**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 10th of March, 2025

**Present** Paul Ruggiero, Councilman

Scott M. Manley, Councilman

Anthony R. LoBiondo, Councilman

James Politi, Councilman

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

Lisa M. Vance Ayers, Town Clerk

Dominique Rivera, Deputy Town Clerk

**Absent** Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Supervisor

*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 THE AGENDA -NO CHANGES**

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**A. Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2024, A Local Law Amending Section 185-52 Entitled “Penalties**

**for Offenses; Jurisdiction” of Chapter 185 Entitled “Zoning”**

Deputy Supervisor Manley asked 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

Town Hall on February 21, 2025 and it was advertised in the Mid-Hudson Times on February 27,

2025. This complies with all the requirements for a Public Hearing under New York State Law.

**B. Introductory Local Law No. 4 of 2024, A Local Law Amending Subsection 157.12H Entitled**

**“Penalties’ of Chapter 157 Entitled ‘Stormwater Management”**

**C. Introductory Local Law No. 5 of 2024, A Local Law Amending Subsection 83-14C Entitled**

**“Inspections and Enforcement; Penalties for Offenses of Chapter 83 Entitled “Clearing and**

**Grading” of the Code of the Town of Newburgh**

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

Town Hall on February 21, 2025 and it was advertised in the Mid-Hudson Times on March 6,

2025. This complies with all the requirements for a Public Hearing under New York State Law.

**Open Meeting:**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to open the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

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

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

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

Attorney for the Town, Mark Taylor presented three introductory local laws for consideration.

They are as follows.

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1. **This Local Law shall be referred to as "A Local Law Amending Section 185-52 Entitled 'Penalties for Offenses; Jurisdiction' of Chapter 185 entitled 'Zoning' of the Code of the Town of Newburgh."**

SECTION 2 - FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

The Town Board does hereby make the following findings and does hereby declare the following purposes with regard to the enactment of this local law:

A. Effective zoning enforcement prevents or corrects zoning violations and therefore effectuates zoning's basic purpose to protect the health, safety and welfare of the town's citizens.

B. A reduction in the maximum imprisonment penalties that may be imposed for zoning violations will enhance judicial efficiency, ensuring the delivery of justice by the court having jurisdiction in a timely and cost effective manner without exhausting the resources of the court. The enhancement **in** judicial efficiency will assist in more effective zoning enforcement.

C. Increasing the fines for zoning violations will act as a significant deterrent by making non-compliance more financially burdensome, thereby encouraging property owners to correct violations promptly and adhere to the Zoning Code.

D. The Town has the ability to seek injunctive relief in State court for willful and determined violators, which is generally a more effective means of abating and correcting violations than a lengthy prison sentence.

E. The purposes of this local law are to improve the effectiveness of zoning enforcement through greater judicial efficiency and the deterrence of zoning violations by the exercise of the Town Board's municipal home rule authority to supersede and amend the Town Law of the State of New York.

SECTION 3 - AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 185

1. Section 185-52 entitled "Penalties for offenses; jurisdiction" of Chapter 185 is hereby amended to read as follows**:**

"§ 185-52 Penalties for offenses; jurisdiction.

A. Notice and punishment Penalties. After the fifth day following written notice served by certified or registered mail or by personal service by the Building and Code Enforcement Officer to the effect that a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter exists, f For each and every such violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, any person who commits, takes part in, or assists in such violation, or who maintains any building or premises in which any such violation shall exist, shall be guilty of an offense. Upon conviction thereof, the person violating the same shall be subject to a fine of not more than **$**350 $700 or imprisonment for not more than six months fifteen days, or both, for conviction of a first offense; a fine not less than $350 $700 nor more than $700 $1,000 or imprisonment for a period not to exceed six-months fifteen days, or both, for conviction of a second offense committed within a period of five years of the committing of the first offense; and a fine not less than $700 $1,000 nor more than $1,000 $1,500 or imprisonment for a period not to exceed six-months fifteen days, or both, for conviction of a third or subsequent offense, all of which were committed within a period of five years. Each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation. No notice shall be required for a violation which is a continued or a recurring violation for which an original notice has already been given.

