**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 13th day of January, 2025

**Present** Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Supervisor

Scott M. Manley, Councilman

Paul Ruggiero, Councilman

Anthony LoBiondo, Councilman

James Politi

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

Patrick Hines, Town Engineering Rep

Lisa M. Vance Ayers, Town Clerk

Dawnmarie Busweiler, Deputy Town Clerk

**Absent**

*Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.*

**1.** **Roll Call**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag & Moment of Silence**

**3. Swearing in of Elected Officials**

Town Justice Richard Clarino administered the oath of office to Councilman James Politi

**4. Adoption of Schedules for the year 2025 (see attached)**

1. **Schedule of Town Board meetings as presented**

MOTION made by Councilman Politi as presented of the Schedule of Town Board meetings. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

1. **Schedule of Holidays**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the Schedule of Holidays. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**5. Appointment of Attorney for the Town: Mark Taylor**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to reappoint Mark Taylor as Attorney for the Town.

Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman

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

yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**6. Appointment of Labor Attorney for 2025: Thomas, Drohan, Waxman, Petigrow & Mayle**

**LLP**

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

Waxman, Petigrow & Mayle LLP as labor Attorney’s for the year 2025. Motion seconded by

Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes;

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Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion

passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**7. Engineers for the Town will be MHE Engineering**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the MHE Engineering for the Town.

Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman

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

yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**8. Appoint of Tax Certiorari Attorneys and Consultants**

**A. David Murphy of Hacker & Murphy LLP**

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to reappoint David Murphy of Hacker and Murphy

LLP as Tax Certiorari Attorney for the Town. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero.

VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo –

yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0

abstain; 0 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 LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman

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

Councilman Politi- yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes.

Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

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

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to reappoint Lawrence Farbstein of Industrial

and Utility Consultant Inc. as Tax Certiorari Attorney for the Town.

Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes;

Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**9. Appointment of Bond Council**

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

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to reappoint Douglas E. Goodfriend of Orrick,

Herrington & Sutcliff as Bond Counsel for the Town. Motion seconded by Councilman

Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman

LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes;

0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**10. Appointment of Financial Advisor Munistat Services Inc.**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to reappoint Munistat Services Inc. as Financial

Advisor to the Town. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman

Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi –

yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**11. Appointment of Registrar of Vital Statistics**

**A. Lisa M. Vance Ayers Registrar**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo so moved to the reappointment of Lisa M.

Ayers as Registrar of Vital Statistics. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE:

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

Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0

abstain; 0 absent.

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**B. Registrar’s appointment Dominique Rivera Deputy Registrar**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo so moved to the reappointment of Dominique

Rivera as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero.

VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo –

yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0

abstain; 0 absent.

**12. Appointment of Freedom of Information Law (FOIL Officers)**

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

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to reappoint Freedom of Information Officer

Lisa M. Ayers. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero –

yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes;

Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

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

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to reappoint Deputy Freedom of Information

Officer Dawnmarie Busweiler. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE:

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

Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0

abstain; 0 absent.

**13. Confirmation of Judges Court Clerk appointments:**

**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 LoBiondo.

VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo

yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes.

Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

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

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve confirmation/appointment Judge

Clarino’s Court Clerk Abigail Puntar. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes;

Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**14. Appointment of Town Safety Officer for 2025 Gerald Canfield**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to reappoint Gerald Canfield as Town Safety Officer

for 2025. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor

Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**15. Appointment of Confined Space Officer for 2025: Gerald Canfield**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to reappoint Gerald Canfield as Confined Space

Officer. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor

Piaquadio- yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**16.** **Appointment of Town’s Sole Assessor Molly Carhart Until September 2025**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to reappoint Molly Carhart Town’s Sole Assessor until

September 2025. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero –

yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes;

Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

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**17. Appointment to the Ethics Board (five-year terms)**

1. **Robert Browning – Term Expired July 2022 – NEW TERM EXPIRES 7/2027**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to reappoint Robert Browning to the Ethics Board (five- year terms). Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

1. **Donna Burgess – Term Expired December 2023- NEW TERM EXPIRES 12/2028**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to reappoint Donna Burgess to the Ethics Board (five-year term). Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**18. Appointment of (see attached)**

**A. Court Officers, Bingo Inspectors, Crossing Guards**

Chief of Police Donald Campbell requests the following people be appointed

**Court Officers:**

1. Roger Wieringa (Sergeant)

2. Duewayne Jackson

3. Walter Miller

4. Allen Nakagawa

5. Wallesca Penz

6. Richard Pisani

7. Jorge Santana

8. Lawrence Schott

**Bingo Inspectors:**

1. Joseph Dubaldi

2. Steve Williamson

**School Crossing Guard**

1.Mimoza Vezuli

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the appointments of Court Officers,

Bingo Inspectors & Crossing Guard. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE:

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

Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0

abstain; 0 absent.

