

PRE-BOARD MEETING – APRIL 19, 2023

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in 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

The board will add a motion to the agenda from Attorney John Greco regarding unauthorized access to town hall.

Councilman Ivino met with the Building Department to talk about the sign law.

Supervisor Costello said the dog park is progressing but we need sod and water run to it; 90% of expenses have been donated.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to enter into Executive Session regarding employment history of a particular person at 6:45 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to exit Executive Session at 7:05 p.m., carried.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – APRIL 19, 2023

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 7:10 p.m. in 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 Mike Ivino

Councilman Zach Horton
Supervisor Fred Costello

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Jake Smith – Cantine Trails Mountain Bike Proposal gave a presentation for improving the trail system on the ridge, which is 25 acres. There will be three levels of riding beginner, intermediate and skilled.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Many thanks to Vinnie Morano for hanging a beautiful painting of the lighthouse in the courtroom.

Joule associates came out with new pricing for CCA Contract.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on April 5, 2023 and Informational Meeting on April 10, 2023 regarding Samadhi property, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$321,777.77
General Outside Village	37,031.83
Highway	100,076.37
Capital Projects	23,733.48
Ambulance District	91,453.98
Lighting District	19,042.12
Sewer O&M	171,961.54
Water O&M	194,884.27
Trust & Agency	5,628.12
Central Hudson	35,102.97

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Ray Mayone, Highway- department has spent 4-5 weeks repairing lawns; Esopus Creek pipes are completed and will start the infrastructure project on Churchland Road.

Greg Chorvas, Parks & Rec – final grading on dog park has been done and the fence is complete. Pickleball Courts will have a temporary fence installed because we do not have time to install the permanent fence. Playground committee will re-convene May 1; resubmitting paperwork for funding. Central Hudson has overcharged the town and will get supporting paperwork for refund. The Recreation Committee supports the proposal Jake Smith talked about this evening regarding mountain bike trails at Cantine.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – exhibit is up until the end of April at the Library along with other on-going programs. ECC tree identification walk is being held this weekend and CPC meets April 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Ivino – nothing to report

Councilman Horton – nothing to report

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the hiring of Sharon Gilligan as a part time Clerk/Assistant in the Bookkeeping/Human Resources Department at a pay rate of \$20.00 per hour, as per the Bookkeeper/HRO Diane Friedmann and effective April 20, 2023.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that Diane is making strides in the accounting department but needs support staff.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the retirement of Sgt. Jorge Castagnola from the Police Department, effective April 21, 2023.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello commended Jorge on his tremendous career and we are grateful for his dedication. Councilwoman Thornton added that he was an asset to the STAC committee and hopes he will continue.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve hiring Jonathan Lichtenberg as a part time Police Dispatcher at the rate of \$21.80 an hour, effective April 5, 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve hiring Christopher Collins as a part time Police Officer at a pay rate of \$25.00 per hour, effective April 24, 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to allow the refund of \$250.00 to Elizabeth Weredyk of 63 Josephs Drive for payment of a short term rental that was not needed as the property in question is in the Village of Saugerties at 79 Lathan Circle, Saugerties, NY 12477.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve Newport Ventures, Jeff Newsome, 22 Jay Street, Schenectady, NY 12305 at 518-377-9410 and on the following site www.newportventures.net to the Town of Saugerties 3rd Party Blower Door Testing List.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello explained that this is part of the building code and will be added to the list.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

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

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to add to the Parks & Buildings Security and part time Call out List, Joseph F. Tiano, Sr., at a pay rate of \$17.00/hour, per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas explained that the last grass cutter has left and they need a replacement asap.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to authorize the Supervisor, on behalf of the Town of Saugerties, to send letters of caution as necessary to any persons seen entering areas of town facilities that are not open to the public so as to prevent future unauthorized access.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that town hall is a public facility but certain areas are protected for employees. Councilman Ivino added that some breeches have occurred and involved the police department.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:44 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

The meeting is closed in memory of Robert Hlavaty, Sr., Joe Kime, Bob Carpenter & Robert Martin, Sr.

Town Clerk