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B.Civil penalties. A person who commits, takes part or assists in violation of any provision of this chapter or who maintains a building or premises in which any such violation shall exist shall be subject to monetary civil penalties not exceeding $350 $700 for the first violation; not less than $350 $700 nor more than $700 $1,000 for the second violation occurring within a period of five years; and not less than $700 $1,000 nor more than $1,000 $1,500 for a third or subsequent violation occurring within a period of five years. Each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation.

C. Jurisdiction. The Justice Court of the Town of Newburgh shall have original and trial jurisdiction over summonses and appearance tickets served and information filed charging violations of this chapter. However, for the purposes of conferring jurisdiction upon courts and judicial officers generally, violations of this chapter shall be deemed misdemeanors, and for such

purposes only all provisions of law relating to misdemeanors shall apply to such violations. Each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation.

D. Procedure for abatement. In case any building or structure is erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, repaired, converted or maintained or any building, structure or land is used in violation of this chapter or any regulations made under authority conferred hereby, the Town Board or, with its approval, the Building and Code Enforcement Officer or other proper official, in addition to other remedies, may institute any appropriate action or proceedings to prevent such unlawful erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, conversion, maintenance or use; to restrain, correct or abate such violation; or to prevent any illegal act, conduct, business or use in or about such premises.

SECTION 4 - SUPERSEDING AND AMENDING EFFECT

This law is specifically intended to supersede and amend (to the extent it departs therefrom by reducing penalties and increasing fines) the following sections of the Town Law of the State of New York: Section 268 and Section 135

1. **This Local Law shall be referred to as "A Local Law Amending Subsection 157-12H Entitled 'Penalties' of Chapter 157 entitled 'Stormwater Management' of the Code of the Town of Newburgh."**

SECTION 2- FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

The Town Board does hereby make the following findings and does hereby declare the following purposes with regard to the enactment of this local law:

A. Effective Code enforcement effectuates the stormwater management regulations purposes to protect, maintain and enhance both the immediate and long-term health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the Town of Newburgh; to prevent damage from flooding; to protect, restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of community waters; to encourage protection of natural drainage systems, such as wetlands, and use them in ways that do not impair their beneficial functioning; and to protect, restore and maintain the habitat of fish and wildlife.

B. A reduction in the maximum imprisonment penalties that may be imposed for stormwater management violations will enhance judicial efficiency, ensuring the delivery of justice by the court having jurisdiction in a timely and cost effective manner without exhausting the resources of the court. The enhancement in judicial efficiency will assist in more effective stormwater management enforcement.

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C. Increasing the fines for stormwater management violations will act as a significant deterrent by making non-compliance more financially burdensome, thereby encouraging property owners to correct violations promptly and adhere to the stormwater management regulations.

D. The Town has the ability to seek injunctive relief in State court for willful and determined violators, which is generally a more effective means of abating and correcting violations than a lengthy prison sentence.

E. The purposes of this local law are to improve the effectiveness of stormwater management regulation enforcement through greater judicial efficiency and the deterrence of stormwater management regulation violations by the exercise of the Town Board's municipal home ruleauthority to supersede and amend the Town Law of the State of New York.

SECTION **3** - AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 157

Subsection 157-12H entitled "Penalties" of Section 157-12 entitled "Inspections and enforcement**;** penalties for enforcement" of Chapter 157 entitled "Stormwater Management" is hereby amended to read as follows:

"H **Penalties.**

(1) Any person who violates the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a violation punishable by a fine not exceeding $350 $700 or imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months fifteen days, or both, for conviction of a first offense; for conviction of a second offense, both of which were committed within a period of five years, punishable by a fine not less than $350 $700 nor more than $700 $1,000 or imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months fifteen days, or both; and upon conviction for a third or subsequent offense, all of which were committed within a period of five years, punishable by a fine not less than $700 $1,000 nor more than $1,000 $1,500 or imprisonment for a period not to exceed, six-months fifteen days or both. Each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation.

(2) In addition to or as an alternative to any penalty provided herein or by law, any person violating any provision of this article shall be subject to a civil penalty enforceable and collectible by the Town in an amount not exceeding $250 $350 for each day the violation continues until the violation has been corrected or otherwise abated in a manner approved by the Stormwater Management Officer or his designated representative.

