

**PRE-BOARD MEETING – MARCH 4, 2020**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 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:

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

Discussion regarding a new Planner for the town; we have received applications and conducted interviews but further discussion is needed.

Councilwoman Thornton voiced a concern that trails are washing out at the preserve. We will need to have more stone put down but will talk to Doug Myer for suggestions.

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Town Clerk

**TOWN BOARD MEETING – MARCH 4, 2020**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 4, 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 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

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

Maraleen Manos-Jones spoke regarding a pollinator initiative asking the town to pledge to protect pollinators by not using toxic herbicides, not cutting milkweed and encourage native plants. More information can be found at – [www.spiritofbutterflies.com](http://www.spiritofbutterflies.com)

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Al Bruno – please pass the local law on the agenda tonight to approve amendments to the Ethics Law. We must also look into the State Code and we need enforcement.

Evelyn Rogers – new Library Director – wanted to say hello and look forward to working together.

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

Health Department is sharing information on the Coronavirus, a surgical mask does not prevent spreading of the germs. Ulster County Government will hold mobile updates.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to approve the minutes of Pre-board and Town Board Meeting from February 19, 2020; Public Hearing on February 19, 2020 Ethics Law; Budget Workshop from February 24, 2020 and Bid Opening from February 27, 2020 on Malden Treatment Plant, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$150,274.78
General Outside Village	10,358.13
Highway	29,590.65
Ambulance District	64,394.75
Lighting District	31.01
Sewer O&M	64,798.43
Water O&M	7,602.34
Central Hudson	18,475.99

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** none

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Andreassen – thank you to Maraleen and welcome to the high school students. Habitat for Humanity has been busy; Economic Development needs to make the corridor more attractive; Diaz is in need of personnel; ZBA met this past Monday.

Councilwoman Thornton – Boys & Girls Club holding a craft fair on April 17 and an auction on May 15. Library will hold a reception on March 28 from 1:00 – 3:00 to meet the new Director. TV23 meets on March 12; CPC new chair is Steve Hubbard; and April 4 is International Sculpture Day.

Councilman Ivino – working on drafting a vehicle policy and will continue with budget workshops.

Councilman Schoonmaker – CAC meets March 21 at the Library regarding electric car and on March 28 from 2:00 – 4:00 at the Senior Center there will be a discussion on heat pumps for the home. The animal shelter is holding different fundraiser events in the future and April is National Poetry Month.

### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resignation of part time Police Officer Carl Calabrese, effective February 5, 2020.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the resignation of part time Officer Francis Winski, effective March 2, 2020.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve hiring Erin McDowell as a HUD Section 8 Program Supervisor Assistant at a pay rate of \$17.00 per hour, effective February 26, 2020.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to approve the Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution, as on file, for Elected and Appointed Officials as required by the NYS & Local Retirement System.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello clarified that we are obligated to do reporting of hours worked every 8 years.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, adopting Local Law #1 of 2020 in regards to the Ethics & Disclosure Law.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the proposal for the animal shelter’s architect contract, as on file and pending town attorney approval.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said Laura Cassar has been named primary architect.

Councilman Andreassen added that proposal is clear but does this become a town facility?

Supervisor Costello clarified that it will be town employees and town facility.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

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 Dump Truck VIN#1HTWDADR73J057729, and to dispose of and award to the highest bidder via Auctions International.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Supervisor Costello authorizing Superintendent of Highway Douglas F. Myer to declare surplus and no longer of use of the Town of Saugerties one (1) 2003 International Dump Truck, VIN#1HTWDADR33J057730, and dispose of and award to the highest bidder via Auctions International.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to enter into Executive Session for matters leading to the employment of a particular person at 8:10 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilman Ivino to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:11 p.m., carried.

*Meeting was closed in memory of Joe Marino with a moment of silence.*

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020**

**Pre-Board Meeting**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Town Board Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.**

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Town Clerk