**AT THE PUBLIC MEETING**

of the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh held

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

on Tuesday the 12th of November 2024

**Present** Paul Ruggiero, Councilman

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

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

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

**5. ACCOUNTING:**

**A. Approval of Audit**

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

$4,182,532.55. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero –

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

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

**B. Review Budget Status Report for October 2024**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the Status Report and Budget Status

Report for September 2024. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE:

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

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

**C. Cash Transfer from Mountain Lake to Blue Sky Drainage**

Ronald E. Clum, Town Accountant is requesting approval for Cash Transfer form

Mountain Lake to Blue Sky Drainage. Upon reviewing the cash balances at November

16th, it was discovered that Blue Sky Drainage will be in a negative cash position of

approximately $5,800. For the 2025 budget we identified this cash shortage and raised

the tax rates from $330 to $718.18 per residential unit, accordingly. When we receive

this money in February, we will transfer back the $5,800 to Mountain Lake. Currently, I

am asking for an inter-fund borrowing of $5,800 from Mountain Lake Drainage to Blue

Sky Drainage District to rectify this.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the Cash Transfer from Mountain

Lake to Blue Sky Drainage in the amount of $5,800.00 Motion seconded by Councilman

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

LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0

absent.

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**6. ASSESSOR: Hiring Part Time Clerk**

Molly Carhart, Sole Assessor is requesting approval to hire a Part-Time Clerk, she interviewed

two candidates and Ms. Carhart would like to hire Helen Nelson. Ms. Nelson upon your

approval and will need to do paperwork, fingerprints, physical and drug and alcohol testing. A

hire date of on or after November 25, 2024.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the hiring of Helen Nelson for Part-Time

Clerk in the Assessor’s Office. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilman

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

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

**7. PERSONNEL: Employee Assistance Program**

Eileen Rose, HR Manager is requesting approval for Employees Assistance Program. As you

are aware, we spoke about an Employee Assistance Program that our employees are entitled

to. The company we used Corporate Services EAP (Catholic Charities Community Services of

Orange County) is no longer around. After several emails to different companies, one

company finally called us and we had a zoom meeting with them. They are called ESI. Ms.

Rose has already given you the information about the company. They offer so many more

programs then Catholic Charities. We were very impressed with them. The contract price is

$6,025.00 per. Year.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the Employees Assistance Program ESI in

the amount of $6,025.00 per year. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE:

Councilman Ruggiero - yes; Councilman Manley - yes; Councilman LoBiondo - yes; Supervisor

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

**8. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS-No Reports**

**9. INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF NEW WINDSOR- Trailer Mounted**

**Godwin Bypass Pump**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the agreement between The Town of

Newburgh and the Town of New Windsor for the sharing of one (1) of the Town of New

Windsor’s trailer mounted Godwin Bypass Pump on a temporary “as need” basis. The only

cost for same shall be the Town of Newburgh’s reimbursement to New Windsor for the

actual servicing by Godwin pump prior to it being placed in service by The Town of

Newburgh, during the time the Delaware Aqueduct is off-line. The agreement shall remain in

effect until December 31, 2025. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman

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

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

**B. Godwin Pumps**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve using the Trailer Mounted Godwin

Bypass Pump rental quote in the total amount of $12,123.00 monthly. Motion seconded

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

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

abstain; 0 absent.

**10. SELECTION OF SUPPLIER OF ELECTRICITY FOR THE TOWN: NRG Business Marketing LLC**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve NRG Business Marketing LLC for Supplier

of Electricity for the Town. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilman

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

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

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**11. CODE COMPLIANCE: Two Private Road Name Requests – Hudson Asset Homes, LLC**

Lisa M. Vance Ayers, Town Clerk is requesting approval for Hudson Asset Homes, LLC Road

Name Request. Hudson Asset Homes, LLC is looking for an approval of two road names in

the Chadwick Woods Subdivision. Code Compliance has reviewed SBL’s 14-1-51.1 to 14-1-

51.5 and has approved the two road names: 1. Sedona Way & 2. Bolger Court.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the Hudson Asset Homes, LLC Road

Name Request for Sedona Way and Bolger Court. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley.

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

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

**12. ENGINEERING: Budget Transfer Elmhurst Culvert Replacement**

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

Elmhurst Culvert Replacement.

From: Highway Interfund Transfer (D9902.5900)

To: Elmhurst Culvert Replacement (H8103.5200)

AMT: $50,000

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the Budget Transfer for the Elmhurst

Culvert Replacement in the amount of $50,000. Motion seconded Councilman LoBiondo.

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

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

**13. ANIMAL CONTROL: T-94 Withdrawal**

**A Newburgh Veterinary Hospital**

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

veterinarian services from Newburgh Veterinary Hospital in the amount of $4,304.60 for

which $1,495.06 for canine services and $2,809.54 for feline services.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the authorizations to use T-94 account

to pay for veterinarian services in the amount of $4,304.60 to Newburgh Veterinary

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

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

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

**B. Flannery Animal Hospital**

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

veterinarian services from Flannery Animal Hospital in the amount of $390.15 for feline

services.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the authorization to use T-94

account to pay for veterinarian services in the amount of $390.15 to Flannery Animal

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

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

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

**14. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Supervisor Piaquadio-** The Veterans Run from Post to Post this past Saturday was

successful. This Thursday at 5 pm there are awards for the PBA.

**Councilman Ruggiero-** There has been an influx of Cat and Dogs at the animal shelter, this

is the reason these T-94 withdrawals have been so high. I also want to congratulate Jim

Politi and we welcome him to the team.

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**15. PUBLIC COMMENTS- No Coments**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley –yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Lisa M. Vance Ayers

Town Clerk