

## **PRE-BOARD MEETING – MAY 7, 2025**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 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 Mike Ivino  
Councilman Zach Horton  
Supervisor Fred Costello

Discussion regarding up-coming retirement/vacant positions. The Assessor would like someone in place, town board will need to canvass for position.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to enter into Executive Session regarding pending litigation at 6:51 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to exit Executive Session at 7:06 p.m., carried.

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Town Clerk

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING – MAY 7, 2025**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 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 Mike Ivino  
Councilman Zach Horton  
Supervisor Fred Costello

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:** none

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Anson Manfro – no noise ordinance in town and a musician neighbor plays well after 9:00 p.m. sometimes as late as 1:30 a.m. We need a decimal law; this should not be continual.

Edith Bolt – read poem about tree and environment

Stephanie Bassler – member of CPC and Smart Housing and supports affordable housing. Implied consensus is to move toward goals; submitted to the county for technical assistance \$50,000.00 for consultant services/scoping document.

Chris Allen – sad to see recent passing of Barry Benepe and he will be greatly missed. A future memorial is being planned.

Keisha Hoerner – thank you for considering grant proposal with land conservancy; the grant does not require a match.

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

Blue Jean Ball will be held on May 10 to benefit the Animal Shelter and the Andrew Mullen Fishing Tournament will be on the morning of May 10.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the minutes of Town Board Meeting on April 16, 2025, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$161,904.47
General Outside Village	3,915.11
Highway	38,908.31
Capital Projects	1,000.00
Sewer O&M	2,579.08
Water O&M	3,306.26
Trust & Agency	5,836.27
Central Hudson	40,043.45

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Greg Chorvas, Parks & Rec – lighting tied in at the field; door arrived damaged; Hope Rocks Tournament held despite the weather and the May Melt-Down at the Ice Rink raised \$10,000.00. Unfortunately, more vandalism has taken place at the grandstand bathrooms and we extend a thank you to City of Kingston for helping with clearing the lines.

Chief Swart, Police – fatal motorcycle accident recently and in April we had 800 calls. Some officers are leaving and we are trying to build staff back up.

Ray Mayone, Highway - everything is running smoothly

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – repair café will take place June 7; Boys & Girls Club fundraiser will be May 16; BBQ for the Splashpad will be May 22; check out Library website; concerns with position of new cell tower going in by Cantine.

Councilman Ivino – Animal Shelter Ball coming up; Legion will hold monthly dinner on May 13 and thank you to the new board volunteers.

Councilman Horton – benefit 5k on April 27 had over 400 participants, thank you to all for your support.

## **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to put up for auction through Auctions International, previously declared surplus vehicle, no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties, one (1) 2014 Dodge Charger, VIN #2C3DXKT0EH351550, as per the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to put up for auction through Auctions International, previously declared surplus vehicle, no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties, one (1) 2014 Ford Explorer, VIN #1FM5K8AR9EGA04523, as per the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to put up for auction through Auctions International, previously declared surplus vehicle, no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties, one (1) 2013 Ford Taurus, VIN #1FAHP2M82DG152729, as per the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to put up for auction through Auctions International, previously declared surplus vehicle, no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties, one (1) 2008 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN #2FAHP71V98X115944, as per the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to accept the resignation of part time Officer Steven K. Jackson, effective April 21, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to accept the resignation of Officer Daniel Farther, effective May 5, 2025.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello thanked him for his service and wishes him well.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), as on file, by and between the Town of Saugerties and the Town of Saugerties Police Benevolent Association (PBA).

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that it was a frank and challenging negotiations and it will be good for four years.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Horton to accept he resignation of Assistant Special Operations Coordinator (Assistant Grant Writer) Cora Noelle Mitchell, effective April 14, 2025.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that we will be posting the vacancy shortly.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the supervisor to sign the Proposal for Continued Professional Services, as on file, for the 2025 Post-Closure Landfill Sampling and Reporting with LaBella Associates.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, authorizing the implementation and funding of the costs of 100% of the costs of a transportation project, which may be eligible for federal-aid and/or state aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY funds as per the recommendation of Raymond Mayone, Highway Superintendent.

Discussion: Ray explained that this is the Drummond Falls Bridge project and may not start until 2026. It will cost over \$4million and the town will be responsible for 5%. The money would be spent by the town and then reimbursed within 52 days.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to table said motion.  
Vote on tabling motion: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to accept the letter of retirement from Martina Merced, effective May 30, 2025, as per the Superintendent of Parks and Buildings.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas added that she has been a very dedicated and committed employee, she will be missed.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, in support of Woodstock Land Conservancy's application for the Funding Futures Training and Grant Program.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 8:07 p.m., carried.

#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

<b>Wednesday, May 21, 2025</b>	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Amend P.H. procedures</b>	
	<b>Pre-Board Meeting</b>	<b>following hearing</b>
	<b>Town Board Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>June 18, 2025</b>	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Amend P.H. procedures</b>	
	<b>Pre-Board Meeting</b>	<b>following hearing</b>
	<b>Town Board Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>

*Meeting closed in memory of Bruce Tucker, Barry Benepe, Frank Rea and Tonita Lezette*

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Town Clerk