SECTION 4-SUPERSEDING AND AMENDING EFFECT

This law is specifically intended to supersede and amend (to the extent it departs therefrom by reducing penalties and increasing fines) the following sections of the Town Law of the State of New York: Section 135

1. **This local law shall be referred to as "A Local Law Amending Subsection 83-14C of Section 83- 14 Entitled 'Inspections and Enforcement; Penalties for Offenses' of Chapter 83 entitled 'Clearing and Grading"" of the Code of the Town of Newburgh."**

SECTION 2- FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

The Town Board does hereby make the following findings and does hereby declare the following purposes with regard to the enactment of this local law:

A. Effective code enforcement prevents or corrects violations of the Town's Clearing and Grading Law and therefore effectuates the law's basic purpose to protect the public health, safety and welfare in the Town of Newburgh by providing for the proper use of land and regulating timber harvesting, site preparation, construction activities and other activities impacting on the land, including excavation, filling, grading and clearing, so as to protect the

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natural environment, prevent the indiscriminate and excessive cutting of trees and natural vegetation and prevent problems related to erosion, sediment or drainage.

B. A reduction in the maximum imprisonment penalties that may be imposed for clearing and grading violations will enhance judicial efficiency, ensuring the delivery of justice by the court having jurisdiction in a timely and cost effective manner without exhausting the resources of the court. The enhancement in judicial efficiency will assist in more effective code enforcement.

C. Increasing the fines for clearing and grading violations will act as a significant deterrent by making non-compliance more financially burdensome, thereby encouraging property owners to correct violations promptly and adhere to the Clearing and Grading law.

D. The purposes of this local law are to improve the effectiveness of code enforcement through greater judicial efficiency and the deterrence of clearing and grading violations by the exercise of the Town Board's municipal home rule authority to supersede and amend the Town Law of the State of New York.

SECTION **3** - AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 83

1. Subsection 83-14C of Section 83-14 entitled "Inspections and enforcement; penalties for offenses" of Chapter 83 **is** hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 185-52. Inspections and enforcement; penalties for offenses

"C. For any and every violation of the provisions of this chapter by the owner or responsible agent or party shall be guilty of an offense. Upon conviction thereof, the person violating the same shall be subject to a fine of not more than $700 or imprisonment for not more than six months fifteen days, or both, for conviction of a first offense; a fine not less than $700 nor more than $1,000 or imprisonment for a period not to exceed fifteen days, or both. for conviction of a second offense committed within a period of five years of the committing of the first offense: and a fine not less than $1,000 nor more than $1.500 or imprisonment for a period not to exceed fifteen days, or both, for conviction of a third or subsequent offense, all of which were committed within a period of five years theviolator shall be subject to a fine of not less than $100 and not exceeding $500-or to imprisonment for not more than six months, or both, and e Each and every day the violation of a stop-work order continues or the violation persists after the date specified for the completion of corrective action in an order to remedy shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct violation. In addition, any such person who violates any provision of this chapter or omits or refuses to perform any and every act hereby required shall forfeit and pay a civil penalty to the Town of no less than $250 $350 and not exceeding $2,500 per lot or double the cost of correcting the violation to the extent possible**,** whichever is greater, for each and every such violation and nonperformance.

SECTION 4-SUPERSEDING AND AMENDING EFFECT

**This** law is specifically intended to supersede and amend (to the extent it departs therefrom by reducing penalties and increasing fines) the following sections of the Town Law of the State of New York: Section 135

**Public Comments:**

**Letitia Williams 47 Hibbing Way –** This is my first time asking a question at a meeting. What is a Local Law?

**Town Attorney Mark Taylor-** A local law is a statute or ordinance enacted by a local government (like a city, county, or town) that applies only within its jurisdiction. These laws are  **TOWN BOARD MEETING MARCH 10, 2025 PAGE 2**

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often referred to as ordinances. Local laws address specific issues or needs within that area, providing a more tailored approach to regulations than state or federal laws.

**Close Meeting:**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to close the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m. Motion

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

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

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

**Vote on Resolutions**

1. **SEQRA Designation**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the negative SEQRA Designation

and lead agency. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes;

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

1. **Local Law No. 1 of 2025 - A Local Law Amending Section 185-52 Entitled “Penalties**

**for Offenses; Jurisdiction” of Chapter 185 Entitled “Zoning”**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve Local Law No. 1 of 2025

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

Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes;

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

1. **Local Law No. 2 of 2025 - A Local Law Amending Subsection 157.12H Entitled**

**“Penalties’ of Chapter 157 Entitled ‘Stormwater Management”**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve LL No. 2 of 2025

Motion seconded by Councilman Politi VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes;

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

1. **Local Law No. 3 of 2025**- **A Local Law Amending Subsection 83-14C Entitled**

**“Inspections and Enforcement; Penalties for Offenses of Chapter 83 Entitled “Clearing and**

**Grading” of the Code of the Town of Newburgh**

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to approve LL No. 3 of 2025

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

Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes;

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

**6. ACCOUNTING:**

**A. Approval of Audit**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the audit in the amount of $690,258.17.

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

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

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

**B. Review Status Report and Budget Status Report for February 2025**

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

Report for February 2025. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman

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

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

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**7. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**A. Highway Department**

Highway Superintendent, Mark A. Hall reported that the Rt. 32 side of Chadwick Trail to the

Forest bridge was cut. Clearing basins and checking pipes on the 2025 Road List has

begun. Next week lawn damage repair will be worked on. Garbage pick up included 43 bags plus

bigger garbage like tires, furniture and boxes. Trimming & cutting over growth and trees on Quaker

St. We will be replacing our rusted out 1-ton dumps with new stainless bodies. Weather

permitted, leaf bin hours will begin the middle of April. We’re looking to start Leaf & Brush pick-up

the week of 5/5-5/9, will coordinate with the Town Clerk. The new lift at Fleet is up and running

with no issues. Five new Police cars will be issued by the end of April, early May. Continuing on

with pothole filling, traffic/street sign repair, and other resident complaints as they arise. A

drainage repair will start this Thursday. I would like to thank Lisa Ayers our Town Clerk, for helping

me through the bid process, and bids to come, with the sudden retirement of Cathy Hughes.

**B.** **Recreation**

Parks and Recreation Commissioner, James Presutti, reported that Thursday March 13th is

the St. Patrick’s Day Pot Luck Luncheon at the Rec. Center. Pre-Registration only.

Wednesday March 19th is the Senior trip to the Italian Feast of St. Joseph at Legreci’s

Staaten in Staten Island. Boats are being checked over and getting ready for Spring.

Fish will be delivered at the end of the month. Highway sent a crew to take down some

dead trees around the trail. Thank you to Highway. Summer Camp Registration begins

March 22 for town residents. Programs at Desmond are running smoothly. The new Rec.

Center is moving along smoothly. Registration for adult soccer and youth soccer are now

open. Hippity-Hop! Friday, April 11th 5:30-7:30 is photos with the Easter Bunny at the Rec.

Center. Pre-registration Only.

**C. Police Department**

Chief of Police, Donald B. Campbell, reported a new K-9 has been purchased. He has been named

Bandit in honor of retired Deputy Chief Robert Desaye, who passed away from cancer 3 years ago.

Bob was an avid hockey player and the Bandits are the name of the Hockey team he played for.

Training for the handler and K9 began today at the Orange County Sheriff’s Department Police K9

Training Academy.

We have submitted an application for a 60,000 Explosive Detection canine and

we are currently working on a Critical Infrastructure Grant.

We completed Use of Force Training last

month for all sworn officers. This month’s in-service training is Defensive tactics which begins next

week. Our Drone has finally been delivered and we are working on getting the program up and

running.

Chief of Police Donald B. Campbell reported the following:

Year to Date Statistics

* Calls for Service: 5400
* Case Reports: 720
* Arrests: 360
* Traffic Tickets issued: 672
* Parking Tickets: 200
* Accident Reports: 270

**8. 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 $2347.92 of

which $1316.63 were for canine services, $1031.29 were for feline services.

