

**PRE-BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 11, 2024**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 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 Leanne Thornton  
Councilman Zach Horton  
Supervisor Fred Costello  
Absent: Councilman Mike Ivino

Discussion regarding ARPA funds, some department heads will have a list of projects that could be funded, which the projects must be done by the first quarter in 2025.

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**TOWN BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 11, 2024**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 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 Leanne Thornton  
Councilman Zach Horton  
Supervisor Fred Costello  
Absent: Councilman Mike Ivino

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

Expressed gratitude to Josepha for years of volunteerism and leadership with a plaque and greenery arrangement along with refreshments to celebrate her retirement from the committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: none**

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

We will be amending the motion regarding ARPA and reassign funds to different projects.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of November 20, 2024, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

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| General Fund            | \$165,073.81 |
| General Outside Village | 16,334.69    |
| Highway                 | 58,462.89    |
| Capital Projects        | 547.50       |
| Ambulance District      | 129,134.25   |
| Sewer O&M               | 32,137.22    |
| Water O&M               | 9,360.01     |
| Central Hudson          | 17,743.58    |

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Greg Chorvas – finished drainage on Soccer Field #3; replaced two defected wall packs; dog park will be closed during ice and snow events. Wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Chief Swart – attended police graduation and will have two new recruits. The department also experienced a fatal accident in Saxton this past week.

Ray Mayone – started project on Market Street in Glasco; thank you to Mike Ivino for donating his bucket truck for tree removal on Thanksgiving Day.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – great Holiday in the Village with nice weather and 700+ children that visited the Kiersted Barn; STAC meeting in January.

Councilman Horton – conversation to enhance zero waste initiatives is happening

### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept Josepha Gutelius' retirement from the Comprehensive Planning Committee.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the proclamation, as read, for Joseph Gutelius.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, granting limited immunity to the County of Greene from special use permit requirements of the Town of Saugerties Zoning Law for Greene County E-911 radio tower facility.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello explained that this is upgrading their system but they still need to go through the planning process.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the Supervisor to sign, as on file, the Task Force Agreement between the Town of Saugerties and Ulster County.

Discussion: Chief Swart said this will allow us to use some of the collected fees.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the Supervisor to sign, as on file, the Stop-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Agreement between the Town of Saugerties and Ulster County.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the supervisor to sign the proposed fee schedule and service agreement between the Town of Saugerties and Advance Testing Company, Inc., as on file, in regards to the Saugerties Animal Shelter, Phase I for special inspections and materials testing.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the supervisor to sign the health insurance agreement with CDPHP which also encompasses the dental agreement for 2025 for the Town of Saugerties.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello explained that the current plan ends February 1<sup>st</sup> and the new plan will change deductibles.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Raymond Mayone to change the part time seasonal/as needed plow driver's rate of pay for the Highway Department to \$25.00 per hour effective immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Raymond Mayone to hire Jeffrey Lane as a part time "as needed" plow driver for the Highway Department rate of pay of \$25.00 per hour effective immediately.

Discussion: Ray added that he is a qualified driver and looking for full time position.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Horton to change Officer Jackie Zhang from a part time officer to a full time Provisional Officer, effective Monday, December 16, 2024, to be paid at the rate of \$30.63 an hour.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to promote Officer Amber Kolts to Provisional Sergeant, effective January 6, 2025 at a pay rate of \$35.55 per hour.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello gave credit to Chief Swart for organizing an independent panel to interview for this position. Amber is a natural leader and will be ideal for this role.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to pledge the remaining \$407,576.00 of ARPA (America Rescue Plan Act) funds to town related projects pending town accountant approval.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the resignation from permanent full time employment status in the Parks & Buildings Department of Ryan A. Herschel, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Councilman Horton and Supervisor Costello wish him the best as he pursues a more mechanically inclined job in the trades. Wish him the best.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve Jared A. McCaig in the Parks & Buildings Department who will be training as Ice Arena Zamboni Operator at the rate of \$18.00/hour. Upon completion of training the hourly rate will increase to \$19.00/hour, as per the previously approved "Salary Guidelines/Recommendations" for non-full time staff not covered in the Department's NRMOA, as per the recommendation of the Ice Arena Director and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas added that Jared has worked previous Garlic Festivals and will be an asset to the department.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Ivino absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:37 p.m., carried.

*The meeting closed in memory of George Turco, Dave Gori, Helen Ricks, Harold Hogan, Wayne Schmitt, William West, Genevieve "Jean" Dussol, Ronald Bogart, Sr., and Tracy McCarthy.*

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**January 8, 2025**

**Organizational Town Board Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.**

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