

**PRE-BOARD MEETING – APRIL 17, 2024**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:40 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

All were in agreement to move forward a motion to the agenda regarding Standard Workday Reporting.

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Councilwoman Peg Nau  
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton  
Councilman Mike Ivino  
Councilman Zach Horton  
Supervisor Fred Costello

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

Matt Wexler with The Villas, Update – original plan was to have all senior housing of 122 units, now would like to reduce to 80 units – 59 of senior housing and 21 affordable housing consisting of townhouse and flats. It would still need Planning Board approval and maintain HDR; asking the town board to consider this proposal.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Teri Bach-Tucker – confident in the decisions that the town board makes. Stands with Israel, hope there is no resolution tonight on international incidents.

Harv Holowitz – from the Jewish Federation and asking you not to pass or support a resolution, no standing in UN and internationally.

Mark Klein – town board is paid to do a local job, local problems need to be addressed.

Len Chodosh – completely inappropriate to entertain this resolution.

Pat Sheehan – Saugerties PD deserves credit in the hit and run matter

Peter Loughran – opposition to resolution; many hostages still being held and mistreated

Martin Pashensky – resolution has no business in local town work

Susan Poretz – should not take position; why is this war different than other wars

Bill Barr – in favor of resolution, affirm our values

Marge Leopold – many voters support ceasefire

Michelle Tuchman – it is not the job of the town board to pass this resolution – don't be bullied or manipulated.

Ruth Mandelbaum – City of Kingston did not pass, we should not pass

John Schoonmaker – we have been asking for a signed resolution for 6 weeks

Britt Barnard – pass resolution, do not accept genocide

Trent Decker – pass ceasefire, must stand with all oppressed

Allie Decker – support ceasefire resolution

Brandon Schiller – oppose any ceasefire resolution

Richard Levy – not a typical war, this is a local issue

Jane Hirschman – this is our town business, its about getting rid of a population

Frank Augena – evil to victimize the innocent, ethical and moral responsibility

Eliza Blum – thank you to people on both sides for showing up; every ten minutes a child is killed; care about humanity.

Jack Redmond – check out movie Civil War; feel urgency to act.

Jasmin Attalla – 2/3 of voters want a ceasefire; federal officials are not listening

Stephanie Kerr – please pass ceasefire resolution

May Herskovitz – support ceasefire

Sarah Burns – support permanent ceasefire

Bob Gelbach – Americans are asking for a ceasefire

Luke Brenant – support Palestine and Israel people

Diane Colello – wants a ceasefire; ban all war

Molly Mackaman – supports permanent ceasefire

Page Pulver – here for ceasefire resolution

Lanny Walter – moved by destruction and disturbed by what's happening

Deena Turner – tax dollars are making this genocide possible

Daniel Gilholy – support ceasefire resolution

Tim Scott – pass ceasefire resolution

Joanne Pagano Weber – please pass ceasefire resolution

Sae Sohn – support ceasefire

Cheryl Kumar – reps are not giving us any attention  
Abbie Schiff – asking for this resolution is like being complicit with Hamas  
Alexis Reinhold – needs end to this conflict  
Sandy Silverman – this is not pro-Hamas, support ceasefire  
Ann O’Brien – support ceasefire resolution  
Cora Mitchell – pass permanent ceasefire resolution  
Chris Allen – Archtop is abusing right-of-way installing fiber optic; properties need to be fixed  
Brittany O’Toole – this issue should not be political, stop harassing town board members; congressman should be addressing this ceasefire issue  
Linda Geary – Hamas is not the victim, in the business of war; where are the hostages?  
Brianna Merrill – support ceasefire resolution, does not support Hamas  
Kerr Martin – wants resolution for peace  
Rose Panky – support ceasefire  
Allison Burn – support ceasefire

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

Thank you to everyone for showing respect for one another during public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on April 3, 2024, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$966,550.90
General Outside Village	22,872.86
Highway	76,482.71
Ambulance District	126,621.36
Sewer O&M	51,145.17
Water O&M	6,711.74
Trust & Agency	26,067.58
Central Hudson	38,580.75

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Chief Nuzzo – one of our officers was involved in an accident recently, everyone is alright but car will need to be replaced along with a few others with higher mileage. Important to see police out and about in the neighborhood.

Ray Mayone, Highway – plows and sanders are being taken off; paving will be starting soon. OSHA training was held. Market Street in Glasco is holding and continue to work with geologist.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – CPC meets on 04/25/24; Lifespring by-laws have been updated; Hudson Valley Firematics is planning a weekend long event in the coming months.

Councilman Ivino – nothing to report

Councilman Horton – Zamboni (electric) has finally arrived; all equipment at the Ice Rink is electric. Looking into potential funding for upgrades at Jaycee Field. CCA meets on 04/18/24.

#### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to accept the retirement/resignation of Stephen Gakenheimer, Deputy Superintendent of Highways with his last day of employment being April 29, 2024, as per the recommendation of Raymond Mayone, Highway Superintendent.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that Steve is a true leader and Ray Mayone said that Steve was helpful since day one and a pleasure to work with, wish him well in his retirement.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint Clifford Wayman to the vacant position of Deputy Superintendent of Highways, effective April 30, 2024 with a rate of pay of \$32.45 plus a Deputy stipend of \$200.00 per week, as per the recommendation of Raymond Mayone, Highway Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Stephen Gakenheimer as a part time “as needed” Laborer at the Highway Department, effective May 1, 2024 at a rate of pay of \$25.00, as per the recommendation of Raymond Mayone, Highway Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow Kevin Brown part time Electrician for the town to do electrical related work for the Parks & Buildings

Department at a rate of \$50.00 per hour on an as needed basis and per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Department Superintendent, effective April 1, 2024.

Discussion: Councilman Ivino explained that he is opposed to this position, employees should be stepping up and filling in.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilmen Ivino & Horton voting No)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to amend the Employee Handbook regarding the Life Insurance offered to town employees because the correct benefit amount is \$25,000.00, not \$20,000.00.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to amend the Employee Handbook to include a Social Media Policy per the recommendation of the town's insurance company which is pending town attorney approval then is available upon request.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the proclamation, as on file, pertaining to May as American Legion Poppy Month.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the supervisor to sign the Proposal for Planning Services, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and Adriana Beltrani.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton explained that Adrianna left the company she was working for and is cleared to continue to work with us.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the supervisor to sign the Municipal Parks & Recreation Subaward Agreement between the Town of Saugerties and Ulster County which is pending town attorney approval then is available upon request.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that it was awarded a substantial amount of money and will submit for reimbursement.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to allow the supervisor to sign the Grant of Gas Lines Right of Way between the Town of Saugerties and Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation which is pending town attorney approval then is available upon request.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the supervisor to sign the agreement between the Town of Saugerties and Choice Words pertaining to grant work for economic development and community support which is pending town attorney approval then is available upon request.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that we may be eligible for grant money.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution, as on file, for elected and appointed Officials as requested by the NYS Retirement System.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:05 p.m., carried.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024**

**Pre-Board Meeting**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Town Board Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.**

*The meeting closed in memory of Deborah Angelino and Michael Granoto.*

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Town Clerk