

**PRE-BOARD MEETING – JULY 10, 2024**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 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  
Councilman Mike Ivino  
Councilman Zach Horton  
Supervisor Fred Costello

Absent: Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton

We will be moving four motions forward to the agenda.

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**TOWN BOARD MEETING – JULY 10, 2024**

The Town Board Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 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  
Councilman Mike Ivino  
Councilman Zach Horton  
Supervisor Fred Costello

Absent: Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:** none

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Donald VanDyke – five people should not make a decision on housing for the town.  
Darlene Moore – so many new developments and residents; seems like the Planning and Zoning Board will be done away with.

Judith Spector – need to define and support pro-housing; need to save actual affordable housing.

Cat Anderson – Mayor from Wappinger Falls turned down large development projects; protecting emergency service personnel.

Charlie Moore – please table pro-housing resolution; if this is passed, would the Dominican project get fast-tracked through.

Karlynn Knaust-Elia – a pledge to facilitate a developers dream; pro-housing is incentive based.

Mike Tiano – Let Saugerties Grow Gracefully; let the Planning and Zoning Boards do their job. Please don't buy into floating zones.

Josepha Gutelius – need to know consequences of pro-housing; wants proof that the majority of the population will benefit.

Marie Bing – filed petition to lower speed limit on Blue Mountain Road.

Uli Cohen – helped collect signatures for lower speed limit.

Edward Vickers – we are at peak levels in the town now; could make Dominican property a park for all to enjoy.

Gaetana Ciarlante – Governor doesn't seem to want to abide by laws; tell the governor No, stop destroying communities.

Tom Francello – pro-housing means abide by what is said or you don't get the money; the town is throwing zoning out the window and the governor is throwing this down our throats.

Lanny Walter – statement of values, need people who can afford to live and work here.

Lucy Carpenter – not against affordable housing but against circumventing the system.

Brittany Barnard – support pro-housing resolution; need protection for renters, law will put a reasonable cap on rent, we are in a housing crisis.

John Schoonmaker – supports pro-housing, build affordable public housing.

Jerilyn Mason – signed the petition to lower speed limit on Blue Mountain Road.

Diane Colello – we need more community education regarding pro-housing.

Tim Scott – supports pro-housing pledge, we need this to go through; only rich people can afford to live here.

Suzanne VanWagenen – speed limit in Twin Maples is 30 and it is too high. Everyone wants to be able to afford to live, there is an economic problem.

Cora Mitchell – rents in Saugerties and please vote and act in pro-housing.

Louise Mason – daughter lives at the Lasher House and if Dominican project goes through it will take away a peaceful setting.

Supervisor Costello spoke and addressed the audience regarding pro-housing. This proposal is not related to the Dominican Villas project which has been amended. The Town Board has not made a decision about that project. What motivated this resolution are things already in our Comprehensive Plan and preserving rural character of our town. The need for housing is real and this has nothing to do with a floating zone.

Councilman Horton added that he is no expert on the housing crisis but does have concern that the integrity of the Planning and Zoning Boards may be diminished. It would be irresponsible to move forward; would like to table this motion for a later date.

Councilwoman Nau is in favor of tabling the motion.

Councilman Ivino share the comments of Supervisor Costello and Councilman Horton; would not want Zoning circumvented; investors will still have to abide by codes.

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on June 12, 2024 and Special Town Board Meeting on June 24, 2024, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$264,912.57
General Outside Village	10,054.54
Highway	119,223.18
Capital Projects	22,686.58
Ambulance District	126,595.95
Sewer O&M	4,391.85
Water O&M	4,392.03
Trust & Agency	1,090.00
Central Hudson	22,298.14

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Chief Nuzzo – several events the past couple weeks have kept the department very busy – fire convention, Col. Donlon ceremony, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Car Show – all hands have been on deck!

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilman Ivino – ZBA denied Samadhi project; the Building Department and Water & Sewer Department have been busy.

Councilman Horton – connected with the Mayor regarding the Harvester on the Esopus and 23 tons have been extracted so far.

### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the Proclamation, as on file, in regards to Col. Roger Donlon.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the Agreement between the Town of Saugerties, International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 445 and Brian Ellsworth.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to remove Officer Christopher E. Collins from the part time call out list, effective June 25, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve hiring Sean P. McGirr as a permanent Full Time Police Officer at a pay rate of \$26.64 per hour, effective July 16, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to rescind the following which was done on January 3, 2024 agenda: motion to approve a charge of \$35.00 on each check tendered for payment and returned for insufficient funds, according to Section 85 of the General Municipal Law.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that Diane Friedmann was made aware that the maximum charge is \$20.00.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve a charge of \$20.00 on each check tendered for payment and returned for insufficient funds, according to Section 85 of the General Municipal Law.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to add to the Parks & Buildings part time Security List, Russell Hughes at a rate of \$19.00/hour, as per the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Councilman Horton clarified that this is on an “as needed” basis.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent, Councilman Ivino voting No)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the resolution, as on file, in regards to the Pro-Housing Communities Pledge.

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to table the motion.

Vote on motion to table: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent, Supervisor Costello voting No)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, pertaining to the Town of Saugerties applying for a grant from the NYS OPRHP for the purpose of funding the Saugerties Parks Connectivity and Accessibility Project.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the Order, as on file, approving Extension of the Kings Highway Water District in the Town of Saugerties.

Discussion: Councilman Ivino thanked Michelle Hinchey for help in funding.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the Order, as on file, approving Extension of the Kings Highway Sewer District in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the resolution, as on file, authorizing the Settlement of Litigation against Columbia Utilities, LLC.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that they filed bankruptcy and broke their contract.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to allow the Supervisor to sign the amendment, as on file, pertaining to the DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign between the Town of Saugerties and Ulster County.

Discussion: Chief Nuzzo added that this comes down to a staffing issue.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve a petition, as on file, regarding speed limit concerns on Blue Mountain Road in the Town of Saugerties and ask the Town Clerk to prepare then mail the necessary paperwork (TE-9) to the appropriate department.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the retirement of Chief Water/Wastewater TR Plant Operator Andrew McBride from Town of Saugerties Water & Sewer Department, effective July 1, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Andrew McBride as a part time Laborer on an “as needed” basis for the Town of Saugerties Water & Sewer Department at a pay rate of \$25.00 per hour, effective July 8, 2024.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:49 p.m., carried.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

<b>Tuesday, July 30, 2024</b>	<b>Public Hearing Proposed Amendments for Lodging &amp; Events</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 14, 2024</b>	<b>Public Hearing Proposed Amendments for Lodging &amp; Events</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Pre-Board Meeting Town Board Meeting</b>	<b>following hearing 7:00 p.m.</b>

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