

PRE-BOARD MEETING – APRIL 1, 2020

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom conference call as the Coronavirus pandemic continues. Town Board members present on the phone call were:

Councilman Paul Andreassen
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Ivino
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Supervisor Fred Costello

Town of Esopus was hacked during their Zoom Town Board Meeting and we have taken precautions to help prevent this. Councilman Ivino has paid for an up-grade and will be reimbursed through the town. We can expect that the next few meetings will be handled in this manner.

The board has addressed concerns from Alvah Weeks regarding the violations on emergency system, a motion on tonight's agenda.

The board is asking the Chief of Police to send out a memo to **not** have fire department personnel respond to respiratory distress calls, this puts too many at risk. All are in agreement to have that memo distributed.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – APRIL 1, 2020

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom conference call as the Coronavirus pandemic continues. Information was posted as to how residents could log on and listen to the meeting in their homes. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

Councilman Paul Andreassen
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Ivino
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Supervisor Fred Costello

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

This is the first time we have had a virtual town board meeting. In the Town of Saugerties there are 14 positive cases of Coronavirus with 3 deaths in Ulster County. The Ice Rink and town buildings are closed to the public. The parks are open with social distancing in mind; basketball courts and the pavilions are not to be used. Diaz Ambulance is holding firm and doing the best they can. We do have some extraordinary news that the Animal Shelter received a \$500,000.00 grant!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on March 4, 2020; Bid Opening on March 12, 2020 regarding Highway Department equipment and Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on March 18, 2020, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$128,504.37
General Outside Village	11,716.84
Highway	107,618.32
Capital Projects	432,772.73
Ambulance District	64,394.75
Sewer O&M	16,421.91
Water O&M	14,412.52

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Draft MS4 Annual Report in on file with the Town Clerk.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the policy, as on file, regarding the local emergency action notification system.

Discussion: Supervisor added that this is a policy to memorialize how information is distributed.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to move Daniel Starr from his current position of part time Mechanic for the Highway Department to the Town Wide part time Auto Mechanic position at a rate of \$21.50 per hour, effective March 25, 2020.

Vote: Adopted – 5 yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to hire Officer Sophie Epstein as a 6 month full time hire contingent on her passing the Civil Service Medical when she is able to schedule same at a hourly rate of \$23.14, effective April 2, 2020.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to hire Officer Jordyn Kilfoyle as a 6 month full time hire contingent on her passing the Civil Service Medical when she is able to schedule same at a hourly rate of \$23.14, effective April 2, 2020.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to hire Officer Matthew Monaco as a 6 month full time hire contingent on his passing the Civil Service Medical when he is able to schedule same at a hourly rate of \$23.14, effective April 2, 2020.

Discussion: Councilman Ivino wished all good luck and thank you for what you do!

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the resolution, as on file, concerning the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said this declares the town in a state of emergency.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was closed in memory of Everett Vail and Cliff Snyder.

Town Clerk