**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 October, 2024

**Present** Scott M. Manley, Councilman

Anthony R. LoBiondo, Councilman

Gil Piaquadio, Supervisor

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

Lisa M. Vance Ayers, Town Clerk

Dawnmarie Busweiler, Deputy Town Clerk

**Absent** Paul Ruggiero, Councilman

*Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.*

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

**5. 2025 GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BUDGET: Comments and Questions on 2025 Budget**

**6. PUBLIC HEARING: Special District Budgets, Benefit Assessment Formulas and Rolls for the**

**Year 2025**

Town Supervisor, Gil Piaquadio asked if Town Clerk Vance Ayers if all the postings and

publications have been completed.

Town Clerk Vance Ayers said the notice of this meeting was posted in the town website and

in the Town Hall on October 16, 2024 and it was advertised in the Mid-Hudson Times on

October 17, 2024. This complies with all the requirements for a Public Hearing under New

York State Law.

**Open Meeting:**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to open the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. Motion

seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – absent; Councilman

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

0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**Public Comments:**

**Bill Fedder Rockwood Drive –** I have noticed that Councilman Ruggiero has been absent the

last two meetings. Was he able to participate in the budget planning?

**Supervisor Piaquadio-** Yes Councilman Ruggiero is in Florida right now and has been a part if

the budget process.

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**Close Meeting**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to close the Public Hearing at 7:33 p.m. Motion

seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – absent; Councilman

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

Motion Passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent

1. Resolution for of Final Adoption of Assessment Rolls, Budgets and Benefits Formula in the Town of Newburgh for All Sewer Districts Billed Quarterly (Crossroads Consolidated, inclusive of the following areas of assessment; Crossroads, Meadow Hill South, Meadow Hill North, Algonquin, Gidney, Wintergreen);
2. Resolution of Final Adoption of Assessment Rolls & Budget/Consolidated Water District;
3. Resolution of Final Adoption of Assessment Roll & Budget – Laurie Lane Highway Improvement Area
4. Resolutions of Final Adoption of Assessment Roll & Budget for Drainage Districts (Amber Fields, Autumn Ridge, Blue Sky, Candlestick Hill, Chesterfield Court, Cox, Fini, Longview Farm Subdivision, Margate, Mountain Lake, Orchard Ridge, Pinnacle, Tarben Subdivision, Tarsio Subdivision and Woodlawn Heights);
5. Resolutions of Final Adoption of Assessment Roll & Budget for Lighting Districts (Colden Park, Consolidated, Fleetwood, Orange Lake and Lakeside);
6. Resolution of Final Adoption of Assessment Roll & Budget- Nob Hill Dewer District;
7. Resolution of Final Adoption of Assessment Roll & Budget- Town of Newburgh
8. Resolution of Final Adoption of Assessment Roll & Budget – Town of Newburgh Ambulance District County Tax Warrant
9. Resolution Establishing the Operating & Maintenance Rates of the Town’s Sewer Districts.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve all resolutions for Special Districts Budgets, Benefit Assessment Formulas and Rolls for the year 2025 as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero- absent;

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

Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

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

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

$1,340,671.86. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero-

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

Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**8. RECEIVER OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS: Relevy Unpaid Water & Sewer**

Joseph P. Pedi, Receiver of Taxes Is requesting approval for Relevy Unpaid Water & Sewer.

The delinquent Water & sewer Accounts in the Town of Newburgh from July 1, 2023

through June 30, 2024. Accounts are to be transferred to the County and Town Roll. A

Resolution requesting the Orange County Legislature to authorize the procedure. The total

to be relieved is $619,527.85. The following breakdown applies:

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | Amount |
| Crossroads Consolidated (Includes districts listed below) |  | $543,370.33 |
| 8 | Algonquin |  |
| 1,2,4,16,17,18,24,25,26,28,29,31,32,33,34 | Crossroads |  |
| 11 | Fleetwood |  |
| 3,6,7,12,13,14,20 | Gidney |  |
| 9 | Meadow Hill South |  |
| 10,19 | Meadow Hill North |  |
| 22 | Route 17K U/A |  |
| 5 | Wintergreen |  |
| 15,23 | Nob Hill | $42,933.07 |
| 36 | Roseton | $33,224.45 |
| Water General All Districts |  | $0.00 |
| Total |  | $619,527.85 |

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the Relevy Unpaid Water & Sewer.

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

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

0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**9. JUSTICE COURT: Begin the Process to Hire a Court Clerk**

Jude T. Martini, Town Justice is requesting approval to begin the process of canvassing to fill

the vacant civil service position. My Court Clerk Catherine Keenan submitted her resignation,

effective November 20,2024, which will leave that position vacant.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the process of canvassing to fill the

vacant civil service position. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman

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

Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**10. WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT: Hiring Water Maintenance Worker**

Steve Grogan, Water/Sewer Manager is requesting approval for the hire of Markiss Price.

Mr. Grogan interviewed two candidates Jonathan Ciaccio and Markiss price. Both

candidates interviewed very well and Mr. Grogan went with Markiss Price at this time. I

sent the application for Markiss Price to orange County Human Resources and the approval

came favorably. We are looking for a hire date of November 4th, 2024.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the hiring of Markiss Price for Water

Maintenance Worker. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. Vote: Councilman

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

Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**11. HIGHWAY:**

**A. Start the Process to Hire Account Clerk**

Mark Hall, Highway Superintendent is requesting approval to start the process of getting

the canvas list for Account Clerk. As you know Catherine Hughes, my Accountant Clerk is

retiring as of November 15, 2024, I will need to hire someone to take her place.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the starting of the process to canvas

the list for account Clerk. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman

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

Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**B. Budget Transfer**

Mark Hall, Highway Superintendent is requesting approval for a Budget Transfer from

Motor Oil/Fuel D.5110.5450 to Street Paving & Resurfacing D.5110.5412 in the amount

of $ 15,000.00.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the Budget Transfer in the amount of

$15,000.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero –

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

yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

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**12. RECREATION:**

**A. Begin the Process to Hire Part Time Laborer**

Jim Presutti, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation is requesting approval to begin the

process to hire a part time Laborer to fill the opening left when Charles Carver resigned.

The funds for this position is available in the 2024 budget.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the process to hire a part time laborer.

Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – absent;

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

Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**B. Seasonal Personnel Extension**

James Presutti, Parks and Recreation Commissioner is requesting approval to extend

Joseph Finch as a seasonal Laborer until December 7, 2024. Mr. Finch had previously

been extended until October 27th. The funds are available in the 2024 budget.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve to extend Joseph Finch as a seasonal Laborer.

Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – absent; Councilman

Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0

no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**13. CODE COMPLIANCE: Proposed Road Name Request**

Lisa M. Vance Ayers, Town Clerk presented the town board with a request for approval for a

Private Road Name for Mitchell Contracting in the Dzicwiatowski Subdivision located off

Forest Road. Code Compliance has reviewed SBL#1-1-118.32 and has approved the road

name Lancia Drive.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the private road name Lancia Drive in the

Dzicwiatowski Subdivision. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman

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

Piaqaudio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**14. COMMISSIONER OF PARKS & RECREATION: Hiring of an Assistant to the Commissioner**

Jim Presutti, Parks and Recreation Commissioner is requesting approval to appoint Mrs.

Sheri Drivanos to the position of Assistant to the Commissioner of Parks Recreation and

Conservation. This position will be funded by the lateral move of Norman Coard to Buildings

and Grounds earlier this year. I have the money in my budget for 2024 and moving forward.

We will keep a position open for Mr. Coard should he opt to return to Recreation prior to

his 1yr. anniversary of the lateral move. Starting salary will be $20.22 per hour with a start

date on or about November 11, 2024. This would be subject to background check, and

physical.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the hiring of Mrs. Sheri Drivanos to the

position of Assistant to the Commissioner of Parks Recreation and Conservation. Motion

seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – absent; Councilman

Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaqaudio – yes. Motion passed: 3

yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**15. ANIMAL CONTROL: T94 Withdrawal**

Tracy Carvell of Animal Control requests authorization to use T-94 account to pay for

veterinarian services from Flannery Animal Hospital for a total of $50.95 for canine

services.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve to use T-94 account of $50.95 for

canine services. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero –

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

Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

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**16. ENGINEERING:**

**A. Route 300 Sewer Repair and Realignment**

James Osborne, Town Engineer is requesting approval for a Budget Transfer for Route

300 Sewer Repair and Realignment in from Crossroads Interfund Transfer to Route 300

Sewer Repair (H7123.5200) In the amount of $300,000. These funds will be used for

contractor and construction engineering/inspection costs associated with the

repair/realignment of the 10-inch diameter force main in Route 300.00.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the Budget Transfer for Route 300

Sewer Repair and Realignment in the amount of $300,000. Motion seconded by

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

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

abstain; 1 absent.