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MOTION made by Councilman Politi to approve to use the T-94 Account to pay

for veterinarian services from Newburgh Veterinary Hospital for a total of $2347.92 of

which $1316.63 were for canine services, $1031.29 were for feline services. Motion

seconded by Councilmen Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman

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

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

**9. POLICE:**

**A. Part -Time Dispatcher**

**I.** Chief of Police,Donald B. Campbell is requesting authorization to hire Kyle Piaquadio asa part-

time dispatcher. A physical, drug/alcohol testing, fingerprints and paperwork will need to be

completed. A proposed hire date on or after March 24, 2025, with a salary of $20.00 per hour.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve hiring Kyle Piaquadio as a part-time

dispatcher. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor

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

**II.** Chief of Police, Donald B. Campbell is requesting authorization to hire Stephanie Roper asa

part-time dispatcher. A physical, drug/alcohol testing, fingerprints and paperwork will need to

be completed. A proposed hire date on or after March 24, 2025, with a salary of $20.00 per

hour.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve hiring Stephanie Roper as a part-time

dispatcher. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes;

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

**B. Promotion to Detective**

Chief of Police, Donald B. Campbell is requesting approval to promote officer Christopher

Thompson to rank of Detective effective March 31, 2025. His salary will be in accordance with the

Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Newburgh and PBA (Budget Line 001-3120-

0100-0000).

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the promotion of Officer Christopher

Thompson to rank of Detective, effective March 31, 2025. Motion seconded by Councilman

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

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

0 abstain; 1 absent

**C. Part Time Court Attendants**

**I.** Chief of Police Donald B. Campbell is requesting approval to appoint Ralph Scott to the position of

Part- Time Court Officer with a starting date on or after March 24th, 2025 pending physical and

fingerprinting. The position has a starting salary of $23.81 per hour and is not to exceed an

average of 20 hours per week or 1040 hours in one calendar year.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the appointment of Ralph Scott to position of

Part-Time Court Officer pending a physical and fingerprinting. Motion seconded by Councilman

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

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

0 abstain; 1 absent

**II.** Chief of Police Donald B. Campbell is requesting to appoint Basheek Collins to the position of

Part-Time Court Officer with a starting date on or after March 24th, 2025 pending physical and

fingerprinting. The position has a starting salary of $23.81 per hour and is not to exceed an

average of 20 hours per week or 1040 hours in one calendar year.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the appointment Basheek Collins to position

of Part-Time Court Officer pending a physical and fingerprinting. Motion seconded by Councilman

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

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

0 abstain; 1 absent

**D. Installation of Cat6 Cable throughout the Police Department**

Chief of Police, Donald B. Campbell is requesting approval to have TKC Cabling install

Cat 6 cabling throughout the police department. The current cabling is antiquated and

insufficient to operate the current and future technological needs of the police

department. We have secured three separate quotes from separate companies and TKC

came in with the lowest quote at $18,726.00. This price includes all materials and labor as

well as labeling and removal of all pre-existing wiring. The expense will be covered through

the seizure account and will not be an expense to taxpayers (Budget Line 3120-5485).

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve TKC Cabling to install Cat 6 cabling

throughout the police department. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE:

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

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

abstain; 1 absent

**10. RECREATION:**

**A. Chadwick Lake Park Guard Variance Request**

James Presutti, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, is requesting approval for a

variance to waive the required duty-free lunch for the Chadwick Lake Park Guards. April

begins the season for peak attendance at the Park as well as extended hours. To ensure

the guard house is not unattended or the Park unsupervised we are requesting approval

to waive the required duty-free lunch for the guards during the months of April, May,

June, July, August and September.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the variance to waive the required

duty-free lunch for Chadwick Lake Park Guides for April, May, June, July, August and

September. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes;

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

**B. 2025 Recreation Department Bus Trips**

James Presutti, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, is requesting approval to select

Leprechaun Lines for all charter bus and school bus destinations for 2025. Only one bid

from Leprechaun Lines was received.

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to approve Leprechaun Lines for all charter bus and

school bus destinations for 2025. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE:

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

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

abstain; 1 absent

**C. Part-Time Clerk at Desmond**

James Pressuti, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, is requesting approval to hire Maribel Cruz

as a Part-Time Clerk to fill the current opening at the Desmond Center. Paperwork, a physical,

drug/alcohol test, and fingerprints need to be completed. A start date on or after March 31,2025

is anticipated, with a salary of $20.00 per hour. This is also pending Orange County Human

Resources pre-approval.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve hiring Maribel Cruz for Part-Time Clerk at the

Desmond Center. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

Councilman Manley – abstain; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes;

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

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**D. 2025 T-Shirt Bids**

James Presutti, Commissioner of Parks, is requesting approval to accept the quote from

Mixture Inc. representing the lowest quoted price of $4.75.

