full time police officer with a starting salary that will be Step 1 - \$55,562.81, effective June 1, 2020.

Discussion: Councilman Schoonmaker asked why are we making a full time hire now? Supervisor Costello answered that this will fill 4 out of 5 full time positions and is part of the 2020 budget. Councilman Andreassen said he will vote no because of the current financial climate.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilman Andreassen voting No and Councilman Schoonmaker abstained)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:42 p.m., carried.

*Meeting is closed in memory of Anastasia Redman's mother, Dan Gersback, Steve Horowitz, Ernest Bonelli and Robert Gardner.*

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, May 20, 2020**

**Pre-Board Meeting**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Town Board Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.**

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Town Clerk