**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 11th day of September, 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 7:02 p.m.*

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**In our moment of silence, we would like to remember all the 911 victims and the passing**

**of our employee Robert Taylor**

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

**5. ACCOUNTING**

**A. Approval of Audit**

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

$1,679,316.11. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene –

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

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

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

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

Report for August 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

**C. Crossroads Budget Transfer**

Ronald Clum, Town Accountant, requested approval to transfer $25,000 from Repairs to

Coll System Account and $25,000 from Interfund Transfer account to the Crossroads-

Health Insurance Account. The Crossroads-Health Insurance Account needed to be

increased by $50,000 due to the allocation of the health insurance expense during the

2023 budget process being wrong.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve Budget Transfer of $50,000 to

Crossroads- Health Insurance Account. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greene. 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. POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**A. Purchase of Radios**

Police Chief, Bruce Campbell, is requesting permission to purchase 4 additional portable

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radios and remote speakers along with the necessary programming to be compatible with

our current system. These radios are the only radios compatible with our current system

that was provided by Orange County. The total cost of the radios, accessories and

programming is $23,207.12. Budget appropriation #3120.5200.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve Purchase of Radios. 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. Hiring of Part Time Animal Control Officer**

Police Chief, Bruce Campbell, is requesting permission to hire Diana Salvatore as a Part

Time Animal Control Officer at a starting rate of $17.31 per hour with a proposed starting

date of 09/18/2023. This is a budgeted position that has recently become vacant. (Fund

Appropriation 3510.5100)

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve Hiring of Part Time Control Officer.

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

**C. Purchase of AED’s**

Police Chief, Bruce Campbell, is requesting permission topurchase CR2 AED's and

associated electrodes from Stryker for a total of $6,947.43. The purchase is necessary to

replace outdated AED's. This is a budgeted item and the final cost reflects a trade-in of the

outdated AED's**.**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve Purchase of AED’s. Motion seconded

by Councilwoman 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.

**7. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

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

Police Chief, Bruce Campbell, presented the PBA had two events last week. On Tuesday

they gave out school supplies and free haircuts to kids at the Newburgh Mall and Friday

was the annual Senior Picnic which is always a good time. School also started last week

and the traffic around the schools has been chaotic to say the least. We are working with

the schools to relieve some of the congestion and helping out directing traffic. It should

smooth out as parents get used to the routine.  The DARE program will begin in the first

week of October.

We had a Bank Robbery on Saturday. A man walked in to the Walden Savings Bank and

passed a note demanding money and that he had a gun. No firearm was displayed and he

fled on foot. We believe he left in a vehicle that was waiting nearby. We are working with

the District Attorney's Office, State Police and FBI.

Year to Date Statistics

Calls for Service: 17,500

Case Reports: 2600

Arrests: 750

Traffic Tickets issued: 2300

Parking tickets: 525

Accident reports taken: 1000

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**B.** **Highway Department**

Highway Superintendent, Mark A. Hall Jr., reported that paving is finally done. Button up

on ditches and profiling driveways. Mowers are sent out for final time. We will start to prep

for upcoming storm season. Salt prices are out and are ordering. Will be scheduling in

the upcoming months: ditching, tree trimming, fall leaf and brush pick up.

**D. Parks and Recreation Department**

James Presutti Commission of Parks & Recreation reported the Fall Softball and Soccer

programs started last week. The Desmond classes are filling up fast. A youth Pickleball

program started on Tuesday nights and It’s been fun. Thank you to all the Town Board and

the PBA for hosting the Senior picnic last week, everyone had a nice time. The trail at

Chadwick Lake had some storm damage that was able to be repaired without having to

close the trail at all. Everything is moving along.

