

PRE-BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 6, 2019

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 6:40 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 Leanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Maclsaac
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Supervisor Fred Costello

Councilman Andreassen questioned the increase of Planning Board subdivision fees of \$800.00. Supervisor Costello responded that it would be \$400.00 for Diaz Ambulance and \$400.00 for the respective fire department. Recreation fees are allocated through the Rec Committee.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 6, 2019

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 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 Maclsaac
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Supervisor Fred Costello

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Melinda Herzog with Cornell Cooperative Extension, Ulster County spoke regarding Climate Resiliency Planning Tool and its purpose is to identify strengths and gaps. Councilman Andreassen questioned who will oversee this, there is a lot of moving parts. Ms. Herzog replied that it is up to the town as to when you want to implement certain criteria. Councilman Maclsaac added that it will be great to bring to the Climate Committee.

ProSplice – Broadband Project – company was started in 1995, build fiber optic networks over the northeast; private investors are ready to invest in this. Fiber optic is much faster and supports more; ready to build, maintain, operate and finance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Michael Tiano – traffic study done by Creighton & Manning had a second study done in August with several discrepancies within traffic studies done throughout the town. One study was three and half paragraphs and another was 28 pages long. Recently attended a class “Road Safety for all Users” and Ed Goff, Regional Traffic Engineer said that any study done by a firm other than NYSDOT is just a lie.

Lanny Walter – Barry Benepe is a neighbor and friend and is very deserving of the recognition at tonight’s meeting.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

On October 30th met along with Councilwoman Thornton regarding southbound exit on the thruway to look at solutions. Election Day was yesterday, congratulations to all!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve the minutes of October 16, 2019 Town Board Meeting, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$209,567.71
General Outside Village	17,458.78
Highway	42,629.16
Capital Projects	678,065.00
Ambulance District	63,132.08
Sewer O&M	8,344.84
Water O&M	10,586.45
Trust & Agency	10.00

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: none

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Andreassen – welcome to the young people here tonight; attended the ZBA and Water & Sewer meetings.

Councilwoman Thornton – Boys & Girls Club is holding a poinsettia fundraiser; Saugerties Arts Commission held its first meeting with 65 in attendance; TV23 meets next week; CPC met October 28 and the Library will hold a meet and greet on November 13.

Councilman Maclsaac – congrats to winners and this is always a learning experience, Climate Smart will continue.

Councilman Schoonmaker – Animal Shelter and Ohana held a fundraiser, which was a success! Shout out Saugerties wrapped up a big month, thanks to volunteers. Historic Preservation is working on gift donations

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac to approve the proclamation, as on file, celebrating Barry Benepe.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton said it was a privilege to work with Barry, Councilman Andreassen added that he worked with Barry and he is a remarkable person and Supervisor Costello said he is a dedicated and inspiring individual.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to hire Erin Kozlowski as a part time school crossing guard at the rate of \$14.00 an hour, effective November 7, 2019.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Maclssac, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve Scott Saso of Certinspectors, 171 Vineyard Avenue, Highland, NY 12528 as a Certified Energy Code Compliance Inspector per the International Energy Conservation Code.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Matthew Monaco as a part time reserve police officer, effective November 7, 2019.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello verified that this is a reserve volunteer.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the independent accountant's report on applying agree-upon procedures, as on file, in regards to the justice court.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Andreassen abstain)

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the Managed Services Agreement, as on file, between the town and MCS Tech Services, LLC.
Discussion: Councilman Maclsaac said that he wanted this motion tabled; the town needs inventory and should own and know our system.

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to table aforesaid motion.

Vote on motion to table: 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, to increase fees for major subdivision site plan applications.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac to accept Barry Benepe's retirement from the Historic Preservation Commission, effective October 21, 2019.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the appointment of Ken Myer, Jr., to the Historic Preservation Commission to fulfill the term vacated by Barry Benepe with a term date to expire on March 31, 2020 (Ken is the current alternate member of the HPC since April 2019 with a term date to expire on March 31, 2023).

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the appointment of Jason Nelson to the Historic Preservation Commission as an alternate member to fulfill the term vacated by Ken Myer, Jr., with a term date to expire on March 31, 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Andreassen authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Douglas F. Myer to hire Blaine Freeman as a part time "as needed" laborer for winter snow removal at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

Discussion: Councilman Andreassen asked to see the job applications and Mr. Myer responded that it is his authority to hire at will and the board approves the salary.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Andreassen authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Douglas F. Myer to hire Timothy R. Harris as a part time "as needed" laborer for winter snow removal at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Douglas F. Myer to hire Jennifer D. Cerillo as a part time "as needed" Clerk for the Highway Department at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Supervisor Costello to enter into Executive Session regarding matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person at 8:00 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:20 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

A moment of silence was observed for Carol Newkirk, Ann Westergard and Patricia Solitto.

Town Clerk