

TOWN BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 15, 2021

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 and started at 8:00 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 Mike Ivino
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Supervisor Fred Costello

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Bob Cranston – no meeting is scheduled for the rest of the year which means we are opting in with the dispensaries. 25% of towns in NYS have already opted out.

Christa Smith – actively trying to get a light at the Malden intersection but is getting the run around. No more deaths should happen.

Gaetana Ciarlante – pot shops are cash business and leads to corruption.

Alice Vining – so many speakers that have worked with addictions, its unfair not to opt-out.

Michelle Numssen – need to work on better job at getting the agenda posted and out earlier.

Supervisor Costello said the board held two informational meetings, two public hearings; the board is weighing what is best to protect the youth and give options for adults.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

CFA has reopened the process and awarded a substantial grant to replace the chiller at the ice rink. Congratulations to the First Responders and Sawyer Motors on the toy drive.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of November 17, 2021; Public Hearing on

November 17, 2021 regarding Business District/Industrial District zoning and Bid Opening on December 9, 2021 for the roof at the Ice Area, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$1,232,169.49
General Outside Village	104,927.28
Highway	344,175.37
Capital Projects	32,906.87
Ambulance District	66,326.58
Lighting District	1,931.93
Sewer O&M	30,319.94
Water O&M	26,704.90
Trust & Agency	3,174.42
Central Hudson	32,230.60

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – grant process was started three years ago and with thanks to Choice Words grant writer, we are looking forward to moving forward on this. Pickle ball court group is raising funds. Finally received equipment that was ordered 6-9 months ago. Summer Rec is receiving on-line registrations for 2022.

Doug Myer – trucks are set up for the winter; Transfer Station is on track again to make a substantial profit.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – Saugerties Arts Commission met on December 8th, next meeting is December 31, 2021.

Councilwoman Thornton – Boys & Girls Club teen nights in Kingston on Friday nights; several families could use help this holiday. Historical Society has 2022 calendars out; CPC meeting December 16, 2021 regarding Short Term rentals and Library has different programs available.

Councilman Ivino – Building Department report has been submitted and Diaz ambulance is busy as usual as well as Water & Sewer.

Councilman Schoonmaker – would like to thank the residents of the town for allowing me to serve the last four years and wish Zach and the board continued success.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve COVID bonuses for Town of Saugerties employees to be paid out of monies from the American Rescue Plan Act for hours worked between June 2020 through August 2020.

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to table above motion.

Vote on motion to table: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Costello voting No)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the resignation of Police Officer David Stoutenburgh, effective December 15, 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Chelsea Marino as a part time dispatcher, effective December 16, 2021 at the starting salary of \$18.47 an hour.

Vote: Adopted -5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to appoint Amber Kolts to a permanent full time police officer position off the Civil Service Certification of Eligible, effective December 16, 2021 and the starting salary will be \$23.60 an hour.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve a petition, as on file with the Town Clerk, regarding speed limit concerns on Ulster Landing Road and ask the Town Clerk to prepare the necessary paperwork (TE-9) and mail to the appropriate department.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to increase the licensing fee for spayed/neutered dogs to \$6.00 per dog and unspayed/unneutered shall be \$15.00 per dog with proof of current rabies vaccine certificate, effective January 1, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve extending Holly Strutt's term as the alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals to expire on January 7, 2022 rather than on December 31, 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint Joe Ferraro as the regular representative for the Town of Saugerties on the Ulster County Planning Board from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint Steve Hubbard as an alternate representative for the Town of Saugerties on the Ulster County Planning Board from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello approving dedication of all roadways and stormwater areas as presented in documentation from Riseley & Moriello Attorneys at Law to the Town of Saugerties Town Board and Supervisor Costello pertaining to the Glasco Ponds Subdivision which is dated December 6, 2021. Such approvals will become effective upon certification from Town Attorney John Greco that all submitted documentation is sufficient to complete the dedication process.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the Diaz Memorial Ambulance Service Inc. Service Agreement between Town of Saugerties and Diaz Memorial Ambulance Service Inc. which is pending town attorney approval and then available upon request.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the supervisor to sign the Criminal Justice Discovery Agreement, as on file, between the County of Ulster and the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, in support of the Birds and Bees Protection Act.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the schedule of Facility Use Fees for 2022 (on file) as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the 2022 schedule of pay rates (on file) for Parks & Buildings Summer Youth Recreation Program, Seasonal, part time, temporary and security staffing, not covered in the non-represented

Memorandum of Agreement as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve Moriah Miller as cashier at the Ice Arena at a rate of \$15.50/hour, per the recommendation of the Ice Arena Director and Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to add to the department's part time call out list Lain Lydecker at a rate of \$13.50/hour per the recommendation of the Ice Arena Director and Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties one (1) 1991 Hurst 3 Axle, 9 ton trailer serial # 1H9T52034M1057215, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to authorize the sale of aforementioned equipment through Auctions International or other source, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to reject the one and only bid received from Vad Contractors, Inc., Brooklyn, NY for roof replacement on the Ice Arena Annex Building over the party room and pro shop, along with the north and south passageways, as per the recommendations of Engineer Firm Brinnier & Larios, the Ice Arena Director and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton authorizing the Parks & Buildings Department, in conjunction with Engineering Firm Brinnier & Larios, to re-bid roof replacement on the Ice Arena Annex Building over the party room and pro-shop, along with the north and south passageways, as per the recommendations of the Ice Arena Director and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Meeting closed in memory of Theresa Pesce, Janet Parr, Richard Ricks, Jeremy Budik, Chris George and Frank Secreto.

Tonight is Councilman Schoonmaker's last meeting, we thank him for his service the last four years, it has been a pleasure to work with him. Wish Highway Superintendent Doug Myer all the best, good luck in retirement.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to enter into Executive Session regarding employment of a particular person at 9:01 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to exit Executive Session at 9:49 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to authorize the Supervisor to engage a firm to conduct an investigation into a personnel matter.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 10:00 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Organizational Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk