**AT THE REORGANIZATION MEETING**

of the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh held

at 1496 Route 300 in said township at 7:00 p.m.

on Monday the 8th day of January, 2024

 **Present** Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Supervisor

 Scott M. Manley, Councilman

 Paul Ruggiero, Councilman

**Also Present** Mark C. Taylor, Attorney for the Town

 Patrick Hines, Town Engineering Rep

 Lisa M. Vance Ayers, Town Clerk

 Rachel Vazquez, Deputy Town Clerk

**Absent** Elizabeth J. Greene, Councilwoman

 Anthony LoBiondo, Councilman

 *Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.*

**1. ROLL CALL**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR**

 **EMPLOYEES WE HAVE LOST IN 2023.**

 **Active Employees**

Frank Ferguson, Bob Taylor, Frank Galli

 **Retired Employees**

Lawrence Goodrich, Lee Murphy, William Healey, James Fleischer, Joe Gida Sr.

**3. SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

* Town Justice Richard Clarino administered the oath of office

to Town Supervisor Gilbert Piaquadio.

* Town Justice Richard Clarino administered the oath of office

to Councilman Scott Manley

* Town Justice Richard Clarino administered the oath of office

 to Town Clerk Lisa M. Vance Ayers

**Gil Piaquadio, Town Supervisor requested a motion for a 10 minute recess.**

Motion made by Councilman Ruggiero for a 10 minute recess. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**Gil Piaquadio, Town Supervisor requested a motion to reconvene to meeting.**

Motion made by Councilman Manley to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene –absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**4. ADOPTION OF SCHEDULES FOR THE YEAR 2024**

 **A. Schedule of Town Board Meetings as presented**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to adopt the schedule of Town Board Meetings

 as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero.

VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – Yes; Councilman

 Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

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 **B. Schedule of Holidays**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to adopt the schedule of Holidays

 as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley.

VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – Yes; Councilman

 Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**5. APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN: Mark Taylor**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to reappoint Mark Taylor as Attorney for

 the Town. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene –

 absent; Councilman Ruggiero – Yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo –

 absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**6. APPOINTMENT OF LABOR ATTORNEY FOR 2024**

 **Supervisor Piaquadio is asking for approval to appoint Thomas, Drohan, Waxman,**

 **Petigrow & Mayle LLP- Point of contact Melisa Knapp**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to appoint the law firm of Thomas, Drohan,

 Waxman, Petigrow & Mayle LLP as labor Attorney’s for the year 2022. Point of contact will

 be Melisa Knapp Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene –

 absent; Councilman Ruggiero – Yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo –

 absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**7. APPOINTMENT OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT MARK HALL (2 YEAR TERM)**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to appoint reappoint Mark Hall for Highway

 Superintendent (2 year term). Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE:

 Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – Yes; Councilman Manley – yes;

 Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0

 abstain; 2 absent.

**8. ENGINEERS FOR THE TOWN WILL BE MHE ENGINEERING POINT OF CONTACT PAT HINES**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the MHE Engineering, Point of contact

 Pat Hines. Motion seconded by Counciman Manley VOTE: Councilwoman Greene –

 absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo –

 absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**9. APPOINTMENT OF TAX CERTIORARI ATTORNEYS AND CONSULTANT:**

 **A. David Murphy of Hacker and Murphy LLC**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to reappoint David Murphy

 of Hacker and Murphy LLP as Tax Certiorari Attorney for the Town.

 Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent;

 Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent;

 Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

 **B. Federal Appraisal LLC**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to appoint Federal Appraisal LLC as Tax

 Certiorari Attorney for the Town. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE:

 Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes;

 Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0

 abstain; 2 absent.

 **C. Lawrence Farbstein Industrial and Utility Consultant Inc.**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to reappoint Lawrence Farbstein

 of Industrial and Utility Consultant Inc. as Tax Certiorari Attorney for the

 Town. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero VOTE: Councilwoman Greene –absent;

 Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent;

 Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

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**10. APPOINTMENT OF BOND COUNCIL:**

 **Douglas E. Goodfriend of Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliff**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to reappoint Douglas E. Goodfriend

 of Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliff as Bond Counsel for the Town. Motion

 seconded by Councilman Ruggiero VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman

 Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor

 Piaquadio - yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**11. APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL ADVISOR: Munistat Services Inc.**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to reappoint Munistat Services as

 Financial Advisor to the Town. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley

 VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman

 Manley– yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**12. APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS and**

 **A. Lisa M. Ayers, Registrar**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the reappointment of

 Lisa M. Ayers as Registrar of Vital Statistics. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero

VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman

 Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

 **B. Registrar’s appointment Rachel Vazquez, Deputy Registrar**

 Town Clerk, Lisa Vance-Ayers, appoints Rachel Vazquez as Deputy Registrar.