1. **Matrons and Parking Enforcement**

Chief of Police Donald Campbell requests the following people be appointed

**Matron:**

1.Melissa Cross

**Parking Enforcement:**

1.Lorimer Erdaide

MOTION made by Councilman Manley as presented to approve the appointments of

Matron & Parking Enforcement. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE:

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

Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0

abstain; 0 absent.

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**19. Designation of Official Publications: 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 Ruggiero. VOTE:

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

Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0

absent.

**20. Association of Towns**

**A. Appointment Scott ManleyOfficial Delegate**

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

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

VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – abstain; Councilman LoBiondo –

yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 1

abstain; 0 absent.

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

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to appoint Councilman Paul Ruggiero as the

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

Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – abstain; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman

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

yes; 0 no; 1 abstain; 0 absent.

**21. Establishment of Reimbursements with Receipts:**

**A. $80.00 per day for N.Y.S Association of Towns Annual Conference**

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: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes;

Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion

passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**B. $40.00 per day for others**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the $40.00 per day rate with receipts

for others. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes;

Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**22. Designation of Official Bank Depositories**

**A. Class C. M&T Bank**

**B. T.D. Bank D. Orange County Trust**

**E. Webster**

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

Depositories as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman

Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi –

yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**23. 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

LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman

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

yes; 0 no; 1 abstain; 0 absent.

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**24. Authorize Supervisor to Pay Electric, Internet, Cable, Telephone and other utilities, Credit**

**Card Payments, Debt Services and Umpires/Referees/Scorekeepers and Police**

**Department cash allotments prior to audit**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the Town Supervisor to sign checks, drafts

and notes to and for authorized banks and addition to EZ-Pass. Motion seconded by

Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes;

Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – abstain. Motion

passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain; 0 absent.

**25. Authorize the Supervisor to approve budget transfers up to $ 7,500.00**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the Town Supervisor to authorize

budget transfers up to $7,500.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE:

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

Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – abstain. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 1

abstain; 0 absent.

**26. Approval of Salaries as scheduled:**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo as presented to approve salaries as attached.

Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman

Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – abstain; Supervisor

Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain; 0 absent.

**27. Supervisor Appointments:**

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

**B. Deputy Supervisor: Scott Manley**

**I. Deputy Supervisor to be assigned a full use take home vehicle**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve Deputy Supervisor be assigned a full

use take home vehicle. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman

Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – abstain; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman

Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain; 0 absent.

**C. Historian: Alan Crawford**

1. **Liaison Officers for Town Departments (see below)**

**2025 Liaison List**

**Paul Ruggiero Scott Manley**

Consolidated Water District Distribution & Supply Accounting

Highway Zoning Board of Appeals

Animal Control Planning Board

Sewer Police

Fleet Code Compliance

**Anthony LoBiondo James Politi**

Town Clerk Ambulance Corps

Bldgs. & Grounds Assessor

Receiver of Taxes Personnel

**Gil Piaquadio** Data Processing

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**Committee’s**

Traffic Safety Committee Paul Ruggiero

Orange County Transportation Committee Scott Manley & Anthony LoBiondo

Orange County District Attorney James Politi

Volunteer Fire Districts James Politi

Parade Committee Anthony LoBiondo

**28. Appointment of Supervisor as Marriage Officer**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to appoint Supervisor Piaquadio as Marriage

Officiant. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor

Piaquadio – abstain. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain; 0 absent.

**29. Resolution of Town Board: Blanket Undertaking**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the resolution regarding Blanket

Undertaking by the Town. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman

Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi –

yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**30. Town Clerks Appointments (No Vote of Board)**

**A. First Deputy Dawnmarie Busweiler**

**B. Second Deputy Dominique Rivera**

**31. Receiver of Taxes Appointments (No Vote of Board)**

**A. First Deputy: Donna Cucchiara**

**B. Second Deputy: Priscilla Weed**

**32. 2025 Mileage Reimbursement in Accordance with IRS Schedule**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the 2025 mileage reimbursement in

accordance with the IRS schedule. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE:

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

Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0

absent.

