

TOWN BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at the Frank D. Greco Mutli-Purpose Building located on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties. The meeting was opened at 7:45 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

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

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Matthew Burton – no need for a noise ordinance, the neighbors are working it out.

John Schoonmaker – hiring an Administrative Aide for \$85.00/hour seems ridiculous; the town board needs to rebuild trust, hope the board makes the right decision and pulls the motion. Supervisor Costello said this individual will be aiding in investigation with Attorney General and the Police Department.

Ann O'Brien – agree with John Schoonmaker and the board should show transparency to the public.

Gaetana Ciarlante – agree with John Schoonmaker; if this is an independent investigation, should be outside agency. Also, question why you are denying FOIL requests regarding retirement.

Dennis Woods – do not agree with \$85.00/hour hiring and why aren't there more people here.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

The board tries to be respectful and transparent but we can always do better. Anyone can be on the email list to get the agenda directly to be aware of upcoming things. There will be a 911 Ceremony on Monday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Cantine Field.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on August 16, 2023, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$ 13,697.76
General Outside Village	2,301.99
Highway	55,049.61
Ambulance District	127,002.25
Lighting District	33,795.88
Sewer O&M	9,694.39
Trust & Agency	4,090.64
Central Hudson	5,901.58

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Ray Mayone, Highway – motion to buy truck for \$81,000.00 is not just for the truck, that includes all equipment to equip it for snow and other weather conditions; this is off of state bid. It takes 3 hours to complete the plow route during snow storm.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – library vote is September 7th; CPC has guest speaker; Agri-tourism will be discussed. STAC meets on September 12th.

Councilman Ivino – Diaz received a new ambulance; sorry to see Kevin Brown resign from the Building Department.

Councilman Horton – received four posts for Pickleball Courts and waiting on final signage for the courts and the dog park.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the resignation of Municipal Code Officer – Building Inspector 1 Kevin Brown, effective September 5, 2023.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said Kevin has always been a pillar, long time employee.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Kevin Brown as a part time Municipal Code Officer – Building Inspector 1/electrician/Consultant for the Town of Saugerties on an as needed basis at a pay rate of \$35.00 per hour, effective September 7, 2023.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to raise Building Department Municipal Code Assistant Sean Weaver’s rate of pay to \$28.00 per hour, per the recommendation of the Municipal Code Officer Building Inspector 2/Building Department Head Alvah Weeks and effective September 7, 2023.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that the pay increase goes along with more duties and responsibilities.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to deny any and all FOILS and Appeals in regards to matters of personal privacy pertaining to resignations and retirements.

Discussion: Councilman Horton said that “matters of personal privacy” is too broad of wording. Councilman Ivino said that in regard to turmoil in police department, due to open criminal investigation.

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to table the above motion.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said they will further consult with attorney.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Richard G. Davis as a school crossing guard, effective September 5, 2023 and at the rate of \$18.00 per hour.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Terry O’Mare at a rate of \$85.00 per hour as an Administrative Aide to serve at the pleasure of Interim Police Chief Lou Barbaria and the Town Board, per the recommendation of Interim Police Chief Lou Barbaria and effective September 7, 2023.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that his resume speaks for itself, retired Colonel who is widely respected. This is a temporary assignment to aid in investigation with Attorney General. Councilman Horton stated that he is not thrilled with the wording of this motion.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to raise the part time hourly rate of part time police officers to \$25.00 per hour, per the recommendation of Interim Police Chief Lou Barbaria effective September 11, 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to raise the temporary full time rate of a patrolman to \$25.99 per hour, per the recommendation of Interim Police Chief Lou Barbaria and effective September 11, 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino authorizing Superintendent of Highways Raymond Mayone to purchase one (1) model year 2024 Dodge 5500 Regular Cab & Chassis 4x4 equipped with a Switch N Go Standard System, an 11' equipment body/flat bed with Beaver Tail and bulkhead, Stainless Steel fenders, and 2 LED strobes in rear bumper from Sawyer Motors off of NYS Contract #PC6941SB, Group 40440, Award 23166, NYS Vendor #110229794 at a total cost of \$81,932.00 and to pay for it via the Highway Department Fund Balance DBO1-911

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to accept the resignation of Jeremy Staccio from the Highway Department with his last day of employment being September 15, 2023, as per Raymond Mayone, Highway Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to enter into Executive Session regarding a particular person involving a promotion at 8:51, carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:35 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, September 20, 2023	Pre-Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 26, 2023	Public Hearing	5:30 p.m.
	Re-zoning Dominican Sisters	

Meeting was closed in memory of Jim Griffis and Cathy Martino

Town Clerk