

TOWN BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 15, 2023

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 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 Leanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Ivino
Councilman Zach Horton
Supervisor Fred Costello

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Richard “Doc” Kappler, Saugerties Kiwanis & Garlic Festival Chairman – presented a check to cover expenses incurred by the Parks & Buildings Department in the amount of \$16,220.65. Thank you to all involved and volunteers in the town. There were 18,000+ attendees and zero waste was implemented again this year; Greg Chorvas said this is a huge cost savings and much less carbon.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: none

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS: the Garlic Festival is a signature event and many benefits because of Kiwanis in many different areas of the community. Since the beginning, Kiwanis has given \$2.6 million to the town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of November 1, 2023; Public Hearings of November 1, 2023 regarding Tax Cap and 2024 Budget; Emergency Meeting of November 2, 2023 and Workshop of November 8, 2023, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$322,942.55
General Outside Village	15,759.02

Highway	696,321.53
Capital Projects	753,844.75
Ambulance District	127,002.25
Lighting District	11,484.97
Sewer O&M	6,773.98
Malden Sewer	204.79
Water O&M	4,516.56
Trust & Agency	20,324.21
Central Hudson	33,781.63

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Ray Mayone, Highway – finished blacktopping and helped village complete their jobs; plows are on trucks and ready to go. Using the brush hog last year has helped this year with maintenance.

Doug Myer, Transfer Station – status quo with the Transfer Station.

Greg Chorvas, Parks & Rec – police department has twin boilers and both have failed; delay with new boilers. The circuit board at the senior center is fried and more difficult to get parts. Ice chiller is scheduled to arrive Tuesday.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – library is closing at 2:00 p.m. on November 22 and all day November 23. Santa will be at the Kiersted Barn on December 3; STAC met; Boys & Girls Club hosted two teen nights/month, will have a craft fair on 12/3 and dinner on 12/13. CPC met with the town board; thank you to all departments/companies for the Touch-a-Truck event.

Councilman Ivino – building department report is on file

Councilman Horton – nothing to report

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the 2024 Budget.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that this cycle originally drove the cap up but we achieved goal of staying within the cap.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the resolutions, as on file, regarding an Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Saugerties and the Town of Shandaken relative to the use of a Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Center.

Discussion: Doug Myer clarified that this is an up-dated, open-ended agreement, \$10,000/year.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the supervisor to sign, as on file, the DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Agreement between the Town of Saugerties and Ulster County pending the Chief of Police approval.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution regarding the Municipal Parks & Recreation Subaward Agreement: Town of Saugerties pertaining to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (the SLFRF) to be used for the town's wheelchair adaptive and standard pickleball courts pending town attorney approval.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the settlement of the tax assessment review case in the matter of Dapine Klausner v Town of Saugerties and its Assessor and Board of Assessment Review pending in New York State Supreme Court, County of Ulster, Index No. EF2023-1605 pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Consent Judgment annexed hereto and made a part hereof.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the schedule of Facility Use Fees for 2024 (on file) as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.
Discussion: Greg Chorvas said the percentage of increase is less for residents than non-residents.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the 2024 schedule of pay rates (on file) for Parks & Building 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 Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties one (1) defective 2003 GMC three-quarter ton pickup truck Vin #2GTEK19T631100017, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Horton to dispose of aforementioned surplus equipment via auctions International or via other greater revenue generating means, which may include Metal Salvage Reclamation, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to authorize the Parks & Buildings Department to advertise for Bids for one (1) new Emergency Backup Generator for the Ice Arena Refrigeration Plant, including the new Air-Cooler Chiller, once final drawings and specifications are completed by the Electrical Engineer, as per the recommendation of the Ice Arena Director and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

*Expenses to be covered by ARPA Covid-19 Reimbursement Funding previously received and approved by the Town Board on December 15, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to authorize the Parks & Buildings Department to advertise for Bids for one (1) new Emergency Backup Generator for the Ice Arena Building once final drawings are specifications are completed by the Electrical Engineer, as per the recommendation of the Ice Arena Director and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent. *Expenses to be covered from NYS 2022 Dormitory Grant. **Upon completion, this will make the Ice Arena a fully certified Red Cross Evacuation Center.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:52 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Tuesday, December 5, 2023	Public Hearing	5:30 p.m.
	Proposed Amendments to Sign Law	
	Public Hearing	6:00 p.m.
	Re-zone Dominican Sisters	
Wednesday, December 13, 2023	Pre-Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

The meeting closed in memory of Ed Martino, III, Mary Martino and Mary Spada

Town Clerk