

TOWN BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 21, 2020

The Town Board Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties and via Webex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

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

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

We are doing our best to be able to keep virtual meetings going and having TV23 film.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of October 7, 2020, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$162,378.31
General Outside Village	22,253.97
Highway	35,895.69
Capital Projects	2,739.06
Lighting District	7,349.98
Sewer O&M	3,173.46
Water O&M	3,769.44
Central Hudson	10,751.98

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – Bigelow Park is 100% complete; all park entrances will be enhanced with LPR (license plate readers), which are good at night time with funding by leagues.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Thornton – Holiday in the Village Committee meets next week to get a game plan for festivities; there will be a light contest through town. A calendar for 2021 is on sale for \$20.00 at the Town Clerk’s Office to benefit the Historical Society. Boys & Girls Club next fundraiser is poinsettia sale. CPC is looking at Kings Highway zoning and on November 10, there will be a public hearing for the new Comprehensive Plan.

Councilman Ivino – Diaz is having staffing issues, they are exploring a third crew. A mailer was sent out to help with costs and \$15,000.00 was raised. On October 30th, a BBQ fundraiser will be held at Stone Pony to raise money for the First Responder – Jack Rose memorial.

Councilman Schoonmaker – the animal shelter store will be open soon. HPC’s update on Asbury district will be complete in approximately six months. The group may also be accepting historical documents from Winston Farms. Shout Out Saugerties wrapped up with a film on the Esopus Creek.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve setting a public hearing date of November 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. pertaining to the 2021 Budget.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that it is still a work in progress but we are well within the tax cap.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve a curfew of 7:00 p.m. for Halloween, October 31, 2020 in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve a fireworks permit for Kevin Fritschler of American Fireworks Display LLC for a fireworks display at 51 Grey Mouse Road on October 31, 2020 to begin at 7:45 p.m. with an end time of 8:00 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Douglas F. Myer to hire James E. Bach, Jr., as a full time Motor Equipment Operator at a rate of \$22.53 per hour effective October 22, 2020.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said there are three vacancies at the Highway and Councilman Ivino added that these two new hirers are Veterans and we are happy to have them.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Douglas F. Myer to hire William T. Carr as a full time Motor Equipment Operator at a rate of \$22.53 per hour effective October 22, 2020.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to rescind the approved motion of September 16, 2020 approving Joseph L. Hunter to the Parks & Buildings part time call out list, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the resignation from Karen Evans, effective October 14, 2020, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the resignation from Jason Brink, effective October 21, 2020, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve Robert R. Bannen, as part time Custodian, at a rate of \$15.00 per hour effective immediately, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution pursuant to NYS Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) declaring to be joint lead agency, as on file, pertaining to the Comprehensive Plan for the Town/Village of Saugerties.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton added that this is part of the procedure to get the new Comprehensive Plan approved.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow the Supervisor to sign the DWI Crackdown Enforcement Agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and Ulster County.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to set a Public Hearing for November 10, 2020 at 6:30 for CPC for the new Comprehensive Plan.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:48 p.m., carried.

Meeting closed in memory of Andrew DePoala Jr.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Public Hearing 6:00 p.m.

- **2021 Budget**

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Pre-Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk