

**SOMERS TOWN BOARD ORGANIZATION MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023 7:00PM**

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I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. ROLL CALL:

Public Comment

III. PROCEDURES:

A. Set the schedule for Town Board Meetings:

The meeting schedule of the Somers Town Board will begin with the Work Session on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00PM or earlier if a motion for executive session is anticipated and the Regular Meeting will be held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00PM or earlier if a motion for executive session is anticipated. Meeting will be held at the Somers Town House unless otherwise advised. When necessary a third meeting will be held on the third Thursday of each month with the location specified in the notice of the meeting. Special meetings and all other work sessions will be held at the Town House, unless another location is specified in the notice of meeting or resolution calling such special meeting, and further that notice of all meetings and work sessions are given to the Town Board, Town Clerk and media by the Supervisor.

B. Adopt Town Board Meeting Format for 2023:

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call.
3. Public Comment.
4. Approval of Minutes.
5. Reports from Department Heads/Town Clerk.
6. Business of the Town Board first, then Parks & Recreation, then an alphabetical listing by department and/or topic including communications and resolutions.
7. Board Comment.
8. Adjournment.

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C. *Schedule of Audit of Claims:*

All claims are to be audited by the Town Board at its regular meeting each month; all claims are to be filed with the Town Clerk no later than the Monday before the Town Board Work Session or earlier as directed by the Supervisor. Claims for the following may be paid in advance of audit with appropriate certification and listed on a subsequent Abstract of Audited Vouchers:

Fuel Oil, Gas, Propane and Diesel Fuel & Electricity
Mail Costs
Telephone Service, including Cellular Telephones
Health, Dental, Life and Vision Insurance
Payment for Leased Vehicles
Internet Services
Workers Compensation and Commercial Property Insurance
Post Office
NYS Pension Installments
Chips Reimbursement
EZ Pass
Credit Cards
Medicare Part B Reimbursement
Park & Recreation Day Camp Trips
NYS Unemployment

Department Head or employee submitting claim must assign the proper appropriation code and certify as to correctness of the voucher and that sufficient money exists in the appropriation code. All claims must have the proper supporting documentation i.e. an original invoice. Only when it can be demonstrated that an original invoice is not available will an email or fax copy be accepted.

D. *Submission of Agenda Items:*

Items for regular monthly agendas shall be received in the Supervisor's Office no later than 12 noon of the Thursday in the week preceding the Town Board Work Session and Regular meetings. The agendas shall be posted on the Town Clerk's Bulletin Board in the Town House and on the Web Site the Monday before a meeting with copies available to the

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D. *Submission of Agenda Items: (Continued)*

Public and the Town Clerk. No item shall be added to the agenda during the meeting without a majority of Town Board member's approval.

E. *Vacancy Announcements:*

Vacancies on the various boards and advisory committees shall be announced at least two (2) months, if possible, prior to the meeting at which action is to be taken. In addition, they will be posted on the Web Site.

F. *Designation of an Official Newspaper:*

Designate The Somers Record the official Town newspaper for the year 2023 with others to be used whenever so designated by the Town Board.

IV. **FINANCIAL:**

A. *Designate depositories:*

1. **JP MORGAN CHASE**

Debt Service Fund
General Fund - 2
Joint Bail Account*
Tax Receiver
Town Justice*
Trust & Agency
Amawalk Heights Water District
Somers Consolidated Water District #1
Capital Funds
Highway Fund
Parks & Recreation Revolving Fund
Payroll Account
Recreation (Builders Fees)
Somers Sewer District No. 1
Town Clerk*
Water Quality Improvement Program
Capital Project

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2. SIGNATURE BANK

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3. New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (NYCLASS)
Investment Fund.

- B. Authorize Robert Scorrano, Supervisor, as the signer on the above accounts and Rick Morrissey, the Deputy Supervisor as alternate signer, with the exception of the asterisk (*) accounts; that are signed by the appropriate department heads only.

C. *Certificates of Deposit:*

Authorize the Supervisor to negotiate and call for bids on Certificates of Deposits (CD) and to automatically renew at the best available interest rate, subject to acceptable Municipal or Federal Bonds securing such monies, and further that a reporting of CD's be presented by the Supervisor to the Town Board at the regular Town Board meeting each month.

D. *Deposit of Funds:*

Authorize the Supervisor to deposit monies of the General Fund, Highway Fund and all other Funds in JP Morgan Chase as deemed appropriate.

E. *Town Auditors:*

Name PFK O'Connor Davies, LLP, 500 Mamaroneck Ave., Suite 301, Harrison NY 10528 as Town Auditors for the year 2023.

F. *Reimbursements:*

Authorize reimbursement for Town Officers and employees at the 2023 mileage rate as set by the Internal Revenue Service for use of their own automobiles when on official town business. The standard mileage rate is intended to cover all costs of operating a personal vehicle while conducting town business. Such costs include: gasoline, oil, maintenance, repairs, insurance and vehicle registration fees. Also, authorize reimbursement for Town officers and employees for necessary telephone calls made in connection with town business upon submission of properly executed vouchers.

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G. *Procurement Policy and Procedures:*

The Procurement Policy and procedures for the purchase of goods or services as set in the Town Board resolution of January 2, 1992, as amended August 11, 2005, February 9, 2006, October 12, 2006 and February 11, 2010 have been reviewed. That resolution states that each prospective purchase shall be evaluated to determine the applicability of General Municipal Law Section 103. It also provides guidelines to aid in this required evaluation. As a result of this review, it has been determined that the existing Procurement Policy and procedures should continue to be utilized for all purchasing activities by the Town.

H. *Investment Policy:*

Review of Investment Policy to comply with the primary objectives listed:

- a. To conform with all applicable federal, state and other legal requirements (legal);
- b. To adequately safeguard principal (safety);
- c. To provide sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirements (liquidity); and
- d. To obtain a reasonable rate of return (yield.)

I. Review policy for Capitalization of Property, Plant & Equipment formerly Fixed Asset Policy to comply with GASB 34 and other State and Federal Laws.

J. *State and County Contracts, Purchasing Procedures:*

Resolve that all purchases made by Departments, where practical and cost effective, be made under New York State and Westchester County and Putnam County Contracts and according to the established procurement policy of the Town Board.

K. Set SEQRA reimbursement rates.

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- L. Authorize the Water District Supt. to request proposals for equipment rental rates from local contractors and upon receipt of the proposed rental rates adopt the highest rate as the maximum hourly rental rate and further that the Water District Supt. use the contractor with the lowest rate whenever possible, for equipment hired and personnel used for Water District improvements, repair and maintenance operations in the year 2023.

- M. Reaffirm NYSLRS standard workday reporting resolution dated January 2, 2020 by adopting the following standards for hours constituting a full work day for the New York State and Local Retirement System or any other Pension system in which an employee is a member of:

Highway and Water and Sewer maintenance employees-8 Hours; Summer Recreation employees 6.5 hours; Elected Officials-6 hours; Appointed Officials- 7 hours; all other employees - 7 hours.

V. HIGHWAY:

- A. *N.Y. State Contracts:*

Authorize the Superintendent of Highways - where practical and cost effective to purchase items under New York State and Westchester County Contracts and according to the established Procurement Policy of the Town Board.

- B. *Equipment Rental Rates:*

Authorize the Superintendent of Highways to request proposals for equipment rental rates from local contractors and upon receipt of the proposed rental rates adopt the highest rate as the maximum hourly rental rate and further that the Superintendent of Highways use the contractor with the lowest rate whenever possible, for equipment hired and personnel used for highway improvements, repair and maintenance operations and the removal of snow and ice during the year 2023.

- C. *Spending Limit:*

Authorize the Superintendent of Highways to expend monies for the purchase of equipment, tools and implements (other than bid items) and hourly equipment rental, up to the value of \$10,000.00 without prior approval of the Town Board.