**13. APPOINTMENT OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW (FOIL) OFFICERS:**

 **A. Lisa M. Ayers, Freedom of Information Officer**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to reappoint Freedom of Information Officer

 Lisa M Ayers. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene-

 absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo –

 absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

 **B. Dawnmarie Busweiler, Deputy Freedom of Information Officer**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to reappoint Deputy Freedom of

 Information Officer Dawnmarie Busweiler. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero

 VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman

 Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**14. CONFIRMATION/APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES’ COURT CLERKS:**

 **A. Judge Martini’s Court – Saziye Mustafa**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve confirmation/appointment Judge

 Martini’s Court Clerk Saziye Mustafa. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero . VOTE:

 Councilwoman Greene- absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes;

 Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0

 abstain; 2 absent.

 **B. Judge Clarino’s Court – Abigail Puntar**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve confirmation/appointment Judge

 Clarino’s Court Clerk Abigail Puntar. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE:

 Councilwoman Greene- absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes;

 Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0

 abstain; 2 absent.

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**15. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN SAFETY OFFICER FOR 2023: Gerald Canfield**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to reappoint Gerald Canfield as

 Town Safety Officer. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero.

 VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman

 Manley– yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**16. APPOINTMENT OF CONFINED SPACE OFFICER FOR 2023: Gerald Canfield**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to reappoint Gerald Canfield as

 Confined Space Officer. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley.

 VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman

 Manley– yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**17. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENTS (5 YEAR TERM)**

 **A. Greg Hermace (Term Expires 12/2028)**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to appoint Greg Hermace for Zoning Board of

 Appeals (5 year term). Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilwoman

 Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley– yes; Councilman

 LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2

 absent.

 **B.** **James L. Eberhart, Hr.’s Five-year appointment starting January 1, 2023**

 MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve James L. Eberhart, Hr.’s Five-

 year (Term Expires 12/2027). Motion seconded by Councilman Manley

 VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman

 Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion

 passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**18.** **BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

 **A. Paul J. Zalanowski**

 MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve Paul J. Zalanowski (5 year term).

 Term to expire 9/2028. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE:

 Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley –

 yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion passed: 3

 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**19. APPOINTMENT OF COURT OFFICERS, BINGO INSPECTORS, CROSSING GUARDS,**

 **MATRONS, AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

 Chief of Police Donald Campbell requests the following people be appointed

 **Court Officers:**

 1. Roger Wieringa (Sergeant)

 2. Duwayne Jackson

 3. Walter Miller

 4. Allen Nakagawa

 5. Wallesca Penz

 6. Richard Pisani

 7. Jorge Santana

 8. Lawrence Scott

 9. Richard Tuttle

 10. Kevin Espinal

 11. Angelo Hernandez

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 **Bingo Inspector:**

 1. Joe Dubaldi

 2. Steve Williamson

 **Crossing Guards:**

 1. Mimoza Vezuli

 MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to appoint the Court Officers,

 Bingo Inspector and Crossing Guard nominated by Chief of Police Donald

 Campbell. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley VOTE: Councilwoman Greene –

 absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley- yes; Councilman LoBiondo-

 absent; Supervisor Piaquadio- yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

 **B. Appointment of Matron and Parking Enforcement:**

  **Matron:**

 1. Melissa Cross

  **Parking Enforcement:**

1. Lorimer Erdaide

 MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to appoint Matron and Parking Enforcement

 nominated by Chief of Police Donald Campbell. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley

 VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley

 – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 4 yes;

 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**20. Designation of Official Publications:**

 **A. *The Mid Hudson Times***

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to redesignate the *Mid Hudson Times* as an

 official publication of the Town of Newburgh. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggerio

VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman

 Manley– yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**21.** **Association of Towns:**

 **A. Appointment Scott Manley Official Delegate**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to appoint Councilman Scott Manley as the

 Official Delegate to the Association of Towns. Motion seconded by Councilman

 Manley VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

 Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

 **B. Appointment of Official Alternate Delegate Paul Ruggiero**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to appoint Councilman Ruggiero

 as the Official Alternate Delegate to the Association of Towns. Motion seconded by

 Councilman Ruggiero VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero –

 yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo –absent; Supervisor Piaquadio –

 yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**22. ESTABLISHMENT OF REIMBURSEMENTS WITH RECEIPTS:**

 **A. For New York City Association of Towns Annual Conference: $80.00 per day with**

 **receipts**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the $80.00 per day rate with receipts

 for New York City Association of Towns Annual Conference. Motion seconded by

 Councilman Ruggiero VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero –

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 yes; Councilman Manley– yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio –

 yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

 **B. For Others: $40.00 per day with receipts**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to approve the $40.00 per day rate with

 receipts for Others. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley VOTE: Councilwoman

 Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman

 LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2

 absent.