**8.** **RECREATION DEPARTMENT: Temporary Employment Extension**

**A. Temporary Employment Extension**

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

Derek Roben as a Seasonal Laborer until November 5th. Mr. Roben had been previously

approved until September 11Th. The funds are available in the 2023 budget.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve Temporary Employment Extension.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greene. 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 $3357.16 for which

$972.96 was for canine services and $2384.20 was for feline services.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the use of the T-94 account to pay

For veterinarian services Newburgh Veterinary Hospital for a total of $3357.16. Motion

seconded by Councilwoman Greene 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****. GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE: Purchase of LED Display sign for Town Hall**

Gil Piaquadio, Town Supervisor, is looking for a motion to purchase an exterior LED sign for Town

Hall from Stewart Signs in the amount of $19,702.00. Requests for quotes were sent out to several

companies. Stewart signs was the only one to respond.

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to approve Purchase of LED Display sign.

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.

**11.** **ENGINEERING:**

**A. Water Supply Budget Transfer**

Patrick Hines, Town engineer Representative, presented Water Supply Budget Transfer.

Based on postponement of the NYC Delaware Aqueduct Tunnel shut-down, transfer

request is to re-purpose monies for general operation resulting from the schedule

change.

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| **FROM: F8330…** | **TO: F8330…** | **AMOUNT** |
| 4001.5497 (Rentals\lease\Maint) | 4001.5474 (Rep to Non-vehicle Equip) | $36,000.00 |
| 4002.5474 (Rep to Non-Vehicle Equip) | 4001.5459 (Chemicals) | $35,000.00 |
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| 4001.5466 (Operating Supplies) | 4001.5459 (Chemicals) | $10,000.00 |
| 4002.5466 (Operating Supplies) | 4001.5459 (Chemicals) | $45,000.00 |
| 4001.5497 (Rentals\lease\Maint) | 4001.5459 (Chemicals) | $70,000.00 |
| 4002.5200 (Equip/Other Capital) | 4002.5200 (Sludge Hauling) | $60,000.00 |

**B. Portable Towable Generator Water/Sewer**

Patrick Hines, Town engineer Representative, presented Portable Towable Generator for

Water/Sewer. At the Dec 27, 2022 workshop meeting, the Board identified the need to

purchase a new portable generator for use by the water and sewer departments. Funds were

transferred for the purchase, but the units required bidding under the purchasing policy.

We have identified units available under the NYS HIRE Contract PC 69013. The select unit is a

Generic MDG 150114/144kW with a four-position switch which adds significant flexibility for the

unit. The unit will be capable of running any of the water or sewer pumping stations not

equipped with permanent standby power.  It will replace the current truck mounted unit which is

dated. Lead time for the unit is currently 26-28 weeks. The cost of the unit under the NYS HIRE

Contracts is $122,388.53.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve Portable Generator for Water/Sewer.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greene 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. Chadwick Lake Recreation Center Geotech Proposal**

Patrick Hines, Town engineer Representative, presented the Chadwick Lake Recreation

Center Geotech Proposal. MHE Engineering, D.P.C. solicited proposals on behalf of the

Town of Newburgh. The Geotech Report is required to complete the building foundation

design. One proposal for professional services was received from Kevin Patton, P.E. of

Newburgh. The Geotech work is specifically excluded from our design proposal. The

proposal for Geotech services requires Town Board authorization.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve Portable Generator for

Water/Sewer. 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. Roseton Hills STP Repairs**

Patrick Hines, Town engineer Representative, presented the Roseton Hills STP Repairs.

The Town's contract operator for the Roseton Hills Sewer Plant has solicited quotes for

replacement of two flow meters and a pump replacement. Three quotes were received

for repairs:

1) Tam Enterprises $22.780.00

2) H2O Innovations $28,900.00

3) JTP Hudson Valley $19,985.00

The lowest quote for the repairs was from JTP Hudson Valley.

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to approve Roseton Hills STP Repairs.

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

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**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Supervisor Piaquadio** announced that the town will be hosting a Veterans Walk in October

for the American Legion and the VFW. Date and time to follow.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENS:**

**Candlestick Park Resident Anthony-** Candlestick Park’s management company Lakeshore

Management states they put a request into the town to approve booster pumps to be

installed to increase the water pressure to residents of the park. Lakeshore Management is

stating that the town denied these permits and wants the Mobile Home Park to go onto the

towns water supply. If the residents are forced to go onto the towns water supply it would

be catastrophic for our residents already living paycheck to paycheck, not to mention the

cost of the meters which would be passed along to the resident. The cost of the water is

now included in the cost of our rent, most residents can hardly afford their rent. I have no

idea of the accuracy of Lakeshore Managements comments, so I come before you tonight.

