**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 Monday the 13th day of March, 2023

**Present** Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Supervisor

Elizabeth J. Greene, Councilwoman

Paul I. Ruggiero, Councilman

Scott M. Manley, Councilman

Anthony R. LoBiondo, Councilman

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

Lisa M. Ayers, Town Clerk

Rachel Vazquez, Deputy Town Clerk

*Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.*

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

**5. POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**A. Promotion of Sergeant**

Town Supervisor Gil Piaquadio announced that Town Board had interviewed several

candidates for the Sergeant position. The town Board has chosen to promote John Radar

to Sergeant.

**B. Resolution DWI Funding**

Attorney Mark Taylor presented a Resolution to the Town Board Authorizing Execution

and Delivery of Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town of Newburgh and Orange

County for the period March 11, 2023- January 11, 2024 for stop DWI Program Services.

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

Report for February 2023 Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo

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

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

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

**6. ACCOUNTING**

**A. Approval of Audit**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to approve the audit in the amount of

$1,268,593.17. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene –

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

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

**B. Review Status Report and Budget Status Report for February 2023**

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

Report for February 2023 Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero

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

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

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

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**7. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**A.** **Police Department**

Police Chief, Bruce Campbell, presented a new initiative that allows homeowners and

businesses to voluntarily register their surveillance and doorbell video cameras with the

police department. How it works is when we have a criminal event in an area we will

contact anyone who has a camera in that area and ask them to search their own recordings

for information that may be pertinent to our investigation. It is completely confidential and

no recordings will be made public without the express permission of the owner.

Registration forms can be obtained from any officer, Town of Newburgh Police Facebook

page, or by stopping in or calling the police department. We are also working on having the

form added to the police department website. 

Year to Date Statistics

Calls for Service: 4800

Case Reports: 750

Arrests: 195

Tickets issued: 730

Accident reports taken: 285

**B.** **Fleet Department**

Highway Superintendent, Mark Hall, presented New Water Dept. truck ready to go and

normal services, Inspections, and preventative maintenance.

**C.** **Highway Department**

Highway Superintendent, Mark A. Hall Jr., presented work to begin on drainage on Fletcher

Dr. only picked up 25 tires this month. Did a drainage clean out on Hob St. Trimming roads

for road work. Grove Ct. drainage easement cleaning. Continue to work on Desmond Trail

in between jobs.

**D. Parks and Recreation Department**

James Presutti Commission of Parks & Recreation presented Summer Camp registration is

March 18th. The Easter Egg hunt will be April 1st, the event will be drive thru, the hill

where the egg hunt is usually held will be under excavation. Winter programs are over

and the department is gearing up for the Spring/Summer programs.

**8.** **RECREATION:**

**A. 2023 T-Shirt Bid Approval**

Parks and Recreation Commissioner, James Presutti, presented the 2023 T-Shirt Bid

Approval. Mr. Presutti is requesting approval to accept the quote from Fusion Graphix at

the price of $5.79 (majority). They are not the lowest quote, but the other vendor had

too many variables one of which may require us to purchase unnecessary shirt quantities.

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to approve Fusion Graphix for 2023 T- Shirt Bid.

Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – yes;

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

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

**B. Start the Process to Hire Full-Time Recreation Aide**

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

process to hire a full time Recreation Aide to replace Mrs. Patricia Gida who has retired as

of March 3rd. The funds for the position are in the current 2023 Budget.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve to begin process to hire full time

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Recreation Aide. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene –

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

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

**C. Portable Stage Purchase**

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

quote from the Stage Depot as they represented the lowest quoted price. The recreation

Department has received quotes from three vendors for the purchase of a portable stage.

The funds are available in the 2023 Budget.

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to approve Stage Depot for Portable Stage

Purchase. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley VOTE: Councilwoman Greene -yes;

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

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

**D. CSX Letter Regarding Anchorage Railroad Crossing**

Town Supervisor, Gil Piaquadio, presented letter from CSX regarding the proposed at-

grade crossing in Northern Zone, River Subdivision; QR-60.75.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to aknowledge the letter from CSX .

Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero.

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

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

0 abstain; 0 absent.

**9. ANIMAL CONTROL: T-94 Withdrawal: Newburgh Veterinary Hospital**

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

veterinarian services from Newburgh Veterinary Hospital for a total of $1682.79 for which

$248.36 was for canine services and $1434.43 was for feline services.

