**AT THE WORKSHOP 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 28th of April, 2025

**Present** Paul Ruggiero, Councilman

Scott Manley, Councilman

*A*nthony R. LoBiondo, Councilman

James Politi, Councilman

Gil Piaquadio, Town Supervisor

**Also Present**  Lisa M. Vance Ayers, Town Clerk

Dawnmarie Busweiler, Deputy Town Clerk

*Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.*

**1. ROLL CALL**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**4. CHANGES TO AGENDA-No Changes**

**5. ACCOUNTING: Approval of the Audit**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the audit in the total amount of

$2,403,625.50. 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.

**6. ASSESSOR: Tax Certiorari Danbury Apple LLC C/O Citizens Bank 1415 Route 300**

Mark C. Taylor, Attorney for the Town, presented a settlement of 2024 Tax Certiorari

Danbury Apple LLC C/O Citizens Bank (1415 Route 300). Cathy Drobny, Esq. of Hacker

Murphy LLP sent a letter regarding the above referenced proposed settlement, a proposed

Stipulation of Settlement and Order and charts showing the claimed refund liability and the

approximate refunds that will be due from the taxing jurisdictions under the proposed

settlement of the above referenced real property tax assessment appeal. Also enclosed is a

map showing the location of the 1.7acre tax parcel which is the subject of the proceedings

which contains a 6, enclosed is a map showing the location of the 1.7acre tax parcel which is

the subject of the proceedings which contains a 6,384 sq. ft. Citizen’s Bank branch building

and related improvements on Meadow Hill Road near the Northeast corner of the Route 300

intersection. The settlement provides for reductions for the 2024 in Assessed Value of

$154,469 from $549,000 to $394,531. The 2024 Assessed Valve will hold for the 2025, 2026,

and 2027 assessment rolls pursuant to the provisions of RPTL Section 727, subject to the

statutory exceptions. The Charts indicates that the refund liability for the Town (including

Highway, but not including special districts and the Fire District) will be approximately

$2,415.01. The Orange Lake Fire District) will be approximately $2,415.01. The Orange Lake

Fire District’s refund liability under the settlement will be approximately $703.67. The

Newburgh School District’s refund liability will be approximately $10,865.93, with an

additional Library refund of approximately $563.47.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the Settlement of 2024 Tax Certiorari

Danbury Apple LLC C/O Citizens Bank (1415 Route 300). Motion seconded by Councilman

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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.

**7. RESOLUTION: Draft Public Nuisance Law**

Supervisor Gil Piaquadio presented a Draft Public Nuisance Law to be reviewed.

**8. ETHICS BOARD: Appointment of New Member**

Supervisor Piaquadio, Town Supervisor is looking for a motion to appoint Lee Zawistowski to

the Ethics Board, this is due to Michael Schreiber resigning, the term expires July 2025.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve to appoint Lee Zawistowski to fill the

vacancy for the Ethics Board. 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.

**9. RECREATION: Seasonal Recreation Aides**

Parks and Recreation Commissioner, James Presutti is requesting approval to hire the

attached list as Seasonal Recreation Aides. Starting on 6/02/2025 until 9/07/2025. Salaries

are according to their time with us. All new applicants hiring is contingent on your approval

and the completion of their fingerprints, paperwork, and drug/alcohol testing. For returnees,

hiring is contingent on your approval, the completion of their paperwork and Drug/Alcohol

testing.

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to approve the hiring of the attached list as Seasonal

Recreation Aides, starting on 6/02/2025 until 9/07/2025. 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.

**10. ENGINEERING:**

**A. Newburgh Recreation Center- Change Order 08- Site & Electrical Modifications for**

**Central Hudson**

Patrick J. Hines, Rep Town Engineer is requesting approval for Newburgh Recreation

Center Change Order 08 – Site & Electrical Modifications, unforeseen rework of electrical

infrastructure and additional tree removal required for Central Hudson’s utility

connections. The Change Order Amount is $22,531.00.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the Newburgh Recreation Center

Change Order 08 – Site & Electrical Modifications for Central Hudson in the total amount

of $22,531.00. 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. Colden Park Water Main Replacement Project – Change Order #2**

Patrick J. Hines, Rep Town Engineer is requesting approval for Colden Park Water Main

Replacement Project Change Order 01 – Regal Utility Services. Repair of damaged

underground facilities during excavation that were located out of the tolerance zone

from utility mark outs in the field in the total amount of $52,492.33.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the Colden Park Water Main

