

PRE-BOARD MEETING – MARCH 15, 2023

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 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 Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Zach Horton
Supervisor Fred Costello

Absent: Councilman Mike Ivino

There was discussion regarding the Community Choice Aggregate with Jess the CEO of Joule.

Deputy Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – MARCH 15, 2023

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 7:00 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 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

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

Absent: Councilman Mike Ivino

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Walt Sparling – spoke regarding living near Oz Farm; traffic has increased and people drive very fast. They are taking advantage of weddings and wondering if they have proper permits; would

like a meeting with the town board and planning board because police have been called on him. Supervisor Costello said that he will explore how to make this better.

Jessica from Joule – this is the second electric supply for Saugerties and CCA, protected pricing; would like to do a bidding process. Using opt-out helps with power in numbers; Central Hudson still delivers.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

The Supervisor announced Green & Clean Days for the town; sign up in the Town Clerk’s Office. Congratulations to Greg Chorvas and staff on the Carbon Reduction Program presentation.

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 1, 2023; Public Hearings on March 1, 2023 regarding Property Maintenance with 1099 Kings Highway and 14 Doyle’s Lane, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$286,063.01
General Outside Village	45,413.76
Highway	256,983.28
Capital Projects	33,353.25
Ambulance District	190,173.78
Lighting District	4,489.90
Sewer O&M	13,831.22
Malden Sewer	4,401.52
Water O&M	5,123.47
Trust & Agency	11,856.50
Central Hudson	45,237.44

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Ray Mayone, Highway – we were lucky recently with the snowstorm missing us but on March 15 it was much worse with the wind and took a lot of trees down.

Greg Chorvas, Parks & Rec – replacing LED lights; warehouse is being cleaned out and empty shelves will be used; work is being done on dog park, pickleball courts and drainage.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – HUD reports that there is a long waiting list with no housing available; people are being displaced because of Air BnB.

Councilwoman Thornton – Boys & Girls Club auction will take place May 19, 2023; STAC meeting; Library has events happening and TV23 has new programming.

Councilman Horton – more information will be forthcoming with CCA

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding directing removal of buildings, structures and personal property located at 1099 Kings Highway, Saugerties, NY.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding directing removal of buildings, structures and personal property located at 14 Doyle's Lane, Saugerties, NY.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to re-appoint Jason Nelson to the Historic Preservation Commission with a 4 year term to expire on March 31, 2027.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to re-appoint Phyllis Clarke as an alternate to the Historic Preservation Commission with a 1 year term to expire on March 31, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to hire Tyler Schmidt as a part time police officer, effective March 16, 2023 at the rate of \$19.00 per hour.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to move Chelsea A. Marino from a part time police officer to a full time contingent position at the pay rate of \$25.90 per hour, effective March 6, 2023.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton asked how many female officers are in the department and the response was five.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the resignation of Police Officer Jonathan M. Lichtenberg, effective February 21, 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve Yvonne Rojas-Cowan as the Chair for the Saugerties Arts Commission for 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve Nina Schmidbaur as the Vice Chair for the Saugerties Arts Commission for 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve Isabel Soffer as the Treasurer for the Saugerties Arts Commission for 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve Beth Troxell as the Secretary for the Saugerties Arts Commission for 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the 32nd Onteora Runners Club 15k road race to travel through Saugerties on May 28, 2023.

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 2023 Sports Hall of Fame Inductees (all inductees get a proclamation with the same language): Chris Fabiano, Missy Greco, Andrea Jasienowski, Rich Sperl and Tommy Sperl.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, in support of actions by the New York State Public Service Commission and New York State Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations to

address harms caused to Town of Saugerties Central Hudson utility customers as a result of widespread billing problems.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the termination of Provisional full time Court Clerk Lindsey Jameson, effective March 13, 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the hiring of Julie Hackett as a Provisional full time Court Clerk at a pay rate of \$21.80 per hour, effective April 3, 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve James Telfer, of JLT Building Services LLC 700 Indian Road Fort Plain, NY 13339 as a Certified Energy Code Compliance Inspector per the International Energy Conservation Code of 2015 for the Specialized Inspector List for the town of Saugerties Building Department.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to enter Executive Session at 8:10 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:40 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, April 5, 2023	Pre-Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

The meeting closed in memory of Joan Hopf and Joe Pipitone.

Deputy Town Clerk