

PRE-BOARD MEETING – MAY 19, 2021

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 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 Leeanne Thornton
Councilwoman Peg Nau
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Councilman Mike Ivino
Supervisor Fred Costello

Councilman Schoonmaker questioned Randy Ricks as a replacement on ZBA; after discussion, all are in agreement to move forward. Patti Kelly has already spoken to Randy Ricks and Henry Rua and they are ready to serve.

Petition from Mike Moriello, Esq. regarding Randy Richers would like zoning change consideration from property to engage planning process, all are in agreement. This may be subject to SEQRA, Planning Board and Planner.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – MAY 19, 2021

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 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 was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilwoman Peg Nau
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Councilman Mike Ivino
Supervisor Fred Costello

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Jeremy Rushkoski & Steve Wehr: 2 EV's for the police department – gave a presentation for the benefits of applying for grants.

Ulster County Commission for Reapportionment: Commissioners Kathleen Waithe & Regis Obijski outline charge of commission and input from meeting attendees regarding our county legislative districts that retain 23 districts in Ulster County but boundaries may change.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Kelly Miller – lived here whole life, Hope Antonelli is anything but a racist. Open door policies, if a student wants an assignment changed, it happens. Only snap-shot of assignment, it was not the whole context; libel and slander are wrong. Councilman Schoonmaker should resign as a board member because he misused his power.

Keith Kehoe – Veteran and embarrassed for the school board and union. Councilman Schoonmaker is shallow and should resign. Hope Antonelli should be commended for having students think outside the box.

Bridget Maldarelli – in school we had all different views and assignments, kids these days are pampered. If you don't agree with Justine, you are automatically a racist.

Deacon David Edwards – Mrs. Antonelli is not a racist. Have gone through numerous changes but Mrs. Antonelli was always there. God is forgiving and John Schoonmaker should ask for forgiveness. Mrs. Antonelli feels threatened.

Andrew Farrell – agrees with all regarding Mrs. Antonelli. On a different note, we have an AirBnB but are not ghost renters; we live here. Would like to talk to the town board and see if changes are coming soon. Supervisor Costello said to stay engaged because the board is at the very beginning of talks with this, it is a balancing act. Mr. Farrell continued that he depends on the income so it is fearful. Councilman Ivino added that the building department is inundated with requests of tiny homes, AirBnB, etc. need things in place to make the town run smooth and without incident.

John McFeely – signed a petition to remove John Schoonmaker, losing career move by taking sides.

Lauren Ruberg – taxpayer and former teacher. John Schoonmaker, what has prompted you to go against another public servant? Instead of speaking directly to the teacher or superintendent, went to facebook instead. We are a town of hardworking public servants and could not sit in silence.

Raymond Williams – sent email to SHS administrators; she is amazing teacher, promotes positivity and is not racist. Thank her for bringing forth hard subjects. College professor gave same assignment. This town lives in harmony until Justine came in to this town.

Nina Scheinbauer – has several clients with experience with SHS. Proud of John Schoonmaker for saying something about this subject. The assignment could have been worded differently.

Jessica Lewoc – teacher was degraded without discussion; assignment does not infer racism, look at the big picture. Teacher immediately reached out to the student and family.

Bobbi Jo Weber – daughter is afraid of protestors, afraid to go back to school.

Supervisor Costello said the town board does not have authority over SHS and has not taken a position on this; there is freedom of speech and due process.

Karen Sasso – if no governing authority, why can John Schoonmaker speak out? In violation of his position and he should not represent our town.

Councilman Schoonmaker – this was a personal statement and not from the town board; had an issue with a statement at the end of the assignment.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS: we removed two motions from the agenda tonight regarding accepting bids for roof replacements because we would like to explore financing options. Congratulations to Sawyer Savings Bank for their 150th Anniversary. Saugerties is listed in a NY Times article.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on May 5, 2021 and Public Hearing of May 6, 2021 regarding EV Charging Stations, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$149,513.20
General Outside Village	23,846.43
Highway	39,935.73
Capital Projects	14,757.30
Lighting District	5,086.61
Sewer O&M	35,593.31
Water O&M	7,425.45
Central Hudson	7,383.74

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: none

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – Boys & Girls Club holding a virtual and live auction on May 20 with bidding starts at 5:00 p.m.; Lifespring is in their 12th Anniversary and the Kiersted House will hold a BBQ on July 3rd.

Councilman Ivino – 4th of July parade is a go!

Councilman Schoonmaker – Harvester will be on the creek next week; Planning Board had a public hearing on a three-story building on Jeffrey Court.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Randy Ricks to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacant position that Jeanne Goldberg retired from with a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that Randy is a long time resident and firefighter. He will be a valuable asset.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Patti Kelly as Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of 2021 to fill the vacant position that Jeanne Goldberg retired from

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said she is a terrific chair and will fill the vacancy with ease.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Ivino to appoint Henry Rua as Vice Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of 2021 to fulfill the vacated position that Patti Kelly held.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the supervisor to sign Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2020-00000455 DWI Crackdown Enforcement Agreement, as on file between Ulster County and the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to adopt the resolution, as on file, regarding Local Law #2 of 2021 pertaining to amending the Town of Saugerties Zoning Law to amend Chapter 245 of the Town of Saugerties Municipal Code regarding electric vehicle charging stations.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to authorize the parks and building department to advertise and obtain, written bids for roof replacement work

of the birthday party and pro shop rooms once bid specifications are completed as per the recommendation of the parks and building superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the refund of \$450.00 for an application by Forest Run Campground that was submitted to the Planning Board, but never went through the form review process with the Planning Board, this is per the chairman of the Planning Board.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to allow the supervisor to sign the Independent Contractor Agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and Choice Words LLC in regard to the ice arena air cooled chiller.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said this is part of being a Climate Smart Community.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to allow the supervisor to sign the Electricity Supply Agreement, available upon request, between the Town of Saugerties and Joule Assesst, Inc., in regard to Community Choice Aggregation (CCA).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to set a public hearing date of June 16, 2021 with the time being 5:30 p.m. pertaining to enacting a Property Maintenance Law in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:47 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, June 16, 2021	Public Hearing	6:00 p.m.
	Changing Message Signs	
	Pre-Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

The meeting was closed in memory of Isabelle DeCelle and George Taylor.

Town Clerk