

TOWN BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 11, 2021

A Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 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 with the following members present:

Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilwoman Peg Nau
Councilman Mike Ivino
Councilman John Schoonmaker

Absent: Supervisor Fred Costello

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Jason Bover, Cedar Lane – house and yard floods; the town has put in a drain but the water ends up in the yard. Town of Saugerties is well aware of the issues but isn't allowed to touch swale. Barclay Heights needs a water district. Councilwoman Thornton added that the damage from the last storm has the infrastructure failing.

Michael Berg, Family of Woodstock – plan to replace all of the electric that Family of Woodstock is on and will save \$75,000.00 over the next 20 years. Richard with Solar Generation said its zoned for Rec Business and would like to have zoning on that class, which is solely for Family of Woodstock.

Steven Gentile, West Saugerties Road – third time to a town board meeting; Air BNB next door is not owner occupied and there have only been two days not rented in the last 30 days. That's a lot of money and considered a commercial venture. Trespassing on property by humans and animals, had enough. Councilwoman Thornton said CPC met with the town planner and will meet again in two weeks to go over short term rentals. There is a motion on the agenda to go with county plan. Please come to a meeting with CPC and voice concerns.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Studio Artist Tour and Hope Rocks will take place this weekend and the Farmers Market will be on Saturday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the minutes of Public Hearings on June 16, 2021 regarding Changing Message Signs and also Property Maintenance; Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of June 16, 2021; Special Town Board Meeting of June 30, 2021; Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of July 14, 2021; Special/Emergency Town Board Meeting of July 23, 2021 and Special Town Board Meeting of July 28, 2021, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$275,225.16
General Outside Village	34,595.42
Highway	104,139.57
Capital Projects	66,326.58
Lighting District	2,493.75
Sewer O&M	6,773.18
Water O&M	7,581.16
Central Hudson	6,109.18

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – ice arena is open and booked! Auction International is bringing in good money; Bigelow Park basketball court is getting color coded; 98 participants in Summer Rec this year.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – Arts Commission had a meet and greet and made good connections and shared lots of ideas.

Councilman Schoonmaker – Planning Board Meeting was held on 07/19; HPC met with Winston Farms and happy with their plan. All committee meetings are open meetings to the public.

Councilman Ivino – commend the ZBA on tower project; Diaz benefit will take place 08/19/21 and we hope to have a revised Property Maintenance Law soon.

Councilwoman Thornton – Lifespring will be back in session via Zoom. Food Truck Festival will take place 08/19/21; Boys & Girls Club holding a golf tournament and the Library will hold a public hearing on the budget on August 12, 2021. CCA has new rates out with Central Hudson.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilman Ivino authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Douglas F. Myer to hire Anthony J. Beaulieu as a full time Motor Equipment Operator at a rate of \$23.09 per hour effective August 12, 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Costello absent)

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilman Ivino authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Douglas F. Myer to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties, one (1) 2003 International 7400 Dump Truck with Plow & Sander; VIN #1HTWDADR53J057728, and to dispose of it via Auctions International.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Costello absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton authorizing Superintendent of Highways Douglas F. Myer to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties, one (1) 2009 Dodge 3500 HD Dump Truck with Plow & Sander; VIN #3D6WH46T69G504356, and to dispose of it via Auctions International.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Costello absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement, as on file, for the sharing of information relating to short term rental properties between the County of Ulster and the Town of Saugerties.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton added that this was mentioned earlier this evening and there will be computer access for short term rentals.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Costello absent)

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to set public hearing dates of September 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and October 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. pertaining to changing the zoning to accommodate large scale solar energy facilities.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Costello absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the resolution as on file, pertaining to memorializing the new animal shelter budget.

Discussion: Councilman Ivino said that new amount was drafted and fundraising is going great.

Vote: Adopted – 4 (Supervisor Costello absent)

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilman Ivino to establish energy benchmarking requirements for certain municipal buildings.

Vote: Adopted – 4 (Supervisor Costello absent)

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:04 p.m., carried.

Meeting closed in memory of Carol Loesch, Irene Dodig, Joy Crist, Joe Nista, Kathy Schmitt and Bruce Freligh.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk