**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 14th of April, 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- Remove 10A, 15 & 16A, Add-on 16G & 16H**

**5. POLICE:**

**A. Swearing in of New Detective**

Town Justice Richard Clarino administered the Oath of Office to Detective Christopher

Thompson.

**B. Introduction of Two New Police K-9’s**

**K9 Officer Bandit**

A new K-9 Officer named Bandit was introduced at the Town Board Meeting. Named after the

late Deputy Police Chief Robert DeSaye’s hockey team, Bandit has joined the Town of Newburgh

Police Department. The late Deputy Police Chief DeSaye played on the Bandit Hockey Team for

years and his hockey team members, family members, and friends were present to meet the new

K-9 Officer Bandit and show their support. Town of Newburgh Supervisor Gil Piaquadio and the

Town Board welcome new K-9 Officer Bandit to the Town of Newburgh’s Police Department.

**K9 Officer Ocho**

During the meeting, the Town Board, supporters, and friends welcomed K-9 Officer Ocho to the

Town of Newburgh Police Department with K-9 Handler Police Officer Evan Longinott on hand.

K-9 Officer Ocho, welcome to the Town of Newburgh.

**C. Orange County Tactical Team**

Mark C. Taylor, Town Attorney presented an Agreement forwarded by Orange County pertaining to the Town's provision of police manpower to the Orange County Sheriff’s Office for the Office's Special Operations Group. Please note that pursuant to the Agreement the Town will remain responsible for salary and other compensation expenses of the assigned officers and to assume all loss, damage, expenses and costs arising out the acts of the Town's officers, including medical and hospital expenses of officers with injuries or illness incurred in the performance of duties. This is an option under the General Municipal Law provisions providing for police aid for the assisting municipality to assume the loss, damages and expenses incurred. (Please note that Town Municipal Code Chapter 7 delegates authority to the Chief of Police/command officer to request and grant assistance in emergency and civil disturbance control situations and Code Section 7.4 does require the government receiving assistance to assume liability in those except those circumstances.)

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Claims arising out of the performance of the Agreement against the other party are waived except those arising from gross negligence.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve an Agreement for the Provision of

Manpower to Orange county Special Operations Group. Motion seconded by Councilman

Ruggeiro. 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. PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. “A Local Law Amending Chapter 166 entitled ‘Taxation’ of the Code of the Town of Newburgh to**

**Extend the Tax Exemption for Members of Volunteer Fire Companies and Voluntary**

**Ambulance Services to Include Any Volunteer Firefighter or Volunteer Ambulance Worker Who**

**Provides Such Volunteer Services to a Neighboring City, Town or Village.”**

Deputy Supervisor Manley asked If 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 March 19, 2025 and it was advertised in the Mid-Hudson Times on April 3, 2025

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

**Open Meeting:**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to open the Public Hearing at 7:13 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.

Town Attorney Mark Taylor presented Introductory Local Law No. 1 of 2025.

Section 1. Title. This Local Law shall be entitled "A Local Law Amending Chapter 166 entitled 'Taxation' of the Code of the Town of Newburgh to Extend the Tax Exemption for Members of Volunteer Fire Companies and Voluntary Ambulance Services to Include Any Volunteer Firefighter or Volunteer Ambulance Worker Who Provides Such Volunteer Services to a Neighboring City, Town or Village."

Section 2. Purpose and Findings. It is the purpose of this Local Law to implement the authority Extension of granted to local taxing jurisdictions by Real Property Tax Law Section 466-L ---- Benefits. The Town Board of the Town of Newburgh finds and hereby determines that New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-L authorizes the Town Board to extend the benefit of the tax exemption which the Town Board has elected to grant to volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers serving the Town of Newburgh to any volunteer firefighter and volunteer ambulance worker who provides such volunteer services to a neighboring city, town or village. The Town Board of the Town of Newburgh further finds and determines that the Town of Newburgh should exercise said option and extend said tax exemption because it would promote the ability to recruit and retain the volunteers by volunteer fire and ambulance organizations which serve neighboring municipalities and districts, but who are frequently called up to provide mutual aid to organizations serving our residents. Recruiting and retaining sufficient volunteers to serve these important functions is essential to maintaining the high quality of emergency service around our community and saving the significant expense of paid staff,

Section 3. Extension of Grant of Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers.

B. Section 166-25 entitled "Exemption" of Article VII entitled "Exemption for Volunteer Fire Fighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers of Chapter 166 entitled ""Taxation" is hereby amended to read as follows:

"S 166-25 Exemption.

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A. An enrolled qualified member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service shall be granted a tax exemption as herein defined for property owned by the enrolled qualified member or the enrolled qualified member and spouse, provided that:

(1) Such qualified member resides in the Town of Newburgh and the Town of Newburgh or a neighboring city, town or village having a common boundary with the Town of Newburgh is served by the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or the incorporated voluntary ambulance service of which the individual is a member;

(2). The property upon which such qualified member is seeking this exemption is the primary residence of such qualified member, and such property is used exclusively for residential purposes. To the extent such property has uses other than as the qualified member's residence, such exemption shall apply only to the portion of such property used exclusively for the member's residence. The assessor may request proof of primary residence; and

(3) Such qualified member files satisfactory proof of certification, as determined by the Town Board, of enrolled membership in the fire company or department or ambulance service and an application with the Town of Newburgh Assessor's office on or before the taxable status date on forms to be provided by the State Board of Real Property Services. The minimum certified service requirement for each applicant shall be at least 2 years of service.

(4)Each incorporated volunteer fire company, incorporated volunteer fire department and incorporated voluntary ambulance service serving the Town or a neighboring city, town or village shall file a notice annually with the Assessor, prior to the applicable taxable status date, certifying its enrolled members with 2 or more years of service and surviving spouses of deceased members qualified for exemption. Such notice shall list, as of the applicable taxable status date, the number of years of service served by each such enrolled member and such enrolled member's address of residence.

B. An enrolled qualified member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service which serves Orange County who otherwise meets the above criteria and has accrued more than 20 years of active service and is so certified by such organization shall be granted a lifetime tax exemption as herein defined of ten percent.

Section 4. Severability. If any clause, sentences paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder

thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 27 of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law.

**Public Comments:**

**Bill Fedder Rockwood Drive –**These volunteers deserve this tax exemption, I hear the fire whistle

going off all hours. I am in full support of this local law.

**Close Meeting:**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to close the Public Hearing at 7:17p.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.

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**B. Vote on Resolution**

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to approve Local Law No. 1 of 2025 amending Chapter 166

entitled “taxation” of the code of the Town of Newburgh to extend the tax exemption for members

of volunteer fire companies and voluntary ambulance services to include any volunteer firefighter

or volunteer ambulance worker who provides such volunteer services to neighboring city, town or

village. 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

**7. ACCOUNTING:**

**A. Approval of Audit**

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to approve the audit in the amount of $2,947,641.39

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.

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

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

Report for March 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.

**8. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**A. Recreation**

Parks and Recreation Commissioner, James Presutti, reported:

* Friday evening was pictures with the Bunny. It was a great success everyone had fun!
* Saturday morning youth soccer has started.
* Softball league started last week. Young Picasso’s was also last week 4/09/2025. Very successful!
* There will be a trip to see the Lion King on 04/26/2025.
* Classes at Desmond are going well and are in full swing. Summer/Fall brochure will be coming out soon.
* Pavilion rentals will be starting up soon and are in filling up fast.
* Sheri and I are continuing our Tree identification around the trail and have started to put some tags up.

**B. Police Department**

Chief of Police, Donald B. Campbell, reported that the department is currently conducting firearms

training and qualifications.

The marked Police Cars we ordered at the beginning of the year are starting to arrive.

Two out of the 5 officers we hired in January are done with field training and on their own. Two

more should be done in about a month and the other officer we sent to the police academy

should be graduating at the end of the month.

Last year on May 5th Sgt. William Mclean passed away from 9/11 related cancer. There are several

memorial services this year commemorating his service and sacrifice. The Fraternal Order of the

Police will be adding his name to their memorial wall along with 71 others. There will be a

memorial service on May 3rd at 11 am at the FOP headquarters in Hicksville.

On May 6th at 1 pm the NYS Police Officers Memorial in Albany will hold a ceremony at the Empire

State Plaza. Sgt. Mclean’s name has been added to the memorial there. In Washington DC, at the

national Law Enforcement Memorial, Sgt. Mclean’s name will also be added to the memorial.

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Chief of Police Donald B. Campbell reported the following:

Year to Date Statistics

* Calls for Service: 8100
* Case Reports: 1100
* Arrests: 540
* Traffic Tickets issued: 950
* Parking Tickets: 260
* Accident Reports: 390

**C. Highway Department**

Highway Superintendent, Mark A. Hall reported:

* Working on Complaints
* Bids open on 4/24/2025
* Continuing on with multiple road fixes
* Brush and Leaf bins are open
* Mowers are ready for the season
* Pre-Road Construction work is under way

Tree trim, Ditches, Markouts.

* New radio installation to begin next week
* Most of our lawn damage is complete. 80%

**9. RECREATION:**

**A. Start the Process to Hire a Part-Time Laborer**

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

process to hire a part- Time Laborer to perform duties as a Park guard. The funds for this

position are available in the current 2025 budget.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the process to hire a Part-Time Laborer

to perform duties as a park guard. 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. Row Boat Purchase**

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

quote from Stoves Plus representing the lowest quoted price of $8,019.00. The Recreation

Department received three quotes for the purchase of three new row boat.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the quote from Stove Plus representing the

lowest quoted price. 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. Orange County Dial-A-Bus Agreement**

Mark Taylor Town Attorney presented a resolution of the Town Board authorizing the execution

and delivery of bus operator service contract between the Town of Newburgh and the County of

Orange for Dial a Bus.

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to approve the resolution of the Town Board authorizing the

execution and delivery of bus operator service contract between the Town of Newburgh and the

County of Orange for Dial a Bus. 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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**D. Town of New Windsor Trolly Request**

Parks and Recreation Commissioner, James Presutti seeking approval for the Town of New

Windsor to use the Trolley for their Memorial Day Parade scheduled for Sunday, May 18th.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the Town of New Windsor to use the Trolley.

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. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

**~~A. ETHICS BOARD – Appointment of New Member~~**

**B. ZONING BOARD Of APPEALS**

**i. Reappointment of Donna Rein - New Term Expires 12/31/2029**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to reappoint Donna Rein for Zoning Board of

Appeals, term to expire 12/31/2029. 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.

**ii. Reappointment of Darrell W. Bell – New Term Expires 12/31/2029**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to reappoint Darrell W. Bell for Zoning Board of

Appeals, term to expire 12/31/2029. 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.

**iii. Appointment of New Member**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to appoint Latwan Banks for Zoning Board of

Appeals for a 5 year term expiring 12/2030. 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. Spring Leaf and Brush Pickup**

Mark Hall, Highway Superintendent is requesting approval to have the attached letter

published in the local newspaper to inform Town Residents of the Spring Brush and Leaf

pick-up schedule. Pick-up will be for the week of May 5, 2025 to May 9. 2025 and May 11,

2025 for calls.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the publication for the local newspaper for

the brush and leaf pick-up Schedule. 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. Resolution to NYS DOT Requesting Reduction of Speed limit on Quaker Street**

Supervisor Piaquadio is requesting a motion to approve a resolution for a reduction in speed limit

on Quaker Street between Mill Street and Church Street.

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to approve a resolution to reduce the speed limit on Quaker

Street between Mill Street and Church Street. 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. Start the Process to Hire a Full-Time Mechanic**

Mark Hall, Highway Superintendent is requesting approval to start the process to hire a

new Full-Time auto mechanic. Starting pay to be in abidance with the CSEA contract.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the process to hire a Full Time auto

Mechanic. Starting pay to be in abidance with the CSEA contract. Motion seconded by

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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

**12. CODE COMPLIANCE: Hiring of Assistant Building Inspector 3**

Gerald Canfield, Code Compliance is requesting approval to hire Kenneth Betz as a

Part-Time Building Inspector III. Upon approval Mr. Betz will need to complete all

paperwork, physical, drug/alcohol testing and fingerprints. With a start date on or after

April 28, 2025. Mr. Betz has been pre-approved by Orange County Resource.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the hiring of Kenneth Betz as a Part-Time

Building Inspector III. Motion seconded by 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

**13. WATER DEPARTMENT:**

**A. Hydrant Flushing**

Steve Grogan, Water & Sewer Department Manager is requesting approval to conduct Fire

Hydrant Flushing starting on Monday May 5, 2025 and will continue until completion on or

before Friday May 16, 2025. Pending Approval, The Town Clerk will be notified to publish

notices in the Towns official newspaper.

MOTION made Councilman LoBiondo to approve Hydrant Flushing starting on Monday May 5,

2025 and will continue until completion on or before Friday May 16, 2025. Motion seconded by

Councilman Ruggiero. 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. Sewer Line Repair Quotes**

An emergency repair was needed on Windwood Drive in Colden Park of 130 feet of sewer line.

Three (3) quotes were received. Supervisor Piaquadio is recommending Nannini & Callahan

Excavating for a cost of $18,900.00, it was the lowest quote received.

1. Nannini & Callahan Excavating **$18,900.00**
2. Valley Contracting $35,500.00
3. Spagnoli Excavating $50,500.00

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the quote from Callahan & Nannini for the

emergency repair of 130 feet of sewer line on Windwood Drive. 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.

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

**A. 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 $670.89 of

which $506.39 were for canine services, $164.50 were for feline services.

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 $670.89 of

which $506.39 were for canine services, $164.50 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.

**B. Flannery Animal Hospital Invoice #1**

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

for veterinarian services from Flannery Animal Hospital for a total of $101.90.

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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 $101.90

Motion seconded by Councilmen 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. Flannery Animal Hospital Invoice #2**

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

for veterinarian services from Flannery Animal Hospital for a total of $351.98.

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

for veterinarian services from Newburgh Veterinary Hospital for a total of $351.98

Motion seconded by Councilmen 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.

**~~15. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Start the Process to Hire Full Time Custodial Worker~~**

**16. ENGINEERING:**

**~~A. Windwood Drive Sewer Main Repair~~**

**B. Delaware Aqueduct Tap Water Treatment Plant Influent Valve Modification Change Order #1**

Patrick J. Hines, Town Engineer is requesting approval of the Delaware Aqueduct Tap Water

Treatment Plant Influent Valve Modification Change #1. NYCDEP halted the Delaware Aqueduct

shutdown that was scheduled for October 2024 through spring 2025 due to an unusually dry

period leading up to the shutdown. The valve modification work at the Towns Aqueduct Tap

Water Treatment Plan must coincide with the shutdown to limit disruption of service. As such, we

recommend extending TAM Enterprise’s contract by one year and increasing the contract cost by

$5,457.00 to cover the cot of bonds and insurance, along with union labor cost increase.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the Delaware Aqueduct Tap Water Treatment

Plant Influent Valve Modification Change Order #1. 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. JW Congressional Support Inc. 33 Old Little Britain Road Security Release**

Patrick Hines Engineering Representative is seeking approval to release security bonds back to

JW Congregation Support, Inc. The construction of the site has been completed with no

outstanding punch list items existing. Bonds were scheduled to be previously released however,

the Stormwater Facilities Maintenance Agreement was not filed with the County. The previously

executed Agreement has now been filed with the County. There are three bonds in total.

Stormwater Erosion and Sediment Control Bond in the amount of $106,556.00, Tree Monitoring

Bond Site Plan/Subdivision in the amount of $16,875.00, Landscaping Performance and

Maintenance Bond in the amount of $30,143.00.

After some discussion the first two bonds are the only two bonds eligible to be released at

this time, The Stormwater Erosion & Sediment Control Bond and the Tree Monitoring Site Plan

Subdivision Bond if approved by the Town Board. The Landscape Performance Bond cannot be

released at this time, the bond must remain in place for two years from the issue date.

This bond will be eligible to be released July of 2025.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the release of two bonds, one Stormwater

Erosion and Sediment Control Bond in the amount of $106,556.00 and one Tree Monitoring

Bond Site Plan/Subdivision in the amount of $16,875.00, 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.

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**D. Monarch Drive Senior Housing Landscape & Tree Preservation Security**

Patrick J. Hines, Rep Town Engineer is requesting approval for Monarch Drive Senior

Housing (PB #2019-28) Landscape & Tree Preservation Security. The applicant’s

representatives, Engineering & Surveying Properties, have prepared a cost estimate for

the landscaping depicted on the plans. The project has conditional final approval from the

Planning Board. The applicant’s representatives have prepared a landscape cost estimate

in the amount of $8,202,48. A landscape inspection fee in the amount of $1,000.00 is also

required per the Town Code.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the Monarch Drive Senior

Housing (PB #2019-28) Landscape & Tree Preservation Security. 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.

**E. Monarch Drive Senior Housing Stormwater/Erosion & Sediment Control**

Patrick J. Hines, Rep Town Engineer is requesting approval for Monarch Drive Senior

Housing (PB #2019-28) Stormwater/Erosion & Sediment Control. The applicants

representative, Engineering & Surveying Properties, have prepared a cost estimate for

the stormwater management facilities and erosion & sediment control for the subject

project. The project has conditional final approval from the Planning Board. The

applicant’s representatives have utilized unit cost from the template prepared by MHE

Engineering to standardize cost estimating. The cost estimate prepared identifies an

engineer’s estimate of probable construction cost of $489,542.11. A 4% inspection fee is

required based on the Town Code. The inspection fee required is $19,942.00. Securities

must be posted in a form acceptable to the Town Attorney prior to the Planning Board

stamping the plans as complete.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve Monarch Drive Senior Housing (PB

#2019-28) Stormwater/Erosion & Sediment Control. 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.

**F. Newburgh Town Justice Court Façade Upgrades Change Order #1**

Patrick J. Hines, Rep Town Engineer is requesting approval for the Newburgh Town Justice

Court Façade Upgrades Change Order #1, Form Barone Group Construction Group, Inc. We have

combined the three proposals received from Barone into one change order and the 3-part

breakdown is based upon proposed change order #1, #2 and #3.

**I) Proposed Change Order 01 New Foundations for Existing Structural Steel Columns**

**Summary**: Labor and material cost to remove existing rusted steel brackets discovered

during construction and -install new foundations and footings for 2 structural columns. 

**Proposed Change Order Amount**: $7,794.00

**II) Change Order 02 — Install New Framing at Roof Overhang** 

**Summary**: Labor and material cost to install new metal framing for existing roof overhang at main

entrance. During demolition the contractor discovered that it was constructed using only

plywood without framing. The plywood was removed as part of the contract required work and

the framing is required.

**Change Order Amount**: $4,148.00



**III) Change Order 03 - Install After-Hours Mailbox/ Dropbox**

**Summary-** Labor and Material cost to install a new after-hours mailbox/ Dropbox as

requested by Judge Clarino to be installed adjacent to the front entrance door

**Change Order Amount**:1,082.00

Total Change order Amount: 13,024.00

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MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the Newburgh Town Justice

Court Façade Upgrades Change Order #1 in the total amount of $13, 024.00. 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.

**G. Newburgh Elite Storage (PB #2024-12) Landscape Security**

Patrick J. Hines, Rep Town Engineer is requesting approval for Newburgh Elite Storage Landscape

Security. The applicant’s representatives, Lanc & Tully Engineering, has prepared a cost estimate for

the landscaping depicted on the plans. Landscaping has been reviewed by Karen Arent, the Planning

Boards Landscape Architectural Consultant. The applicant’s representatives have prepared a

landscape estimate in the amount of $94,885. A landscape inspection fee in the amount of $4,000.00

is also required per the Town Code.

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to approve the Newburgh Elite Storage Landscape Security and

Inspection fee. 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.

**H. Newburgh Elite Storage (PB #2024-12) Stormwater and Erosion Sediment Control**

Patrick J. Hines, Rep Town Engineer is requesting approval for Newburgh Elite Storage

Stormwater and Erosion Sediment Control. The applicant's representative, Lanc & Tully Engineers,

has prepared a cost estimate for the stormwater management facilities and erosion sediment control

for the subject project. The project has conditional final approval from the Planning Board. The

applicant's representatives have utilized costs from the template prepared by MHE Engineering to

standardized cost estimating. The cost estimate prepared identifies the engineers estimate and

probable construction cost of $479,070.95. A 4% inspection fee is required based on Town Code.

Inspection fee required $19,163.00. Securities must be posted in a form acceptable to Town Attorney

prior to Planning Board stamping the plans as complete.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to enter into Executive Session at 7:58 pm 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.

**17. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Councilman Ruggiero-** Happy Easter and Passover. The new Recreation Center is getting close, I

have heard some talk about the building looking like a prison. The windows are now in and there is

a lot more that will be done to the outside, whoever is saying this really should go take a look, it’s

beautiful, but it’s coming along.

**18. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Mary Lou Carolan 31 Tiffany Lane –** The minutes from the last meeting I do not see online.

**Town Clerk Vance Ayers –** The minutes from the last meeting which was our Workshop meeting are

up online, the Town Board minutes are still being reviewed but will be done soon.

**Mary Lou Carolan-** I want to piggy back on what Mr. Ruggiero said about the new recreation center.

How many Community input sessions were there in planning that building? How was it decided

where it was going to be?

**Pat Hines Engineering Representative-** There were several meetings on this, at least three.

**Mary Lou Carolan-** How many sessions, were they publicly announced or were they part of a town

board meeting?

**Deputy Supervisor Manley**- They were part of Town Board meetings which are publicly announced.

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**Mary Lou Carolan**- Were other locations considered?

**Councilman Ruggiero-** Yes there were

**Deputy Supervisor Manley-** Several years ago we had a public referendum to put this building where the Little League fields are and it was voted down. We were negotiating with Cronomer Hill Park. The problem with that was it would have been on County property and they wanted to give us a twenty year lease and we didn’t want to put millions of dollars into a building that after 20 years and the County not renew our lease.

**Mary Lou Carolan-** So it was selected because it’s town property?

**Deputy Supervisor Manley-** Yes that’s one of the reasons, we had people offer us property but it just didn’t work out.

**Mary Lou Carolan-** Was the size of the building with environmental scale, the view and the landscape? The building is huge and it does look like a warehouse and there are no windows.

**Councilman Ruggiero-** It does not look like a warehouse, thew size was considered and it does have windows.

**Mary Lou Carolan-**There are little windows at the top, instead of having a view of the beautiful vista. I’m curious why that wouldn’t have been thought of. Not this huge building with little windows on top. I am asking.