**33. Workweek 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 Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor

Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**34. Appointment of Auditors for the Town for 2025 Nugent & Haeussler**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve appointing Nugent & Haeussler as

Auditors for the Town. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman

Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi –

yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**35. Approval of Audit**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the budget in the amount of

$2,043,180.18. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor

Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

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**36. ENGINEERING: Chadwick Lake Filter Plant Resiliency Project Aria Filter (Formally Pall)**

Patrick Hines, Rep Town Engineer is requesting approval for Chadwick Lake Filter Plant

Resiliency Project Aria Filter (Formerly Pall) Change Order #5. The project Engineer Amir

Mashhad, PE of HDR Engineers has requested the cost for the immediate decommissioning

of the trailer mounted filter at the Chadwick Lake Filter Plant. Their request was based on

the NYC DEP shutting down the Delaware Aqueduct Repair project and restoring flow in the

aqueduct due to drought conditions in the NYC watershed.

Aria Filter ahs provided the attached change order identifying the cost for the immediate

removal of the filter trailer.

A review of the change order identifies the following:

* + - 1. Payment of 50% for the next 2 months rental fee ($49,182.00)
      2. A monthly reservation fee of $3650 for 8 months ($29,200.00)
      3. Recommission Fee ($46,000.00)
      4. Monthly rental fee for 2025-2026 deployment $50,656.00 for 9 months ($455,904.00)
      5. Decommissioning fee June 2026 ($36,800)

New contract price is $538,704.00. A contract cancellation fee in the amount of $40,565.00

will be assessed should the contract be terminated. We are tracking costs incurred by the

Town to date as well as costs incurred due to the NYC DEP project shutdown for possible

reimbursement. The NYC DEP is currently on track to restart this project in October 2025,

however, this date is subject to change.

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to approve the Chadwick Lake Filter Plant Resiliency

Project Aria Filter (Formerly Pall) Change Order #5. Motion seconded by Councilman

Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman

LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi - yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0

no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**37. Traffic Safety Committee shall consist of:**

**Paul Ruggiero Chairman,**

**Police Chief Bruce Campbell**

**Highway Superintendent Mark Hall**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo 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 Manley. VOTE: Councilman

Ruggiero – abstain; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman

Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain; 0 absent.

**38. Appointments to the Planning Board (three-year terms expire 12/31/2028)**

**A. David Dominick**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve David Dominick, three-year term

appointment starting January 21, 2025. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE:

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

Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0

abstain; 0 absent.

**B. Lisa Carver**

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to approve Lisa Carver, three- year term

appointment starting January 21, 2025. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero.

VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo –

yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0

abstain; 0 absent.

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**39. Comments and Announcements from Town Board Members**

Councilman Ruggiero-Happy New Year & Congratulations to Jim Politi and welcome to the

family!

Councilman Manley-Congratulations to Jim Politi

Councilman LoBiondo-Happy New Year & Congratulations to Jim Politi

**Supervisor Gil Piaquadio read the 2024 accomplishments**

**Accomplishments 2024**

The following are Board Accomplishments, but many could not have been possible without

the help from our dedicated Town employees

Created a budget for 2025 with a 1.4% property tax increase

The town continues to maintain a, Aa-2 Rating with Moody

The Colden Park Water Main Replacement Project began in the spring and should be

completed soon. This was possible with a 4million Dollar Grant from Congressman Pat

Ryan’s Office

Grant Awards:

Nob Hill Sewer Plant replacement project one million dollars

Court House refacing $30 thousand through JCAP grant

GIS Mapping 75Thousand

260 thousand for a study for future uses if the Power Plants are decommissioned in

the future.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee continued work on updating the plan and will soon

commerce the environmental review on a draft update.

Entered into an agreement with NYCDEP for reimbursement of the costs of extending

Water in the Roseton area and commenced a project to address the community needs

arising from the City of New York project.

Hired 4 New Police Officers, promoted 1 Police Lieutenant, 1 Police Sergeant, 1 Canine

Officer.

Purchased a Police Dog and equipment for K9 vehicle

The Police Department purchased and installed 56 License Plate Scanners for various

locations within the Town, through a Grant from DCJS

According to a study by Moneygeek, the Town of Newburgh is the 92nd safest Town in the

United States

Commenced Construction of the Recreation/Senior Center at Chadwick Lake Park and held

a Roof topping ceremony was held in December for the new Recreation/Senior Center

Ribbon cutting ceremony, hopefully, August of 2025.

The Highway Department resurfaced over 10 miles of Roadways.

The Town Board passed a Resolution for acceptance of Stop DWI funding.

The Town Board approved the Meadow Hill Inflow and Infiltration Mitigation Project.

The Town Board approved going-to bid awarded a contract for the Town of Newburgh

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Justice Court Façade upgrades. Which will give the Court House a new look, partially funded

by a Grant from JCAP.

**40. ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion seconded

by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes;

Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion

passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm*

*Respectfully submitted, Respectfully submitted,*

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Lisa M. Vance Ayers Dawnmarie Busweiler

Town Clerk Deputy Town Clerk