

TOWN BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located at 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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Ray Mayone, Jr. – spoke in favor of Diaz Ambulance on behalf of the fire departments as an association and a group. Fire departments are being burdened because the ambulance only has two crews. We need and support a third full time crew. Third out calls average 15 per month in Glasco District alone.

Sean Rafferty – some fire departments only have basic first aid trained volunteers; a few companies are fortunate enough to have EMT trained volunteers in their fire company.

Councilman Ivino – you do not get the quality care from other ambulance companies like Diaz; also, you would be taking away from other communities when their ambulance is called out to help in your district.

Kevin Drescher – was under the impression that there have been meetings with Diaz in the past; we all need the facts and can not put a price on a life. In 1978, served on the board to bring Diaz as a district and am again willing to help.

Brian Breithaupt – remember to use dollar and cents instead of percentage of increase per district on individual tax bills.

Councilwoman Thornton – there was a full house at the last presentation of Diaz, people don't realize and I think it opened a lot of eyes. Don't think there is a family in town that wouldn't support an increase.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the minutes of September 1, 2021, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$388,264.47
General Outside Village	51,615.71
Highway	658,876.27
Capital Projects	50,781.25
Ambulance District	66,326.58
Sewer O&M	17,786.11
Water O&M	16,533.63

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – three separate acts of vandalism at Cantine but because of cameras, we have made positive identifications. Cameras are completed in the Malden Terpening Park now. Sawyer Savings gave a donation of \$2,500.00 to rebuild the Small World Playground; the last Food Truck Festival is scheduled for September 16th, which has held three previous successful events.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – Arts Commission is interviewing for two positions on their board.
Councilwoman Thornton – library budget has passed and events are coming up, October 6th is a Halloween Trivia night. Boys & Girls Club is up in full swing and volunteers are needed. CPC will meet September 23rd and a Workshop was held yesterday regarding zoning issues.
Councilman Ivino – Water and Sewer has new auger system; Building Department is busier all the time. RYAN House will hold a ribbon cutting on September 25th at 11:30 a.m.
Councilman Schoonmaker – in support of RYAN House and on September 18th the Animal Shelter is holding a fundraiser.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding community solar.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that this adds to the menu that consumers can select for alternative energy.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilman Ivino to accept the resignation of Officer Christine Geoghegan, effective September 22, 2021.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that this is a big loss for the department, wish her the best.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Officer Amber Kolts to 90 day temp position, effective September 20, 2021 and at a salary of \$23.60 per hour pending Civil Service approval.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint Officer Erik Lilland to 90 day temp position, effective September 20, 2021 and at a salary of \$23.60 per hour pending Civil Service approval.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to accept the resignation of William Carr from the Highway Department effective September 2, 2021.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said he is grateful for his time and Councilman Ivino thanked him for his active duty service.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the resignation/retirement of Dean Fabiano effective September 29, 2021.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that Dean has had 40+ years in the highway department, he will be missed.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to move Ryan Herschel from temporary full time to permanent full time, to fill previously vacated position, with no increase in current rate of pay as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to set a public hearing for October 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. regarding Property Maintenance.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello explained that revisions have been made and we are holding another public hearing.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