Replacement Project – Change Order #2 in the amount of $52,492.33 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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**C. Drainage District Maintenance 2025**

Patrick J. Hines, Town Rep Engineer is requesting approval for the Drainage District

Maintenance 2025. The Town maintains ten drainage districts. The maintenance of the

Districts, includes mowing and other ancillary maintenance. The Maintenance of these

districts are required to meet the “post construction” maintenance requirement of the

Town’s NYSDEC MS4 permit. The Town advertised for Bids in 2024 for the maintenance

of the districts. MTTJ was the sole bidder, the bid was for one year with pricing for 2025

and 2026. MTTJ has performed the maintenance for the past seven years. We have not

had any issues with the services provided. The cost proposal is broken down for each

district as follow:

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| Location | Estimated Quantity | Unit Price | Extended Price |
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| Amber Fields | 10 ea. | $60 | $600 |
| Blue Sky (1)(2) | 20 ea. | $395 | $7900 |
| Candlestick Hill | 10 ea. | $198 | $1980 |
| Chesterfield Court | 20 ea. | $180 | $3600 |
| Cox | 10 ea. | $198 | $1980 |
| Fini | 10 ea. | $595 | $5450 |
| Mountain Lake (1) | 20 ea. | $185 | $3700 |
| Orchard Ridge | 10 ea. | $185 | $1850 |
| Pinnacle | 10 ea. | $335 | $3350 |
| House of Labor (3) | 2 ea. | $1725 | $3450 |
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1. Drainage District contains two Stormwater Management Ponds.
2. Includes cutting all woody material with the detention ponds twice a year. Two Ponds Exist.
3. Brush hog twice annual during contract term.

The annual cost is $33,860 based on the estimated mowing schedule. The Bid included an option for two additional years, 2025 and 2026. The bid price for each of these years is the same as for 2024. The Town has the option to extend the bid annually for those years. We are requesting the Town award the 2025 Drainage District maintenance to MTTJ Property Maintenance.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the Drainage District Maintenance 2025 Bid to MTTJ Property Maintenance for an annual cost of $33,860.00. 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.

**D. Levinson Heights- Old Post Road Area Watermain Extension Project- Time Extension**

**Request**

Patrick J. Hines, Rep Town Engineer is requesting approval for Levinstein Heights – Old

Post Road Area Watermain Extension Project Job #24-105. Arold Construction is

requesting a substantial completion time extension to the above referenced contract to

extend the substantial completion date from 4/15/2025 to the physical completion date

of 6/13/2025. This extension of time is necessary because the remaining residences

requiring connection did not have fully executed license agreements prior to the

4/15/2025 substantial completion date.

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MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the Levinson Heights – Old Post

Road Area Watermain Extension Project, substantial completion time extension request.

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.

**11. TOWN CLERK: Start the Process to Hire Part Time Clerk**

Lisa M. Vance Ayers, Town Clerk is requesting approval to start the process to hire a Part-

Time Clerk as appropriated in the 2025 budget.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve to start the hiring process for a Part-

Time Clerk. 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. CODE COMPLIANCE: Defensive Driving Class**

Gerald Canfield, Code Compliance Supervisor is requesting approval for Defensive Driving

Class. The purpose of this memorandum is to present pricing quotes we have obtained from

prospective defensive driving training agencies. Given that our most recent training session

occurred three years ago, we would like to offer this training to all Town employees. Family

members are welcome to participate at their own expense. The training sessions are

scheduled to take place in the Town Hall meeting room during either the third or fourth

week of May. After reviewing the proposals, we recommend Hunter Insurance Services.

* Hunter Insurance Services: $24 per person
* Dutchess School of Driving: $50 per person
* Empire Safety Council: $40 per person.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve Hunter Insurance Services: $24 per

person for Defensive Driving Class. Motion seconded 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.

**13. RECEIVER OF TAXES: Extending the Hotel Motel Tax**

Gil Piaquadio, Town Supervisor is requesting a motion to approve the Town of Newburgh

Home Rule Request for An Act to amend the tax law in relation to making technical changes

thereto, and to amend chapter 371 of the laws of 2020 amending the tax law relating to

authorizing the Town of Newburgh to impose a Hotel and Motel Tax, in relation to the

effectiveness thereof for an additional three years.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve Extending the Hotel Motel Occupancy

Tax for an additional three years. 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.

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**14. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. 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.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Lisa M. Vance Ayers Dawnmarie Busweiler

Town Clerk Deputy Town Clerk