

PRE-BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 19, 2025

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 19, 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

We are removing the first motion on the agenda because it is not needed to go over the tax cap for the 2026 Budget.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 19, 2025

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 19, 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:

Paul Rubin, Professional Geologist, Hydrogeologist – spoke regarding Winston Farm and the study he did on the property. The report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Marjorie Greenburg-Vaughn – what is the potential of developing to the point of pollution to destroy the aquifer?

Kathy Gordon – finally the town board is talking to the community, we should all be talking together.

Sarah Lasher – talked about the effect of too much rain

Sara Maurico – water supply should be first priority, well on property goes dry in the summer

Janet Moss Asiain – water common resource, maybe the community can't have everything it wants, we should live within our means

Yves Mikol – 280/day/individual higher usage than stated otherwise

Elizabeth Shafer – most relevant comment was the woman who has trouble with well water

Marc Brodkin – aquifer belongs to all of us; droughts are a real threat

Kathy Nolan, Catskill Mountainkeeper – gave 2022 study that was done; should be a moratorium on high water usage development

Gaetana Ciarlante – had specific budget questions

Michelle Aisentalt – we have an environmental crisis, not just a housing crisis

Randolph Horner – doctrine of reasonable use which we heard from hydrogeologist

Joanne Bell – is there fund balance being used from 2025 for the 2026 budget

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Zoning is a big deal. When first on board we lost a lawsuit with Bonded Concrete because of zoning, that's why it's wise to change the zoning now.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of November 5, 2025; Public Hearing on November 5, 2025 regarding Tax Cap; Public Hearing on November 5, 2025 regarding the 2026 Budget and Bid Opening on November 17, 2025, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$198,080.04
General Outside Village	18,211.84
Highway	58,242.75
Capital Projects	460,387.87
Ambulance District	137,331.08
Lighting District	8,160.41

Sewer O&M	2,968.52
Water O&M	2,631.06
Trust & Agency	1,962.00
Central Hudson	30,594.32

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: none

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – Ulster County Sheriff and Saugerties Police Department are collecting food at Price Chopper, “stuff the cruiser”.

Councilwoman Thornton – Ohana Café is serving a free Thanksgiving Day dinner; Central Hudson has allocated \$10,000.00 for the Splashpad and UC Executive website is promoting the splashpad.

Councilman Ivino – nothing to report

Councilman Horton – nothing to report

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the 2026 Budget.

Motion to amend the above motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve the 2026 Budget with adjustments as on file.

Vote on amended motion: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to accept the resignation of Crossing Guard Jesse M. Ferraro, effective November 19, 2025.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to accept the resignation of Felicia Salierno of the Assessor’s Office, effective December 3, 2025.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that she found work closer to home, wish her the best.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to move Zachary Belfance from Temporary full time to Permanent full time to fill one of two open vacancies, from staff who previously left employment, at a pay rate of \$27.50 in accordance with the Parks & Buildings Non-Represented Memorandum of Agreement, Article VI, as per the recommendation of the Ice Arena Director and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas said that he has shown great initiative.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the schedule of Facility Use Fees and Rentals for 2026 (on file), as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve the 2026 schedule of pay rates (on file) for all non-permanent full time positions/employees in the Parks & Building Department, including Summer Youth Recreation Program, not covered in the Non-Represented Memorandum of Agreement, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties one (1) 40' box trailer (year unknown), as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to dispose of the aforementioned Box Trailer via the most revenue producing means which may include metal salvage reclamation, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:31 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Meeting closed in memory of Bob Speirs.

Town Clerk