**Councilman Ruggiero-** It still has to be landscaped

**Mary Lou Carolan-** Landscape is not windows

**Councilman Ruggiero-** The windows were placed higher for the basketball court lighting.

**Deputy Supervisor Manley-** The offices at ground level all have windows

**Councilman Ruggiero-** Both sides of the building have windows

**Mary Lou Carolan-** But the front part where you look out to the lake only has small windows on top

**Councilman Ruggiero-** The windows at the top are for light during the day on the courts.

**Mary Lou Carolan-** Were there other environmental considerations?

Councilman Ruggiero- We did do environmental studies

**Pat Hines Engineer-** The building is 100% electric because those are the utilities available. We checked with Central Hudson about gas, that was a no. We evaluated the use if propane, that was not efficient for that size building.

**Mary Lou Carolan-** What are the considerations for parking? It’s a well-used space. Where will the parking be for that? On a beautiful day that lot is already full without that building. Will there be additional parking?

**Councilman Ruggiero-** Yes there will be some additional parking on the side.

**Mary Lou Carolan-** Is the natural playground still there?

Deputy Supervisor Manley- Yes, it is

**Mary Lou Carolan-** What about the exercise equipment?

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**Commissioner of Parks and Recreation Presutti-** Once all of this complete, the outdoor gym will be there. We are moving it to another location. We still have all the equipment stored at the highway garage.

**Councilman Ruggiero-** We are going to put some equipment along the trail. The handicapped equipment will be put where it is accessible.

**Mary Lou Carolan-** The last part of the trail, does that still exist?

**Councilman Ruggiero**- Yes it does

**Mary Lou Carolan-** As a citizen who uses that space, I wish more consideration was given to the scale

and the appearance of that building. I get we need a community center, but it’s a beautiful location

but it’s just not a beautiful design. I’m sorry that’s what was selected.

**Councilman Ruggiero-** Well that’s your opinion. I have heard a lot of good feedback

**Bill Fedder Rockwood Drive –** Is the town exempt from SEQR is that true?

**Deputy Supervisor Manley-** No that is not true

**Bill Fedder-** What was the original cost of the bid for the court improvements?

**Pat Hines-** The cost was Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand dollars ($275,000.00)

**Bill Fedder-** So the change order was for unforeseen circumstances?

**Pat Hines-** Yes, they found some issues as they are working on it.

**Bill Fedder-** Is the dial a bus just in town?

**Jim Presutti-** Yes

**Bill Fedder-** That’s a shame, it’s a county program

**Jim Presutti-** Actually it’s a federal program run through the County

**Bill Fedder-** With friends of seniors driving people, there is a need for this transportation. For the

tactical officer, will they be able to go out of town or they have to stay in town?

**Deputy Supervisor Manley-** It’s up to the town, they can go another town if needed, it’s case by case

basis.

**Bill Fedder-** Going off topic of tonight’s meeting, what’s the latest on the Orange County West side

water grant?

**Deputy Supervisor Manley-** When we first applied for the grant it denied. We had a zoom meeting

with the DEC and they rate everything with points and on the need. Unfortunately, there were other

areas that had more points than us based on problems. WE just had another meeting with the EFC

(Environmental Facilities Corporation), they work with the DEC.

**Pat Hines-** WE hired an engineering firm C.T. Male to do a study for the EFC, it sat at the EFC fir some

time. Comments to the town came back late last fall. C.T. Male has those comments and has come

back with a request for additional funding because their engineer report was done foe 2021

regulations and over this process regulations have changed. The town is in talks with the Orange Lake

HOA about splitting the cost of doing a feasibility study that can utilized for future grants.

**Bill Fedder-** Is the original report in the public domain?

**Pat Hines-** I would assume so, if not I can get you a copy

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**19. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Qualifications of a Sewer Employee for a Promotion**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to enter into Executive Session at 7:58 pm 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.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to leave Executive Session at 8:20 pm 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.

Deputy Supervisor Manley said no action was taken during Executive Session

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. 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.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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