**AT THE REORGANIZATION 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 9th day of January, 2023

**Present** Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Supervisor

Elizabeth J. Greene, Councilwoman

Scott M. Manley, Councilman

Anthony LoBiondo, Councilman

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

Patrick Hines, Town Engineering Rep

Lisa M. Vance Ayers, Town Clerk

Rachel Vazquez, Deputy Town Clerk

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

**1. ROLL CALL**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR**

**EMPLOYEES WE HAVE LOST THIS YEAR.**

* **Detective DJ Romano**
* **Deputy Chief Robert DeSaye**
* **Dispatcher Jodi Longhorn**

**3. ADOPTION OF SCHEDULES FOR THE YEAR 2023**

**A. Schedule of Town Board Meetings as presented**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to adopt the schedule of Town Board Meetings

as presented. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greene.

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

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

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

**B. Schedule of Holidays**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to adopt the schedule of Town Holidays

as presented. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greene

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

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

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

**4. APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN: Mark Taylor**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to appoint reappoint Mark Taylor as Attorney for

the Town. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greene

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

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

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

**5. APPOINTMENT OF LABOR ATTORNEY FOR 2023**

**Supervisor Piaquadio is asking for approval to appoint Thomas, Drohan, Waxman,**

**Petigrow & Mayle LLP- Point of contact Melisa Knapp**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to appoint the law firm of Thomas, Drohan,

Waxman, Petigrow & Mayle LLP as labor Attorney’s for the year 2022. Point of contact will

be Melisa Knapp Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greene

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

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

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

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**6. ENGINEERS FOR THE TOWN WILL BE MHE ENGINEERING POINT OF CONTACT PAT HINES**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the MHE Engineering, Point of contact

Pat Hines. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greene VOTE: Councilwoman Greene –

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

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

**7. APPOINTMENT OF TAX CERTIORARI ATTORNEYS AND CONSULTANT:**

**A. David Murphy of Hacker and Murphy LLC**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to reappoint David Murphy

of Hacker and Murphy LLP as Tax Certiorari Attorney for the Town.

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

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

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

**B. Federal Appraisal LLC**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to appoint Federal Appraisal LLC as Tax

Certiorari Attorney for the Town. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE:

Councilwoman Greene – yes; Councilman Ruggiero – absent;

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

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

**C. Lawrence Farbstein Industrial and Utility Consultant Inc.**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to reappoint Lawrence Farbstein

of Industrial and Utility Consultant Inc. as Tax Certiorari Attorney for the

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

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

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

**8. APPOINTMENT OF BOND COUNCIL:**

**Douglas E. Goodfriend of Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliff**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to reappoint Douglas E. Goodfriend

of Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliff as Bond Counsel for the Town. Motion

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

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

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

**9. APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL ADVISOR: Munistat Services Inc.**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to reappoint Munistat Services as

Financial Advisor to the Town. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley

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

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

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

**10. APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS and**

**A. Lisa M. Ayers, Registrar**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the reappointment of

Lisa M. Ayers as Registrar of Vital Statistics. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo

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

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

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

**B. Registrar’s appointment Rachel Vazquez, Deputy Registrar**

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**11. APPOINTMENT OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW (FOIL) OFFICERS:**

**A. Lisa M. Ayers, Freedom of Information Officer**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to reappoint Freedom of Information Officer

Lisa M Ayers. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greene. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene-

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

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

**B. Dawnmarie Busweiler, Deputy Freedom of Information Officer**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to reappoint Deputy Freedom of

Information Officer Dawnmarie Busweiler. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greene

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

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

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

**12. CONFIRMATION/APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES’ COURT CLERKS:**

**A. Judge Martini’s Court – Saziye Mustafa**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve confirmation/appointment Judge

Martini’s Court Clerk Saziye Mustafa. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greene. VOTE:

Councilwoman Greene- yes; Councilman Ruggiero – absent; Councilman Manley – yes;

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

abstain; 1 absent.

**B. Judge Clarino’s Court – Abigail Puntar**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve confirmation/appointment Judge

Clarino’s Court Clerk Abigail Puntar. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greene. VOTE:

Councilwoman Greene- yes; Councilman Ruggiero – absent; Councilman Manley – yes;

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

abstain; 1 absent.

**13. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN SAFETY OFFICER FOR 2023: Gerald Canfield**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to reappoint Gerald Canfield as

Town Safety Officer. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley.

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

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

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

**14. APPOINTMENT OF CONFINED SPACE OFFICER FOR 2023: Gerald Canfield**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to reappoint Gerald Canfield as

Confined Space Officer. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley.

