

**TOWN BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Building Department Conference Room located at Town Hall, 4 High Street in the Village of Saugerties. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

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

Absent: Councilman Mike Ivino

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:** none

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** none

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

Earlier tonight we held two public hearings regarding the 2024 Budget.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on October 18, 2023 and Town Board Workshop of October 25, 2023 regarding the 2024 Budget, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$231,440.87
General Outside Village	9,133.67
Highway	596,651.16
Ambulance District	127,002.25
Lighting District	11,484.97
Sewer O&M	6,750.48
Malden Sewer	204.79
Water O&M	4,497.33

Trust & Agency	14,019.04
Central Hudson	13,112.54

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – November 5 from 11-3 p.m. the Touch-a-Truck has been rescheduled; CPC met Thursday night and wants the town board to look at affordable housing and appoint a group to do a study. Thank you to the Highway Department for trimming brush on Canoe Hill Road. Supervisor Costello extended thanks to Councilwoman Thornton for all of her work with CPC.

Councilman Horton – attended the dog park opening and commented on the great job done with the space.

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to set a public hearing date of December 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to amend the zoning law and zoning map of the Town of Saugerties to rezone property owned by the Dominican Convent of Our Lady of the Rosary, a/k/a Dominican Sisters of Sparkill located at the terminus of Spaulding Lane on a parcel designated on the Town of Saugerties tax map as 29.5-5-13.100, from the Low Density Residential District (LDR) to High Density Residential District (HDR).

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that the developers paused to look into the matter and it has gone back to the Planning Board.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to hire Owen H. Miller as a Water & Sewer Operator Trainee for the Water & Sewer Department at a pay rate of \$18.00 per hour, effective November 13, 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to hire John D. Barylski as a Water & Sewer Operator for the Water & Sewer Department at a pay rate of \$24.00 per hour, effective November 13, 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the Resolution authorizing the intention to enter into an amendment of an agreement for a payment in lieu of tax (PILOT) agreement by and among the Town of Saugerties, The Birches at Saugerties Housing Development Fund Company, Inc. and The Birches at Saugerties limited partnership pending town attorney and town assessor approvals.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello explained that the Birches was purchased by new owners and starting major renovations.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint Gisel Florez to the Saugerties Art Commission.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:34 p.m., carried.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

<b>Wednesday, November 8, 2023</b>	<b>Town Board Workshop Lodging &amp; Events</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 15, 2023</b>	<b>Public Hearing Zoning pertaining to Signs</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Pre-Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Town Board Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 5, 2023</b>	<b>Public Hearing Zoning pertaining to Signs</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Public Hearing Zoning pertaining to Dominican Sisters of Sparkill</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 13, 2023</b>	<b>Pre-Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Town Board Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>

*The meeting was closed in memory of William “Boo” Shaffer and Bob McCaig*

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Town Clerk