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to approve the use of the T-94 account to pay

For veterinarian services Newburgh Veterinary Hospital for a total of $1682.79. Motion

seconded by Councilman Manley VOTE: Councilwoman Greene -yes; Councilman

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

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

**10. RETIREMENT SYSTEM REPORTING RESOLUTION: Judge Jude Martini**

This resolution establishes the standard work days for the following elected

official and will be reported to the New York State Retirement based on their record of

activities. A copy of this is on file with the Town Clerks Office and posted on the Town

Clerks sign Board.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the Standard Work Day and Reporting

Resolution for elected and appointed officials Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo

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

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

abstain; 0 absent.

**11. CODE COMPLIANCE:**

**A. Start the Process to Hire Part-Time Employee**

Code Compliance Supervisor, Gerald Canfield, is requesting approval to start process to

hire part time Assistant Building Inspector. This position for approved for the 2023

Budget.

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MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to approve to start the process to hire part time

Assistant Building Inspector. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley.

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

Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio - Yes. Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0

abstain; 0 absent.

**B. Primavera Developers Road Name Request**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve Primavera Drive road name request

Motion seconded by Councilman Manley VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – yes;

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

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

**12. WATER DEPARTMENT:**

**A. Set Public Hearing for Increasing the Fee for Back flow Preventer**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to set Public Hearing to Increasing the Fee for

Back Flow Preventer for April, 10 2023 at 7:00 pm. Motion seconded by Councilman

Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene -yes; Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman

Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio - Yes. Motion passed: 5

yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**B. Hydrant Flushing**

Town of Newburgh Water Department is scheduling the flushing of water hydrants

beginning Monday, April 17, 2023 and ending Friday, April 28, 2023. This may result in

some discoloration of water. The department will be flushing some areas at night, when

usage is lowest to minimize this problem.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve Hydrant Flushing. Motion seconded

by Councilman Ruggiero.VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – yes; Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

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

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

**13. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Councilman Manley –** On March 30th from 3-5pm Central Hudson will be coming to Town

Hall and will be right here to the Meeting Room to meet with residents to explain and

discuss their Central Hudson bills. If they cannot meet with everyone, they will take your

information and contact you at a later date.

**14. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Bill Fedder Rockwood Drive-** Is the price on the backflow Preventor for new construction?

**Supervisor Piaquadio-** Yes if you have new Commercial Construction, one must be

installed.

**Bill Fedder-** For the Central Hudson visit do you need to be a resident?

**Councilman Manley-** No you do not need to be a resident.

**Meadow Winds Resident-** I come to address a letter received by all residents at the

Highland Village at Meadow Winds Condominiums where I live. The letter states that at a

homeowners meeting held in October 2022 and again in January 2023, the board discussed

the replacement of the roads and what it would entail. Besides replacing all the asphalt,

drain basins will be repaired, speed bumps installed along with restriping parking spaces and

adding the spot numbers. In order for this project to move forward a special assessment

is needed. The letter states that the special assessment is $1,600.00 per home and is due by

June 1, 2023. A payment plan is available, one payment due April 11, 2023, a second

installment due May 1, 2023 with the final payment due June 1, 2023.

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I come to ask if there is anything the Town Board can do to assist us?

**Town Attorney Mark Taylor-** This is not a matter that is within the Towns jurisdiction. This

does not mean that the Town cannot have a discussion with your Board or Management

Company. If the Town Supervisor wishes he can write a letter to stating that the concerns

have been brought to the attention of the Town Board. Other than that, the Town Board

does not have the authority to get involved with Home Owners Associations.

**Michelle Fayo Bolder Road –** I am asking the Town Board to ask Target for overnight security.

I have called Target’s management office and I am getting nowhere. I am tired of calling the police for the Car Clubs and the Power sweeper at 2am.

**Supervisor Piaquadio -** I sent them a letter about that, that is sill going on?

**Michelle Fayo-** Yes, it is. I was dealing with someone in San Francisco from the company Juster, but they just ignore my calls now. The Police come and clear out the parking lot and an hour later they are back.

**Supervisor Piaquadio-** I used to deal with a gentlemen named Bob he was very responsive but I don’t think he is there anymore. If you call my office tomorrow I will have Melisa give you a contact name and number.

**Bill Fedder**- I believe Target is in front of the Planning Board, couldn’t the make that a stipulation?

**Supervisor Piaquadio-** I’m not sure, we can look into it.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm

Motion seconded by Councilman Manley VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – yes;

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

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

*Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Lisa M. Vance Ayers Rachel Vazquez

Town Clerk Deputy Town Clerk