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D. *Agreement to Spend Highway Funds:*

Approve and execute Agreement for the expenditure of Highway monies for the year 2023.

E. *Set Highway Pay Scale.*

F. *Announce Deputy Superintendent of Highways.*

Supervisor announces Paul Westhoff as Deputy Superintendent of Highways.

G. *Announce Secretary to the Superintendent of Highways.*

Supervisor announces Catherine DiSisto as Secretary to the Superintendent of Highways.

VI. APPOINTMENTS

A. *Supervisor:*

1. The Supervisor announces the designation of Rick Morrissey as Deputy Supervisor to serve at the pleasure of the Supervisor.
2. The Supervisor announces the appointment of Doris Jane Smith as the Town Historian.
3. The Supervisor appoints Kim DeLucia as the Executive Assistant to the Supervisor.
4. The Supervisor's Annual Report to the Comptroller:

Resolution that pursuant to Section 29, Sub. 10A of Town Law, the Supervisor is hereby directed to submit to the Town Clerk, within 120 days after the close of the fiscal year, a copy of the report to the State Comptroller, required by Section 30 of General Municipal Law, and the Town Clerk shall cause notice of the report to be published within ten days after receipt thereof in the official newspaper.

5. Authorize Town Officials to attend the Association of Town Meetings.

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- B. Town Clerk Patricia Kalba announces the appointment of Linda Verderame as Deputy Town Clerk to serve at the pleasure of the Town Clerk.
- C. Appoint Town Clerk, Patricia Kalba Election Liaison at \$3,000.00 per annum for term January 15, 2023 to January 14, 2024.
- D. Appoint Deputy Town Clerk, Election Liaison at \$1,000.00 per annum for term January 15, 2023 to January 14, 2024.
- E. Appoint Patricia Kalba, Registrar of Vital Statistics for the term January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, to be compensated as revenues occur.
- F. Appoint Linda Verderame Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the term January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, without compensation.
- G. Tax Receiver Michele McKearney announces the appointment of Christine Rossiter as Deputy Tax Receiver to serve at the pleasure of the Tax Receiver.
- H. *Board Chairman:*
 - 1. Appoint John Alfonzetti as chairman of the Architectural Review Approval Board to a term ending December 31, 2023.
 - 2. Appoint Kevin Westerman as chairman of the Parks & Recreation Board to a term ending December 31, 2023.
 - 3. Appoint John Currie as chairman of the Planning Board to a term ending December 31, 2023.
 - 4. Appoint Victor Cannistra as chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals to a term ending December 31, 2023.
 - 5. Appoint Richard Auerbach as chairman of the Affordable Housing Board to a term ending December 31, 2023.
 - 6. Fire Prevention Bureau one-year appointment to Thomas J. Tooma Jr., Robert Russell and Al Vigliotti until December 31, 2023.

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I. *Committee Chairs:*

1. Appoint Michael Barnhart as chairman of the Open Space Committee to a term ending December 31, 2023.
2. Appoint Kathy Cucchiarella as chairperson of the Partners in Prevention Committee to a term ending December 31, 2023.

VII. APPOINTMENTS/CONTRACTS:

A. *Legal Counsel:*

1. Accept the "Legal Services for 2023" from Stephens, Baroni, Reilly & Lewis LLP from Roland A. Baroni, Jr., dated January 1, 2023 and authorize Supervisor to execute same for the calendar year 2023.
- B. Authorize to execute proposal from J. O'Connell & Associates dated December 9, 2022 as Grant Consultants for January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.
- C. Authorize to execute proposal from RDM Computer Consultants, Inc. dated December 28, 2022 as Computer Consultants for January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.
- D. Announce Town Board Liaisons for 2023
- E. Appoint Barbara Lloyd Service Officer for the term January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 to serve without compensation.

VIII. SALARIES and LONGEVITY PAYMENTS:

- A. Resolution setting salaries and longevity payments (where applicable) of Town Officials and Employees for the year commencing January 1, 2023.