

**PRE-BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 9, 2022**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 6:30 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  
Councilman Mike Ivino  
Councilman Zach Horton  
Supervisor Fred Costello

Absent: Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton

Supervisor Costello said that we are having trouble connecting to the internet to continue the meeting virtually. Still working to resolve this issue.

It was agreed upon to add a resolution regarding NY Rising and Malden Wastewater to the agenda.

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Town Clerk

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The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 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  
Councilman Mike Ivino  
Councilman Zach Horton  
Supervisor Fred Costello

Absent: Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

Patrick Wadden and Laura Kopczak gave a presentation with Arm of the Sea Tidewater Center update. This presentation will be available on TV23.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Gaetana Ciarlante – Short Term Rentals have been discussed at CPC meeting, why does it need to be controlled? If Animal Shelter is being funded 100% by grants and donations, why do we need to go out to Bond? Is Woodstock adding anything to the funding since they will be utilizing the shelter.

Adele Zinderman – explained about the shelter and that it is needed. The project has doubled because of the rising cost of materials. A bond needs to be procured to receive grant money – it's a matter of procedure.

Michelle Numssen – the building department did speak regarding Short Term Rentals as to a local law or a permitting process at the CPC meeting, which was well received. Supervisor Costello said that it is premature to give answers as to what the procedure will be.

Robert Gallenz – wanted to mention three people and anyone can talk to him after the meeting about it.

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:**

So many to thank for their hard work during the recent ice storm – police, highway, fire districts, parks & rec, EMS, UC Ex, National Guard and first responders. It was a long weekend for everyone with power outages and downed trees. Regarding the persistent dumping in the creek, DEC is accepting an environmental review; concerns will be addressed. Congratulations to Mustangs for taking gold!

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to accept the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on January 19, 2022, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to accept the bills as presented, carried.

General Fund

\$3,006,335.52

General Outside Village	21,758.44
Highway	79,263.08
Capital Projects	4,690.57
Ambulance District	109,889.84
Sewer O&M	7,795.96
Water O&M	6,814.93

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Doug Myer, Transfer Station – gave 2021 review

Ray Mayone, Highway – water break on Malden Turnpike currently; January 23 there was a water break on Ebel Court and Seylers Terrace and January 25-29 highway workers took care of the ice storm – they are great workers.

Chief Sinagra, Police – 2021 year end report is on the website. There was no loss of life during the recent storm; gratitude to all who participated in the clean up.

Greg Chorvas, Parks & Rec – minor damage with recent storm at Cantine. New equipment is finally arriving with an increase in cost on everything. Public skate during December 23 to January 2 had 1,908 people for \$24,049.00 in revenue.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Nau – HUD report and HPC report is on file

Councilman Ivino – yard waste areas are set up throughout town so residents can dispose of debris from recent storm through the end of February. The most mutual aid here during the storm for Central Hudson.

Councilman Horton – CSTF meets the third Thursday; CAC is filing a grant for shade trees; May 22, 2022 the town is hosting the Special Olympics fundraising event.

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve COVID bonuses for Town of Saugerties employees at a rate of \$65.00 per day for the augmented work schedule.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello explained that the governor asked for split work schedule to help stop the spread and gave funding. Councilman Ivino added that this gives everyone in town a fair shake. Councilman Horton said the prior board was tasked with a hard decision in making this fair.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the resolution, as on file, authorizing the issuance of bonds of the town in an amount not to exceed the

aggregate principal amount of \$2,815,000.00 to finance a portion of the cost of construction a new state-of-the-art animal shelter in the town.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to change Mark Fishers job classification at the Transfer Station from “Permanent Part Time” to “Full Time” at a rate of \$18.00 per hour, effective February 14, 2022.

Discussion: Doug Myer said that he has been an employee for 10 years and started out as part time but now will be able to get benefits.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to move Officer Chelsea Marino from a Reserve Police Officer to a 90-day temp full time officer at the rate of \$25.42 per hour, effective February 14, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to move Officer Joseph Comito from a part time Police Officer to a full time Police Officer, removing him from the list of eligibles from Civil Service, at the rate of \$25.42 per hour, effective February 14, 2022.

Discussion: Chief Sinagra said that these are not new positions.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to accept the resignation of Detective Henry Mirabella, effective February 24, 2022 (after over 41 years of serving the Community of Saugerties).

Discussion: Supervisor Costello extended his congratulations to Henry on a retirement well deserved; handled a difficult job with professionalism, we all thank him for his service.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello to promote Officer Ryan Hampel to the rank of Detective, effective February 14, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to approve the Task Force Agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and Ulster County.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and Ulster County.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilman Ivino authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Raymond C. Mayone to hire Thomas A. Resso Jr. as a part time “as needed” laborer at a rate of \$17.00 per hour effective February 9, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Raymond C. Mayone to hire Mark Patterson as a part time “as needed” laborer at a rate of \$17.00 per hour effective February 9, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to accept the resignation of Zechariah Snyder from the full time Heavy Equipment Operator position and move him to a part time “as needed” Motor Equipment Operator at a rate of \$19.00 per hour effective February 12, 2022.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello wished Zech well, he was a dedicated employee.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to move Jonathan Lowrey to the Working Supervisor position at a rate of pay of \$27.17 per hour effective February 9, 2022 with a probationary period of 90 days. Upon completion of the probationary period the job will either be awarded permanently by the Highway Superintendent or reposted to be filled by another employee. If not awarded the position, Mr. Lowrey will return to his former position and rate of pay.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilman Ivino authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Raymond C. Mayone to solicit bids and award said bid to lowest qualified bidder for one (1) new model year 2022 – 3500 series Tradesman crew cab & chassis 4x4 (or equal) with an estimated purchase price of \$49,310.00.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Supervisor Costello authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Raymond C. Mayone to solicit bids and award said bid to lowest qualified bidder for two (2) new model year 2022 – 5500 series 4x4 cab & chassis (or equal) with an estimated purchase price of \$51,778.00.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Raymond C. Mayone to hire Joseph J. Sauer as a part time “as needed” laborer at a rate of \$17.00 per hour effective February 9, 2022.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the contract, as on file, for Dog Control officer for the Town of Saugerties.

Discussion: Elly Monfett said that the current dog control officer retired so we needed to fill this position.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to adopt a resolution acknowledging NYS GOSR Malden Wastewater Project and relay \$28,934.00 of unexpended committed funds to support the project.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:55 p.m., carried.

*Meeting closed in memory of Fred Costello, Sr., Tom Riozzi, John Rell, Betty Decker, John Bach, Nadine Thornton and James Dougherty.*

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, March 2, 2022**

**Pre-Board Meeting**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Town Board Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.**

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Town Clerk