

**PRE-BOARD MEETING – APRIL 2, 2025**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 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:

Councilwoman Peg Nau  
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton  
Councilman Mike Ivino  
Councilman Zach Horton  
Supervisor Fred Costello

The board will be moving four motions forward to the agenda.

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Town Clerk

**TOWN BOARD MEETING – APRIL 2, 2025**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 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:

Councilwoman Peg Nau  
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton  
Councilman Mike Ivino  
Councilman Zach Horton  
Supervisor Fred Costello

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

Peter Engelhart, HITS – gave an update and saying they are excited about 2025, purchased HITS from Tom Struzzeri three years ago and will have 15 events this year. The shows run from mid-May through mid-October. They would like to increase spectators to the grounds to promote the equestrian events. HITS is in a relationship with United Way to help charities. Would like to ask the board to consider renaming a portion of Mike Kraut Road to Equestrian Way.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Marc Brodtkin – proposed development at Winston Farm would be devastating, we need to respect habitat; bird habitats are diminishing.

Janell O'Rourke – Hudson Valley remains one of the richest areas in NYS; this development would be catastrophic to eco-system and it should be preserved.

Janet Moss Asiain – nature is a resource and we need to stop doing what we know is harmful.

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:**

The town is holding Green & Clean Days during the month of April and our Transfer Station and Highway Department will be helping with picking up the collected trash. Thank you to all departments and residents who are partaking in this worthwhile event. Regarding Winston Farm, there is zero safety in doing nothing. The demand for housing is at a frenzied pace. This property is zoned to accommodate 1200-1800 homes, our Comprehensive Plan reinforces a way to develop responsibly; the process is extremely important. Lastly, attended the re-dedication of the Mason Lodge, congratulations on their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the minutes of Public Hearing on March 19, 2025, Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on March 19, 2025 and Bid Opening on March 20, 2025, 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            | \$99,290.74 |
| General Outside Village | 6,173.86    |
| Highway                 | 27,487.57   |
| Capital Projects        | 84,600.00   |
| Malden Sewer            | 2,883.67    |
| Water O&M               | 2,883.67    |
| Central Hudson          | 1,903.80    |

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Greg Chorvas – all facilities and fields are open for the season; work is needed at Terpening Park; Pickleball players volunteered by putting up the wind screens and other leagues have paid

for the same on different fields. The flat roof at the police department was leaking and there has been vandalism at the grandstand bathrooms but the cameras were able to capture the individuals' actions. VFW has done a tremendous job with the Vietnam Memorial at Cantine.

Ray Mayone – sweeping roads and cleaning ditches continues

Chief Swart – a few situations this past month, thank you to all supporting departments. Wish good luck to the officers on the agenda tonight.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Nau – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – Eagle Ceremony for Zane Cahill was well attended along with Councilwoman Nau; Boys & Girls Club fundraiser will be May 16 at Diamond Mills; May 22 will be BBQ fundraiser for the Splashpad and UC Transportation Council has a deadline to apply for “tip money”.

Councilman Ivino – MS4 report is available, thank you to Sean Weaver

Councilman Horton – April 27 will be the Strength & Stride 5k at Cantine

#### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the proposal from Choice Words for professional grant writing services, along with submission to New York State’s Municipal Parks & Recreation Grant Program (MPR), in the amount of \$4,000.00, for the proposed Saugerties Splash Pad, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to authorize Choice Words to proceed with completion and submission of a grant to New York State’s Municipal Parks & Recreation Grant Program (MPR) for the Saugerties Splash Pad, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilman Horton to award the sealed bid for the installation of Pickleball Courts lighting and related to Richers Electric in the amount of \$47,800.00 as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to move Officer Jackie Zhang from Provisional full time Officer back to a part time Officer, effective April 1, 2025, to be paid at the rate of \$30.00 per hour.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint Officer Bryan Nunez as a permanent full time Police Officer, off the Civil Service Certification of Eligibles, effective Monday, April 7, 2025, to be paid at the rate of \$26.64 per hour.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that Bryan has been with us a little over a year, it's good to have him.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to appoint Officer Ryan Cioni as a permanent full time Police Officer, off the Civil Service Certification of Eligibles, effective Monday, April 7, 2025, to be paid at the rate of \$26.64 per hour.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the two (2) independent accountant's reports on applying agreed-upon procedures, as on file, in regards to the Justice Court.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that there are unique circumstances with Justice Court and would like to apply recommended applications.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:18 p.m., carried.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, April 16, 2025**

**Pre-Board Meeting**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Town Board Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.**

*Meeting closed in memory of Doris Myers*

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Town Clerk