**Supervisor Piaquadio-** There were a set of emails going back and forth. I want to say your

park is a private park and you have a private water system.

**Park** **Resident Anthony-** Yes, we have two main wells we use**.**

**Supervisor Piaquadio-** There were some cost estimates given to the board. You had emailed

Jonathan Jacobsen, I responded to him and whomever was copied with all the information.

If you leave your name and email address, I’ll send them to you. It’s going to come down to

two things. Either you hook up to the town water or you have to deal with the Dept of

Health on private wells.

**Park Resident Anthony-** The reason I come before you is because us residents are not

getting service from the management company. Lots of Code violations, water quality,

water pressure. We already spoke to Mr. Canfield. Most recently we had Senator Rolison

reach out to Code. We are trying to make you aware that Lakeshore is not doing what they

are supposed to be doing to maintain their facility. None of these issues have been

addressed. Obviously, we have no idea what is going on.

**Supervisor Piaquadio-** If you are unhappy with your management company, wouldn’t you

get a new management company?

**Park Resident Anthony-** These companies come in and buy up all the parks. They come in

and we don’t have a say. Senator Rolison is aware, we even contacted the District Attorney to

get some answers. I don’t know if you understand the quandary we are in. We have lots if

low-income residents and we have no idea what is going on.

**Councilman Manley-** Sir you used to email me all the time. The Senator called me every time

he spoke to you. I am the one who coordinated with Jerry Canfield to get a hold of Central

Hudson to come and look at the electrical boxes. They look terrible, but Central Hudson is

saying they are fine. They did find that one resident tried to alter to beat Central Hudson for

the money. I think Pat Hines may know more about the water issues but that has to go

through the Health Department.

**Park Resident Anthony-** I was an electrician for Twenty-Eight years and those boxes are not

safe.

**Councilman Manley-** Sir that is not me saying that, this is what Central Hudson is saying. For

your water issue that has to go through the Department of Health.

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**Pat Hines Engineer-** The water issue would go through the Department of Health. The town

Engineering department has been in contact with Lakeshore Managements Engineer and we

have plotted a coursed for them. Either come onto the towns water supply or make

improvements to the existing system. I think they are doing a cost benefit analysis.

**Park** **Resident Anthony-** So let me get this straight, the Town of Newburgh is not denying any

Permits?

**Councilman Manley-** Yes correct, there are no permits.

**Pat Hines-** There are no approvals needed to work on that system.

**Park** **Resident Anthony-** We need your help desperately you have jurisdiction to come in and look. I advocate for these people. It breaks my heart that there are seniors living on social security and they have no idea what is going on. We cannot afford an attorney. Thank you for your time.

**Cassandra Cadet 22 Kohl Avenue**- Behind my house there is a run off that leads tr a catch basin behind my house which is causing flooding. First thing I was told was that I responsible because I live on a private road. However, all the roads involved are not private roads. Which means the town is responsible for cleaning and maintaining those drains. So, my question is what is the towns protocol?

**Supervisor Piaquadio-** Scott is this one we looked at?

**Councilman Manley-** No this one I have not heard about. Is this the private road off of Carter Avenue?

**Supervisor Piaquadio-** Yes maybe we can go take a look.

**Pat Hines Engineering-** Yes, we can.

**Councilman Manley-** So Pat Hines and I will go take a look.

**Supervisor Piaquadio-** Has anything changed? I know we get crazy weather.

**Cassandra Cadet-** My neighbors say this happens all the time. It’s an ongoing problem.

**Councilman Manley-** I ride around with the Engineering Department. We will go take a look and then coordinate with our Highway Department.

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Employee Performance**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to enter into Executive Session at 7:32pm

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

Supervisor Piaquadio said no action was taken during executive session.

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**15. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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 7:45p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Lisa M. Vance Ayers Rachel Vazquez

Town Clerk Deputy Town Clerk