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to approve the quote from Mixture Inc.

representing the lowest bid. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE:

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

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

abstain; 1 absent

**E. Dial A Bus Drug and Alcohol Testing Resolution**

Town Attorney, Mark A. Taylor presented a Resolution to approve an updated/amended

Dial-A-Bus Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the resolution to update/amended Dial-A-Bus

Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi**.** VOTE: Councilman

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

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

**11. HIGHWAY:**

**A. Bid for (2) Truck Body & Plow**

**I****.** Mark A. Hall, Highway Superintendent is requesting approval to accept the bid for Tandem

Truck Body & Plow from Amthor Welding for the cost of $149,950.00. The funds are available

and will be taken from the 5130.00 Machinery Equipment /Other Capital.

MOTION made by Coucilman Ruggiero to approve the bid for Tandem Truck Body & Plow from

Amthor Welding for the cost of $149,950.00 as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman

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

LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – absent. Motion passed:

4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent

**II.** Mark A. Hall, Highway Superintendent is requesting approval to accept the bid for a Single Axel

Truck & Plow from Amthor Welding for the cost of $143,351.00. The funds are available and will

be taken from the 5130.00 Machinery Equipment /Other Capital.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the bid for a single Axel Truck Body & Plow

from Amthor Welding for the cost of $143,351.00 as presented. Motion seconded by

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

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

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

**B. Summer Materials and Other Bids**

Mark A. Hall, Highway Superintendent, requested Summer Materials including Guide Rails, Chip

Spreader, Wheel Rubber Tire Roller, and Aluminum Box Culverts go out to bid. Also, the individual

bids for the Cold Milling Machine, Tree Cutting. The dates will be worked out with the Town

Clerk’s Office.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve Summer Material and other Equipment go

out to bid. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes;

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

**C. Two-Way Radio Lease Agreement**

Mark A. Hall is requesting approval to award the quote to lease radios for 6o months for all

Town Departments except the Police Department to Goosetown Communications with GPS in the

amount of $4,670.00.

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MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to award Goosetown Communication to lease radios

with GPS for 60 months to Town of Newburgh Departments for $4,670.00. Motion seconded by

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

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

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

**12. ENGINEERING:**

**A. Chadwick Lake Filter Plant Resiliency Aria Filter (Pall) Revised Changed Order- NYCDEP**

**Project Suspension**

Patrick Hines, MHE Representative the Chadwick Lake Filter Plant Resellency Project Aria Filtra

(Formerly Pall) Amended change Order #5c and #6.

The 13 January 2025 Town Board meeting the Town Board authorized Change Order No. 5

Subsequent to that meeting the undersigned and Project Engineer Amir Mashhad, PE of

HDR Engineers requested additional information from Aria Filtra. This office requested

that the change order be modified in order to close out the current contract. Air Filtra has

identified a 50% reduction in the rental fee for February and March. This equates to

$49,180. Please be advised all items in Change Order No. 5C have been paid to Aria Filtra

including the reduced fee for months 8 and 9 fees and the decommissioning fee. Change

Order 5C is attached.

Pursuant to our request, Aria Filtra has provided Change Order No. 6, which will be for all activities moving forward since the NYCDEP shut down and removal of the trailer. Change Order 6 is a continuation of the previous contract dated 13 January 2021. Change Order 6 is for the return of the filter currently scheduled in September 2025. This may change based on NYCDEP scheduling. A copy of Change Order 6 is included, which generally include the following: 

* A monthly reservation fee of 3,650. for each month invoiced between February 2025 and September 1, 2025. This will guarantee that the filter is available for deployment in September 2025.
* A commissioning fee of $46,000. for delivery of the trailer to the site.
* A revised monthly rental fee of $49,181.
* Decommissioning at the completion of the rental. (June 30, 2026) $36,800.
* A cancellation of the rental prior to deployment (project cancellation fee $40,565).

