

**PRE BOARD MEETING – MARCH 1, 2023**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 6:45 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

The members had a discussion regarding the amount of train traffic that goes through Ulster County and concerns with the emergency response personnel.

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Town Clerk

**TOWN BOARD MEETING – MARCH 1, 2023**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 1, 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 was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

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

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:** none

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Robert Gallenz – in support of three gentlemen with the Winston Farm project; want responsible growing environment. Let the facts speak for themselves.

Lanny Walter – ValVlierden Road and Carelis Road intersect and the red brick building on the corner should be taken down. Now trees have been clear-cut and town board should govern taking down mother trees. Makes sense to have a law to protect trees. Regarding the railroad situation, whatever we can do to protect ourselves, we should.

Edward Vickers – regarding Villas project, are there state and federal wetlands affected and would like to see environmental impact statement.

Cathy Anderson – own the “gate house” to the Villa property; please come down and walk the property; traffic will be horrendous. Its not right that its tax exempt.

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

It is disturbing to hear about information being distributed regarding the Villa project, which has erroneous information. The town board has not made a decision and further explained the next steps with the project. Supervisor’s Association has sent a letter to DEC regarding releases of turbid water into the Esopus Creek.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on February 8, 2023 and Public Hearing on February 8, 2023 regarding PML – Shane Edwards, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$190,753.84
General Outside Village	38,630.95
Highway	219,508.03
Capital Projects	33,353.25
Ambulance District	190,173.78
Lighting District	4,489.90
Sewer O&M	10,776.38
Malden Sewer	278.62
Water O&M	5,123.47
Trust & Agency	10,670.00
Central Hudson	27,201.10

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Nothing to report.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Nau – report is on file with the Town Clerk’s Office.

Councilwoman Thornton – major fundraising coming up in May for the Boys & Girls Club; library will have sculptures displayed starting March 3 through April and other events planned; please check the website.

Councilman Ivino – nothing to report

Councilman Horton – Marcus “Skip” Arthur (CAC member) has been hospitalized, wish him well.

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the Memorandum of Agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and the Communications Workers of America.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that he and Councilwoman Nau worked on this contract and Councilwoman Nau thankful for the opportunity.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to allow Diane Friedmann, full time Clerk in the Bookkeeping Department to use one week of vacation time (March 3, 2023 through March 10, 2023) prior to her one year anniversary date of September 7, 2023 at which time she will earn only one week of vacation time since she will have used one week vacation time already (of that two that would have been earned on September 7, 2023) with the stipulation that if she leaves employment before said anniversary date, then she has to pay back that one week of used vacation time.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve paying Donna Shultis, Program Assistant for HUD the 26.25 comp time hours earned which is above he allowed maximum earned amount of 60 hours per the Communication Workers of America contract.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to amend motions from the January 4, 2023 agenda pertaining to Becky Bertorelli to state that she is being hired full time as both the Planning Board Secretary and the Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary at a pay rate of \$23.50 per hour.

Motion to amend by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to amend motions from the January 4, 2023 agenda pertaining to Becky Bertorelli to state that she is being hired full-time as both the Planning Board Secretary and the Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary at a pay rate of \$23.57 per hour effective January 6, 2023.

Vote on motion as amended: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve moving Morgan Bach part time Laborer for the Animal Shelter to full time Laborer at her current hourly rate of \$19.00, effective immediately and per Elly Monfett, Animal Control Officer/Animal Shelter Manager.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that Morgan started out as a volunteer.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to reimburse \$250.00 that was paid by Chestnut Hill Holding for a lot line deletion SBL#17.15-3-30/35 that does not require Planning Board review/approval per the Planning Board Chairman C. Howard Post.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to move Jonathan Lowrey to the position of Working Supervisor at a pay rate of \$31.59 effective March 2, 2023 with a 90 day probation period. If the employee can fulfill the job duties the position will be awarded permanently. If it is determined by the Highway Superintendent that the employee does not meet the qualifications after his probation period is up, he will return to his previous position and rate of pay. The position will then be reposted and offered to another more qualified employee.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to move Brandon Renner to the position of Working Supervisor at a pay rate of \$31.59 effective March 2, 2023 with a 90 day probation period. If the employee can fulfill the job duties the position will be awarded permanently. If it is determined by the Highway Superintendent that the employee does not meet the qualifications after his probation period is up, he will return to his previous position and rate of pay. The position will then be reposted and offered to another more qualified employee.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to move Ryan Maxwell to the position of Working Supervisor at a pay rate of \$31.59 effective March 2, 2023 with a 90 day probation period. If the employee can fulfill the job duties the position will be awarded permanently. If it is determined by the Highway Superintendent that the employee does not

meet the qualifications after his probation period is up, he will return to his previous position and rate of pay. The position will then be reposted and offered to another more qualified employee.

Discussion: Highway Superintendent Ray Mayone stated that having all new equipment allows 3-4 crews to go out and be productive.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individual Edward Gerard Himberger III to serve on the Ethics Committee to fulfill a vacant term that expires on December 31, 2026.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello mentioned that this is for Al Bruno’s vacancy and we applaud him for his time and service on the committee and serving as chair.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve additional language added to the HUD Administrative Plan on Page 31 based on recommendations after a HUD audit, as on file, with the entire plan available upon request in the HUD Department, per HUD’s Acting Executive Director/SPHA Debra Wells.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Oliver K. Menon as a part time officer (Police Cadet), effective March 2, 2023 at the rate of \$18.00 per hour.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to adjourn Town Board meeting at 8:20 p.m., carried.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

**Pre-Board Meeting**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Town Board Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.**

*The meeting closed in memory of Clifford Breithaupt, Audrey Rightmeyer, Adele Buono, Bruce Lydecker and Melissa Radavanovic.*

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Town Clerk