**B. Scannell- Newburgh Commerce Center Water Main Insulation Security Release**

Patrick J. Hines, Rep Town Engineer is requesting approval the Scannell-Newburgh

Commerce Center Water Main Insulation Security Release. The Town of Newburgh has

received a request from the project sponsor to release security which was put in place for

insulation of the water main within NYS Route 17K. The Twon has received a certification

letter from the project Engineer, Langan Engineers, dated 29 July 2024. Representatives

of the Water Department reviewed the project during installation. NYS Department of

Transportation has closed the Highway Work Permit for the project. Release of the water

main security in the amount $123,000.00 (Bond #82C238244)

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the Scannell-Newburgh Commerce

Center Water Main Insulation Security Release. In the amount of $123,000.00. Motion

seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – absent; Councilman

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

yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**C. Scannell- Newburgh Commerce Center Clearing and Grading Security Release, Site**

**Stormwater Erosion & Sediment Control Security Release, Subdivision Site**

**Improvements Security Release**

Patrick J. Hines, Rep Town Engineer is requesting approval foe Scannell-Newburgh

Commerce Center Clearing & Grading Security Release Site Stormwater Erosion &

Sediment Control Security Release Subdivision Site Improvements Security release. The

Town of Newburgh has received a request from the project sponsor to release certain

Securities:

* Clearing and grading security-Bond #82C236322, in the amount of $46,550.00.
* Site stormwater erosion and sediment control Bond #82C236357 in the amount of $1,324,131.50.
* Subdivision site improvements security Bond #82C236357 in the amount of $261,520.00.

The Town has received a Site and As Built Certification letter from the project engineers,

Langan Engineering. An As Built Plan has been received dated 11 June 2024, revised 27

June 2024. Copies of the Water and Sewer Department approval letters have been

received.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley as presented to approve the Scannell-Newburgh

Commerce Center Clearing & Grading Security Release Site Stormwater Erosion &

Sediment Control Security Release Subdivision Site Improvements Security Release.

Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – absent;

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

Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

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**D. Façade Upgrades for Justice Court**

Jim Osborne, Town Engineer is requesting approval for the Recommendation for Award

of Town of Newburgh Twon Justice Court Façade Upgrades. The Town of Newburgh

received bids for the Town Justice Court Façade Upgrades Rebid on October 10, 2024 One

(1) bid was received for the project as Outlined in the table below:

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| --- | --- |
| **Company Name** | **Bid Amount** |
| Barone Construction Group, Inc. | $275,000.00 |
| M & P Builders | No Bid |
| Peak Construction | No Bid |

The proposal scope involves general construction, plumbing, mechanical and electrical

work, as described in the contract documents. Our office has contacted Barone

Construction Group, Inc., and discussed the project scope and schedule, and they

understand the constraints and complexity of the work inside the facility. We have

contacted three refences provided by Barone Construction Group, Inc. to our office for

similar type work completed, and all three have provided positive feedback relating to

Barone Construction Group, Inc. job performance.

Based on the above, it is our recommendation that, if funding permits, the Town of

Newburgh award of Town Justice Court Façade Upgrades Rebid to Barone Construction

Group, Inc., in a base bid amount of $275,000.00. If the Town of Newburgh so decides, a

Notice of award should be sent to the Contractor as soon as possible.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the Recommendation for Award of Town

of Newburgh Town Justice Court Façade Upgrades in the amount of $275,000.00 to Barone

Construction Group, Inc. subjected to Apprenticeship. Motion seconded by Councilman

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

LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1

absent.

**17. RESOLUTION: Mandatory Restrictions on Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Due to**

**Drought Conditions**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the Resolution for Mandatory

Restrictions on Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Due to Drought Conditions. Motion

seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – absent; Councilman

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

yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

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**18. HALLOWEEN PROCLAMATION**

**2024** HALLOWEEN CURFEW

**The Town of Newburgh is concerned about the safety and welfare of our children along with the protection of private property**.

**I hereby proclaim a Town Wide Curfew on door**-**to-door "Trick or Treating" and other outdoor Halloween-related activities.**

**The curfew will run from 9:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. starting on Wednesday, October 30, 2024. The curfew will remain in effect through Thursday, October 31, 2024**.

**I am requesting that parents and guardians inform their children about this curfew and supervise the implementation of the Town Wide Curfew, so that we may avoid problems and ensure the safety, health, and welfare of our Town's young people and property owners**.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Motion

seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – absent; Councilman Manley

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

abstain; 1 absent.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Lisa M. Vance Ayers Dawnmarie Busweiler

Town Clerk Deputy Town Clerk