Change Order 6 Provides a new fee for the trailer being available for the 9-month period September 1st through June 30th will be $550,997.00.

Please be advised this office is tracking all costs regarding the original implementation of the trailer, increased water rates, and decommissioning. These costs are potential back charges to NYCDEP due to the cancellation of the 2024-2025 shut down project.

The memo is intended to supersede the 9 January 2025 memo regarding original Change order No. 5.

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to approve the Chadwick Lake Filter Plant Resiliency

Project Aria Filtra (Formally Pall) amended Change Order #5c & #6. Motion seconded by

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

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

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

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**B. Task Order- Salt Storage Grant Administration**

Councilman Paul Ruggiero is looking for a motion to approve for MHE Engineering to provide

permitting, grant administration and regulatory compliance assistance (identified in Section 1.01F

of Agreement) for The Town of Newburgh Salt Storage Facility on an hourly basis.

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to approve MHE Engineering to provide permitting, grant

Administration and regulatory compliance assistance for the Ton of Newburgh Salt and Storage

Facility on an hourly basis. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman

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

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

**C. Agreement for Engineering Services- Roseton WWTP Controls Upgrades**

Councilman Paul Ruggiero is looking for a motion to approve MHE Engineering to perform the

design and bidding services of the Roseton Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant Control Upgrades for

a Lump Sum of $33,000 and grant and construction services on an hourly basis. Pending Town

Attorney, Mark Taylor’s review.

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to approve MHE Engineering to perform the design and

bidding services of the Roseton Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant Control Upgrades in the amount

of $33,000.00. Pending Town Attorney, Mark A. Taylor’s review. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero –

yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi –

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

**D. Agreement for Engineering Services- Stewart Avenue Sewer Main Relocation**

Councilman Paul Ruggiero is looking for a motion to approve MHE Engineering to perform the

design, bidding and grant administration services of the Town of Newburgh Stewart Avenue Sewer

main Relocation project for a Lump Sum amount of $34,600 as well as construction phase services

on an hourly basis. Pending Town Attorney, Mark A. Taylor’s review.

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to approve MHE Engineering to perform the design, bidding

and grant administration services of the Town of Newburgh Stewart Avenue Sewer Main

Relocation project for a Lump Sum amount of $34,600. Pending Town Attorney, Mark A.

Taylor’s review. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman

LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – absent. Motion passed: 4

yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent

**E. Roseton Hills WWTP Abbreviated Public Participation Plan (PPP)**

Councilman Paul Ruggiero is requesting an approval for MHE Engineering to prepare an abbreviated

Public Participation Plan (PPP) for the Town of Newburgh Roseton Hill Wastewater Treatment

Plant as required by NYSDEC on an hourly basis at an estimated cost of $7,500.00.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve MHE Engineering to prepare an abbreviated

Public Participation Plan (PPP) for the Town of Newburgh Roseton Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant

as required by NYSDEC on an hourly basis at an estimated cost of $7,500.00. Motion seconded by

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

LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – absent. Motion passed: 4

yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent

**13. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Councilman Ruggiero** announced that the town had just hosted a very successful rabies clinic held

through Orange County thanks to the coordination of the Town Clerks Office, the Highway

department and Animal Control. It was a great turnout with many happy residents.

**14. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Ernie Tirado 89 Lakeside Road-** I am curious about the high amount of boil water notices in Colden

Park, is something going on?

**Town Engineer Patrick Hines-** Yes, we are in the final phases of the replacement of the watermains

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in that neighborhood and there have been some difficulties. Hopefully when this is all done these

issues will be resolved.

**Ernie Tirado –** When will the Meadow Hill Bridge repair start?

**Deputy Supervisor Manley-** Central Hudson has to move some electric polls, we do not have a date

yet. I speak with them weekly. We are told we will get a minimum of three weeks lead time when

they do.

**Ernie Tirado-** I know I had the opportunity to ask this during the public comments at the public

hearing tonight but I do have a question. What was the purpose of the local laws being amended?

**Town Attorney Mark Taylor-** Judicial efficiency, this will reduce the maximum penalties and

violations. The process will be easier in court

**Councilman LoBiondo –** Taking these charges from a misdemeanor to a violation is much easier for

the courts to handle.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion

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

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

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

*Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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