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

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

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

**15. APPOINTMENT OF MOLLY CARHART AS SOLE ASSESSOR**

**16. APPOINTMENT OF** *(see attached)***:**

**A. Court Officers, Bingo Inspectors, Crossing Guards and Matrons**

- Chief of Police Donald Campbell requests the following people be

appointed

**Court Officers:**

1. Roger Wieringa (Sergeant)

2. Duwayne Jackson

3. Walter Miller

4. Allen Nakagawa

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5. Wallesca Penz

6. Richard Pisani

7. Jorge Santana

8. Lawrence Scott

9. Richard Tuttle

**Bingo Inspector:**

1. Joe Dubaldi

**Crossing Guards:**

1. Mimoza Vezuli

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to appoint the Court Officers,

Bingo Inspector and Crossing Guard nominated by Chief of Police Donald

Campbell. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greene VOTE: Councilwoman Greene –

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

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

**B. Appointment of Matron: Melissa Cross**

Chief of Police Donald Campbell nominates Melissa Cross to Matron

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to appoint Melissa Cross

Matron nominated by Chief of Police Donald Campbell. Motion seconded by

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

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

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

**17. Designation of Official Publications:**

**A. *The Mid Hudson Times, The Orange County Sentinel Post***

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to redesignate the

*Mid Hudson Times and The Orange County Sentinel Post* as an official publication of the

Town of Newburgh. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greene

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

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

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

**18.** **Association of Towns:**

**A. Appointment Scott Manley Official Delegate**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to appoint Councilman Scott Manley as the

Official Delegate to the Association of Towns. Motion seconded by Councilwoman

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

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

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

**B. Appointment of Official Alternate Delegate Paul Ruggiero**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to appoint Councilman Ruggiero

as the Official Alternate Delegate to the Association of Towns. Motion seconded by

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

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

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

**19. ESTABLISHMENT OF REIMBURSEMENTS WITH RECEIPTS:**

**A. For New York City Association of Towns Annual Conference: $80.00 per day with**

**receipts**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the $80.00 per day rate with receipts

for New York City Association of Towns Annual Conference. Motion seconded by

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

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

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

**B. For Others: $40.00 per day with receipts**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to approve the $40.00 per day rate with

receipts for Others. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley VOTE: Councilwoman

Greene – yes; Councilman Ruggiero – absent; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman

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

absent.

**20. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL BANK DEPOSITORIES:**

**A. Class**

**B. T.D. Bank**

**C. M & T Bank**

**E. Orange Bank and Trust Company**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the above Designated Official Bank

Depositories. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo

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

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

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

**21. AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CHECKS, DRAFTS, and NOTES**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to approve authorizing the Town

Supervisor to sign checks, drafts and notes to and for authorized banks.

Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo

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

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

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

**22. AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO PAY ELECTRIC, INTERNET, CABLE, TELEPHONE AND**

**OTHER UTILITIES, DEBT SERVICES. EASY PASS, UMPIRE/ REFEREES/ SCOREKEEPERS AND**

**CASH ALLOTMENTS PRIOR TO THE AUDIT.**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to approve authorizing the Town

Supervisor to sign checks, drafts and notes to and for authorized banks.

Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo.

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

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

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

**23. AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS UP TO $7,500.00**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the Town Supervisor to authorize budget

transfers up to $7,500.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greene

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

yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – abstain. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0

no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**24. APPROVAL OF SALARIES AS SCHEDULE**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve salaries as attached. Motion seconded

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

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

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

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**25. SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENTS:**

**A. Secretary to the Supervisor: Melisa Clark-Dawson**

**B. Deputy Supervisor: Scott Manley**

**1. Deputy Supervisor to be assigned a full use take home vehicle (Vote of Board)**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve Deputy Supervisor be assigned

a full use take-home vehicle. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greene VOTE:

Councilwoman Greene – yes; Councilman Ruggiero – absent; Councilman Manley –

abstain; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes.

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

**C. Historian: Alan Crawford**

**D. Liaison Officers for Town Departments**

**26.**  **APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR AS MARRIAGE OFFICER**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to appoint Supervisor Piaquadio

as Marriage Officiant. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo

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

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

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

**27. RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD: Blanket Undertaking**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve theresolution

regarding Blanket Undertaking by the Town. Motion seconded by

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

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

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

**28. TOWN CLERK’S APPOINTMENTS:**

Town Clerk Lisa M. Vance Ayers announced the following appointments:

**A. First Deputy, Dawnmarie Busweiler**

**B. Second Deputy, Rachel Vazquez**

**29. RECEIVER OF TAXES APPOINTMENTS:**

**A. Donna Cucchiara, First Deputy Receiver of Taxes**

**B. Priscilla Weed, Second Deputy Receiver of Taxes**

**30. 2023 MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH IRS SCHEDUL**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the 2023 mileage reimbursement in

accordance with the IRS schedule. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greene

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

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

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

**31. WORK WEEK FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS SHALL BE 30 HOURS**

Supervisor Piaquadio announced the Work Week for Elected Officials shall be

a minimum of thirty hours.

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to approve the thirty- hour (30) work week

for Elected Officials. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley

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

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

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

**32. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR THE TOWN: Nugent & Haeussler**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to approve appointing Nugent & Haeussler

as Auditors for the Town. Motion was seconded by Councilman LoBiondo

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

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

Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent

**33. APPROVAL OF AUDIT:**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to approve budget transfers as presented

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

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

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

**34. APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REVIEW CONSULTANTS:**

**A. MHE Engineering and its sub consultants**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to appoint MHE Engineering and its sub

consultants as the Town of Newburgh’s Public Service Review Consultants. Motion

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

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

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

**B. Laurence Farbstein Industrial & Utility Consultants Inc.**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to appoint Laurence Farbstein

Industrial and Utility Consultants, Inc. as the Town of Newburgh’s Public

Service Review Consultants. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo

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

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

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

**35. TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

**Chairman: Paul Ruggiero**

**Committee Members:**

**Police Chief Bruce Campbell**

**Highway Superintendent Mark A. Hall Jr.**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to appoint Councilman Paul Ruggiero

as Chairman of the Town Traffic Safety Committee and appoint the following Town

Officials to the Traffic Safety Committee. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo

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

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

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

**36. Board Appointments**

**A. Planning Board**

**John Ewasutyn, three- year appointment, starting January 1, 2023**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to approveJohn Ewasutyn, three- year

appointment, starting January 1, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley

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

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

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

**John Ward, three-year appointment, starting January 1, 2023**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve John Ward, three-year

appointment, starting January 1, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Greene

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

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

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

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**B.** **Zoning Board**

**James L. Eberhart, Hr.’s Five-year appointment starting January 1, 2023**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve James L. Eberhart, Hr.’s Five-

year appointment starting January 1, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley

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

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

passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**C.** **Board of Assessment Review**

**Gerald Amoroso, four-year appointment starting as of October1, 2022**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Greene to approveGerald Amoroso, four-year

appointment starting as of October1, 2022. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley

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

Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion

passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**37. Comments and Announcements from the Town Board Members**

**Councilman LoBiondo –** Happy New Year!

**Supervisor Gil Piaquadio read the 2022 accomplishments**

**Accomplishments 2022**

This Town Board accomplished many things in 2022.  Many of these accomplishments could not have been possible without the help from our dedicated Town employees.

* Created a Budget for 2023 with a zero-property tax increase
* (Town +1 Highway -1)
* Created an Ambulance District to ensure service to our residents and contracted with TONEMS Corp to provide services as of January 1, 2023
* Formed a Comprehensive Plan Committee and the Master Plan is in progress.
* Instituted a Tree Preservation Law.  Thank you, Commissioner Presutti
* Worked on a Cannabis Zoning Amendment.
* Increased income for seniors and the disabled and still be eligible for a property tax exemption.
* Waived the in-person renewal application requirement for Senior/Disabled Property Tax Exemptions.
* Implemented a Hotel Motel Sales Tax (George Woolsey Law), Receiving 517K

* Enacted a comprehensive revision to the Town’s Building Code Enforcement provision
* Made a Municipal Agreement with the of Montgomery to keep A School Resource Officer in Coldenham School.
* Installed a New Electronic Sign at our Animal Shelter.

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**RECREATION**

* Continued with over 50 educational programs on the roster at the Desmond Estate.
* Painted the entire exterior of the Desmond Estate to preserve the home.
* Continued providing services through the Town’s Dial-A-Bus Program.
* Created a new Pickleball Court on Monarch Drive.
* Hired an Engineering Firm to help with the design of the Recreation/Senior Center.
* Fully fund the Recreation/Senior Center.  We hope to have this project go out for bid in mid-2023.

**POLICE**

* Hired five Police Officers and added **two** additional to the 2023 Budget.
* Made two Police Lieutenant Promotions.
* Completed Police Reform plan to monitor policies and ensure public safety as per executive order 203
* Thank you to Chief Campbell, Dep Supervisor Manley and the Committee
* Instituted a unit to target aggressive drivers

**AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

* Issued a Life Saving Award to Hector Almodovar for saving the life of a child.
* Recognized NFA Goldbacks Varsity Football Team for making it to the State Finals.

**GRANTS**

* Received over 1.4 Million dollars from NYC DEP Chadwick Lake Treatment Plant.
* Received a 3.2 Million dollar grant from Congressman Maloney’s Office to improve the infrastructure in Colden Park.
* Received a $ 20,000 grant for a study of failing septic systems on the West Side of Orange Lake.
* Received $ 3.25 Million dollars from Senator Schumer’s Office to help build our Recreation/Senior Center.
* Casino is in full operation, generating over 3Million Dollars per year for the town through a host agreement. These funds will help construct our Recreation/Senior Center as well as fund police/emergency services.
* Received a 250,000 dollar grant from Senator Skoufis’ Office for our Recreation/Senior Center.
* Received over $ 20,000 in JCAP Grant funding for the Justice Court.
* Audited our Franchise Agreement with Spectrum, which resulted in over

A $ 6,000 refund.

I will continue to try and convince State Lawmakers we need an alternate source of School Funding not solely through property owners.

My goal and commitment for 2023 is to construct a 35K square foot Recreation/Senior center at Chadwick Lake Park.

This complex is long-awaited well deserved for our residents will not be funded by property tax payers

For 2023, expect more accomplishments from this outstanding Town Board.

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**38. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley at 7:30 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion approved, 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm*

*Respectfully submitted, Respectfully submitted,*

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Lisa M. Vance Ayers Rachel Vazquez

Town Clerk Deputy Town Clerk