

TOWN BOARD MEETING – APRIL 16, 2025

The Town Board Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 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 Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Ivino
Councilman Zach Horton
Supervisor Fred Costello

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Shabazz Jackson & Josephine Papagni from Greenway Environmental Services presenting a Zero Waste Initiative – this will be the 4th year to initiative zero waste at the Garlic Festival and we have great appreciation to Kiwanis for jumping on board. We are bringing this to whole communities and offer systems to make it feasible for everyone to participate. The presentation is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and will be available on the town website.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Yves Mikol – concerned about water and the Beaverkill area – what may happen with mega project, solutions should be in place first.

Joe Hudson – lack of progress is the result of persistent facts; no one knows exactly what is in the plan. Water is a precious resource and should be treated as such.

Steve Gentile – questioning time frame of notices of public hearings; should be consistent.

Chris Allen – is in favor the county giving partial exemptions on taxes for certain individual groups.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to accept the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of April 2, 2025, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$109,593.18
General Outside Village	4,542.32
Highway	40,216.28
Capital Projects	154,301.33
Ambulance District	137,331.08
Sewer O&M	65.13
Water O&M	65.15
Trust & Agency	1,964.16
Central Hudson	41,920.66

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – everything completed on the lighting project; docks are in Malden; highway replacement door will be worked on next week; more patching has been done on the police department roof. We are gearing up for the summer season.

Doug Myer – everything is running smoothly

Ray Mayone – big job will be started on Cole Bank Road and the blacktop companies are open again and will be starting to blacktop shortly.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – May 16 is the Boys & Girls Club fundraiser; library has keynote speakers lined up; week of April 21 the sidewalk is being refurbished by the library and the Splashpad fundraiser will be held May 22.

Councilman Ivino – read building department report which is on file at the Town Clerk's Office; would like commend Officer Cioni on his job well done within the community and thankful for all the fire departments that came together to fight a structure fire on Brink Road today.

Councilman Horton – nothing to report

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the proclamation, as on file, pertaining to May as American Legion Poppy Month.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the proclamation, as on file, pertaining to May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, to establish mutual aid agreements between the Town of Saugerties Highway Department and Fire Departments within the Town of Saugerties as per the recommendation of Raymond Mayone, Highway Superintendent.

Discussion: Ray Mayone added that this will make everything legal without liability.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to add to the Parks & Buildings part time call out list Brady Gardner at a pay rate of \$17.50 per hour, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties one (1) 2007 Chevy Impala, VIN# 2G1WB58K279290192, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to dispose of the aforementioned vehicle via 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 Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to classify the local law pertaining to public hearing notice procedures, as on file, as a Type II action pursuant to NYCRR 617.5 (c)(33).

Discussion: Supervisor Costello clarified that these next few motions will bring continuity.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to refer the local law pertaining to public hearing notice procedures, as on file to the Ulster County Planning Board and the Town Planning Board pursuant to GML 239-m and SS245-45 of Saugerties Zoning Law.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to set two (2) public hearing dates of May 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. and June 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. to amend the Town of Saugerties Code as outlined in the proposed local law pertaining to public hearing notice procedures for site plan, subdivision and special use applications, as on file.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:18 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Meeting was closed in memory of Dennis Beaver

Town Clerk