**23. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL BANK DEPOSITORIES:**

 **A. Class**

 **B. T.D. Bank**

 **C. M & T Bank**

 **D. Orange County Trust**

 **E. Orange Bank and Trust Company**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the above Designated Official Bank

 Depositories as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley

 VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman

 Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**24. AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CHECKS, DRAFTS, and NOTES**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve authorizing the Town

 Supervisor to sign checks, drafts and notes to and for authorized banks.

 Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero

 VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman

 Manley– yes; Councilman LoBiondo –absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - abstain.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**25. AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO PAY ELECTRIC, INTERNET, CABLE, TELEPHONE AND**

 **OTHER UTILITIES, DEBT SERVICES. EASY PASS, UMPIRE/ REFEREES/ SCOREKEEPERS AND**

 **CASH ALLOTMENTS PRIOR TO THE AUDIT.**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Ruggiero to approve authorizing the Town

 Supervisor to sign checks, drafts and notes to and for authorized banks.

 Motion seconded by Councilman Manley.

 VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman

 Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo– absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - abstain.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**26. AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS UP TO $7,500.00**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the Town Supervisor to authorize budget

 transfers up to $7,500.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero

 VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley–

 yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio – abstain. Motion passed: 3 yes;

 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**27. APPROVAL OF SALARIES AS SCHEDULE**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve salaries as attached. Motion seconded

 by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero –

 yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**28. SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENTS:**

 **A. Secretary to the Supervisor: Melisa Clark-Dawson**

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 **B. Deputy Supervisor: Scott Manley**

 **1. Deputy Supervisor to be assigned a full use take home vehicle (Vote of Board)**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve Deputy Supervisor be assigned

 a full use take-home vehicle. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley

 VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman

 Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

 **C. Historian: Alan Crawford**

 **D. Liaison Officers for Town Departments**

 **2024 Liaison List**

**Elizabeth Greene  Paul Ruggiero**

Ambulance Corps  Consolidated Water District Distribution & Supply

Assessor  Highway

Personnel  Animal Control

Recreation  Sewer

Fire Bureau  Fleet

Affirmative Action

**Anthony LoBiondo  Scott Manley**

Town Clerk  Accounting

Bldgs. & Grounds  Zoning Board of Appeals

Receiver of Taxes  Planning Board

Justice Court  Code Compliance

Chadwick Lake Trail

**Gil Piaquadio** Data Processing

 **Committee’s**

Traffic Safety Committee……………. Paul Ruggiero

 Orange County Transportation Committee………………Scott Manley & Anthony LoBiondo

 Orange County District Attorney………………Elizabeth Greene

 Volunteer Fire Districts…………….Elizabeth Greene

 Parate Committee……………Anthony LoBiondo

**29.**  **APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR AS MARRIAGE OFFICER**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to appoint Supervisor Piaquadio

 as Marriage Officiant. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero

 VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman

 Manley– yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio – abstain.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**30. RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD: Blanket Undertaking**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve theresolution

 regarding Blanket Undertaking by the Town. Motion seconded by

 Councilman Manley VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

 Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**31. TOWN CLERK’S APPOINTMENTS:**

Town Clerk Lisa M. Vance Ayers announced the following appointments:

 **A. First Deputy, Dawnmarie Busweiler**

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 **B. Second Deputy, Rachel Vazquez**

**32. RECEIVER OF TAXES APPOINTMENTS:**

 **A. Donna Cucchiara, First Deputy Receiver of Taxes**

 **B. Priscilla Weed, Second Deputy Receiver of Taxes**

**33. 2023 MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH IRS SCHEDULE**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the 2024 mileage reimbursement in

 accordance with the IRS schedule. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley

 VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley –

 yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**34. WORK WEEK FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS SHALL BE 30 HOURS**

Supervisor Piaquadio announced the Work Week for Elected Officials shall be

 a minimum of thirty hours.

 MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the thirty- hour (30) work week

 for Elected Officials. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero

VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

 Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**35. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR THE TOWN: Nugent & Haeussler**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve appointing Nugent & Haeussler

 as Auditors for the Town. Motion was seconded by Councilman Manley

VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

 Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent

**36. APPROVAL OF AUDIT:**

  MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve budget $560,109.35. Motion seconded

 by Councilman Ruggiero VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero –

 yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**37. APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REVIEW CONSULTANTS:**

 **A. MHE Engineering and its sub consultants**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to appoint MHE Engineering and its sub

 consultants as the Town of Newburgh’s Public Service Review Consultants. Motion

 seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman

 Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent;

 Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

 **B. Laurence Farbstein Industrial & Utility Consultants Inc.**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to appoint Laurence Farbstein

 Industrial and Utility Consultants, Inc. as the Town of Newburgh’s Public

 Service Review Consultants. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero

VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

 Councilman Manley– yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

 **38. TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

 **Chairman: Paul Ruggiero**

 **Committee Members:**

 **Police Chief Bruce Campbell**

 **Highway Superintendent Mark A. Hall Jr.**

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MOTION made by Councilman Manley to appoint Councilman Paul Ruggiero

 as Chairman of the Town Traffic Safety Committee and appoint the following Town

 Officials to the Traffic Safety Committee. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero

 VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley –

 yes; Councilman absent – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0

 abstain; 2 absent.

**39. PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

 **A.** **Stephanie DeLuca, three- year appointment (Term Expires 12/2026)**

 MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approveStephanie DeLuca, three- year

 appointment, starting January 1, 2024. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley

 VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman

 Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

 **B.** **Ken Mennerich, three-year appointment (Term Expires 12/2026)**

 MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve Ken Mennerich, three-year

 appointment, starting January 1, 2024. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero

 VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman

 Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

 Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**40. Comments and Announcements from the Town Board Members**

Paul Ruggiero- Thank you to everyone

 Scott Manley- Thank you to everyone

 Lisa Vance Ayers- Thank you to everyone

 **Supervisor Gil Piaquadio read the 2023 accomplishments**

 **Accomplishments 2023**

These are Board Accomplishment, but many could not be possible without the help

from our dedicated town employees

Town continues to maintain a Aa-2 Rating with Moody

Created a budget for 2024 with a zero-property tax increase

Hired five Police Officers, promoted one Police Sergeant, promoted 1 Police Detective

hired two court officers

Acknowledged two Police Officers with thirty years of service and one Police Dispatcher with thirty years of service

Held three public input sessions on the Comprehensive Plan currently in progress

Provided Senior Citizens with a second notice reminder to apply for exemptions

Enacted new exception providing volunteers an opportunity for larger tax savings

Increased Volunteer Fire Companies and Voluntary Ambulance Services Tax exemption

Increased the Town’s income threshold for the senior exemptions, making more residents eligible and increasing their savings.

Amended the Tree Preservation Law

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Opposed Landfill in Ulster County that discharges into Quassaick Creek Watershed

Animal Control received a generous donation from Eleanor Bellotto Living Trust.

Worked or obtained a grant for sewer on Orange Lake West

We requested a traffic study of Route 84 and Route 17K & 9W

Finalizing and going out to bid in February on our 35 thousand square fee recreation being built without property tax funds

Installed new Air Conditioning units in the Police Department

Installed a new Electronic Sign at the Town Hall

Our Water and Sewer Department painted 610 Hydrants saving the Town from going out to bid

Secured 3.2 Million dollar grant to replace water lines in Colden Park and awarded the contract

Received a one million dollar grant from DEC for Meadow Hill Sewer Remediation Project

Received 100,000 from Elayne and Kaplan Family Foundation for Desmond Campus

Justice Court received a JCAP Grant for over $ 14,000.00

Street naming ceremony for Officers Robinson and Betanzos killed in the line of duty

Ambulance District was implemented.

Paved 18.6 miles of road

Animal Control received an excellent report from the New York State

Department of Agriculture and Markets (Thank Councilman Paul Ruggiero)

Passed a resolution, and NYS passed a law to extend our Hotel Motel Tax.

Insisted that the Water tank at Mid Valley Mall be painted

Created a Resolution requesting the Town Receive a portion of the revenue from

Speed Cameras on Route 84

Received 60K Grant to purchase evidence gathering machine from Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson

Conducted a very successful Toy Drive (Thank Commissioner James Presutti)

Conducted a successful food drive (Thank our Town Clerk Lisa Vance)

In 2024, Expect more accomplishments from this board while keeping property taxes to

A minimum

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 **41. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero at 7:49 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

 Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent;

 Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – absent;

 Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion approved, 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

 *Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm*

 *Respectfully submitted, Respectfully submitted,*

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