

TOWN BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 5, 2020

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 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 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

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

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Joe Defino, Hope Rocks – responding to the epidemic of death; Hope Rocks holds events throughout the year.

Bill Creen, Recreation Advisory Board – for the last five years the committee has asked for help and guidance from the town board regarding Small World Playground. The committee would like to dismantle it or repair it and make it safe.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: none

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Would like to thank Joe Defino for being here tonight, this is a very important topic and we look forward to this years’ events. Greg Chorvas’ staff will evaluate Small World Playground. The community foundation has been invigorate and has raised \$10,000.00 but to build this over would take \$200,000.00+. Some pieces from Sophie Finn playground have been reinstalled at Small World. A forestry cutter has been used at Bristol Beach & a walkable trail is in the works.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board meeting on January 22, 2020, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

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| General Fund | \$330,352.39 |
| General Outside Village | 17,833.39 |
| Highway | 100,291.09 |
| Capital Projects | 2,545.00 |

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| Ambulance | 64,394.75 |
| Sewer O&M | 71,478.41 |
| Water O&M | 173,797.29 |

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Doug Myer – solar farm is 100% complete and we need to do one more test. Basketball court in Malden is ready to pave and a new sidewalk in front on the senior center is moving along well.

Greg Chorvas – thank Doug Myer and highway department for assistance. We have received several donations recently. Bristol Beach is not open yet, still being worked on.

Claudia Andreassen – bail laws are chugging along and there is a new DA for Ulster County. State mandates without monetary outlay behind it. Still in the initial stages; seems to ignore victims.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Paul Andreassen – Diaz is in need of trained personnel. Alan Sorenson will be taking over for Dan Shuster, the town planner. ZBA meeting is cancelled. Thank the highway for work at Bigelow Park in Malden. Water & Sewer had a main break; may need capital improvements at Water & Sewer plants. Believe that Small World should be repaired.

Councilwoman Thornton – TV23 has a new show; Library has a Smart Phone help day on 2/11/20. SOS will meet at 1:00 p.m. on February 6 for support for military. STAC held a meeting and a walkway from Robinson Street to Mosher Drive is in the works.

Councilman Ivino – county is the lead agency on new communication tower in Quarryville.

Councilman Schoonmaker – village tree commission is replacing two pear trees by the senior center and pickle ball court is being looked at again. Small World may be able to be done in modular sections and the county Climate group is looking for members.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve moving Debra Wells into the HUD Section 8 Program Supervisor position on a provisional basis at a rate of \$25.64 per hour.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to set a public hearing date of February 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for proposed amendments to the Ethics Law.

Discussion: Al Bruno clarified that this will address the topic of nepotism.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the town's flexible benefits plan pertaining to the town's health insurance plan.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said this is with the flex plan, deductible put in by employees pre-tax.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the town's health reimbursement arrangement pertaining to the town's health insurance plan.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve a pay rate of \$17.57 per hour for Anastasia Redman for the year 2020.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to transfer from the Recreation Trust Fund, account #TA2001, dedicated Ice Arena funds in the amount of \$203,107.21 to Ice Arena Capital Project account #H1620.206, as per the recommendation of the Town CPA, Town Supervisor and the Parks & Building Department Superintendent.

Discussion: Councilman Ivino asked if it's under budget, would we reimburse trust fund? Supervisor Costello said that when we have our workshop, we will talk to Gary Newkirk. It may be better to borrow rather than have money on hand.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the resignation of Reserve Officer James D. Secreto, effective February 1, 2020.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the Street Lighting Authority Order, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the Supervisor to sign the letter, as on file, regarding the Clean Water Infrastructure Act Funding in the SFY2020-21 Budget.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the Supervisor to sign the Professional Services Change Order, as on file, for the 2020 annual sampling at the landfill with The Chazen Companies.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the Historic Heritage Ramble.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that the Town Historian is putting on this event.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the Culverts Program through NY Rising.

Discussion: Doug Myer confirmed this is for Osnas storm work and box on Dave Elliott Road.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding Reservoir Protection through NY Rising.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the resignation of Officer Janay Gasparini, effective February 4, 2020.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to accept Pat Fitzsimmons retirement from the Comprehensive Planning Committee.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that it is hard to imagine Pat not being a part, will be sorely missed. Councilwoman Thornton said they will accept with a heavy heart.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to approve the proclamation, as read, for Pat Fitzsimmons.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to adjourn town board meeting at 8:15 p.m., carried.

Meeting was closed in memory of Joe Roberti, Sr. and Arthur DeCelle.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

**Public Hearing
Ethics Law (Amendments) 6:00 p.m.**

**Pre-Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Town Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

Town Clerk