

TOWN BOARD MEETING – MARCH 20, 2019

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located at 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:

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

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Youth Awards were presented to: Jenna McDonald, Abbie Ausfeld, Jade Menses, Anthony Denier and Aiden Schoonmaker. Congratulations!

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Mike Moriello, attorney for Randy Richers with property located between Mower Mill Road and Leonard Lane on Route 32; wants to install a car wash there but is not allowed according to zoning. Would like this property re-zoned by discretionary act by Town Board and comply with SEQRA and site plan review. Supervisor Costello would like to develop area and is looking to re-zone a couple other areas, which may be done the same time or separately. Councilwoman Thornton added that CPC wants to be much more flexible to allow and they are discussing whether to zone one area at a time or three together.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

There was a water break recently on Redwood Road and still trying to identify and find a solution. Bristol Beach, with the help of the Highway Department, has opened a clearing and will bring in stone for the parking area. Congratulations to Darnell Edge at FDU scoring 33 points in a winning basketball game. Also, we are hoping to take delivery of two electric vehicles this week for the town.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$71,984.78
General Outside Village	4,115.29
Highway	80,474.35

Capital projects	18,579.15
Lighting District	9,126.88
Sewer O&M	8,930.39
Barclay Heights Sewer	3,515.66
Central Hudson	23,070.90

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Capt. Filak – a free Stop the Bleed event will be held on March 23 from noon to 2:00 p.m. and on March 29 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, residents can register on line.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Andreassen – Councilman Maclsaac, Mike Ivino and myself attended a meeting in Town of Woodstock regarding short term rentals, which was very interesting. Planning Board looked at several projects last night at their meeting.

Councilwoman Thornton – TV23 met and re-instated weather updates and is working on transferring digital files. April 14 at Diamond Mills will be a Craft Fair fundraiser for Boys & Girls Club and they will hold a dinner and auction on May 17, also at Diamond Mills. Lifespring has a new website, up and running. CPC Town and Village group meets next week along with STAC.

Councilman Maclsaac – regarding the short term rentals, the majority was in favor of this and the Town of Woodstock is proposing a new local law limiting the time allowed to be rented and an accountable person needs to be within 10 miles of the property. Would like Kings Highway rezoning moved forward. Looking into public vs private speech for employees; would like to see stricter wording on this subject.

Councilman Schoonmaker – Animal Shelter is holding a kitten fostering class on April 11th. Shout Out Saugerties is holding a poetry month in April. Food Trucks will be back on July 18, August 15 and September 19 to benefit rebuilding Small World Playground. The new Discovery guide should be available soon.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Supervisor Costello to re-appoint Barry Benepe to the Historic Preservation Commission to complete unexpired term of Michael Sullivan Smith to expire on March 31, 2020.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding Fifth Generation/5G.

Discussion: Councilman Maclsaac said that we are at 4G and eventually will get to 5G but question how this is being pushed. We are not anti-progress but need to keep Home Rule.

Councilman Andreassen added that they want imminent domain. Councilman MacIsaac said it limits fees the town can charge and seems to be a push to be first to get it done. Supervisor Costello added that if there are going to be new towers, the town should be able to regulate.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk