**AT THE WORKSHOP 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 25th of August, 2025

**Present** Scott Manley, Councilman

*A*nthony R. LoBiondo, Councilman

James Politi, Councilman

Gil Piaquadio, Town Supervisor

**Also Present**  Dawnmarie Busweiler, Deputy Town Clerk

Dominique Rivera, Deputy Town Clerk

Mark C. Taylor, Town Attorney

**Absent** Paul Ruggiero, Councilman

Lisa M. Vance Ayers, Town Clerk

*Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.*

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**4. CHANGES TO AGENDA- Remove 5A**

**5. PUBLIC HEARING:** **“A Local Law Amending Chapter 152 Entitled “Smoking” of the Code of**

**the Town of Newburgh”**

Supervisor Piaquadio asked if Town Clerk Vance Ayers if all postings and publication have

been completed.

Town Clerk Vance Ayers said the notice of this meeting was posted on the Town website and

in Town Hall on August 6, 2025 and it was advertised in the Mid-Hudson Times on August 14,

2025 Newspaper. 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 7:01 p.m. Motion

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

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

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

Town Attorney, Mark Taylor presented a draft Resolution of adoption of the Town Board’s

consideration “A Local Law Amending Chapter 152 Entitled “Smoking” of the Code of the

Town of Newburgh.” The Town Board of the Town of Newburgh finds there is an increasing

public awareness and acceptance of the dangers that smoking tobacco products, cannabis, e-

cigarettes and other vaping products have on the health and wellbeing of the general public

and that such activities have the potential to create a serious health hazard for the

employees of the Town, the citizens of the Town, and those who visit and utilize Town

property. Accordingly, in order to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare

of the employees and citizens of the Town of Newburgh, it is necessary to restrict the acts of

smoking and vaping tobacco, cannabis and related smoking and vaping products in and on

Town property, including buildings, parks and playgrounds. The Town Board of the Town of

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Newburgh further finds it is in the Town’s best interest to do all it can to protect the Town’s

property from the danger of fire posed by discarded tobacco, cannabis, and vaping products,

as well as the prevalence of unsightly litter caused by same. In light of the above findings, the

Town Board has adopted this Chapter, the primary purpose of which is to prohibit all smoking

and vaping on town owned property, except in specific designated outdoor areas.

**Public Comments:**

**Erin Holte-Mid Hudson Times-** Was there any push from the public or the State for the reason

of Amending Chapter 152 Entitled “Smoking” of the Code of the Town of Newburgh?

**Town Attorney Mark Taylor-** That chapter in the code book is outdated, it was time for an

update.

**Close Meeting:**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to close the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. Motion

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

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

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

1. **~~Vote on Local Law~~**

The town board will discuss designated areas before they can vote on this local law.

**6.** **ACCOUNTING: Approval of the Audit**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the audit in the amount of $533,775.23.

Motion seconded by Councilman Manley VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – absent; Councilman Manley –

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

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

**7. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Hiring of Two Full Time Custodial Workers**

**A. Michael Paccione**

Gil Piaquadio, Town Supervisor is requesting approval to hire Michael Paccione for the

Full-Time Custodial Worker in our Buildings and Grounds Department. Mr. Paccione is

already a full- time employee in our Recreation Department so there is no need for him to

fill out any paperwork. A proposed hire date is on or after September 1, 2025 and he has

been pre-approved by Orange County Human Resources.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the hiring of Mr. Michael Paccione for

Full-time Custodial Worker for Buildings and Grounds Department. Motion seconded by

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

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

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

**B. Constantino Desousa**

Gil Piaquadio, Town Supervisor is requesting approval to hire Constantino Desousa for the

Full-Time Custodial Worker in our Buildings and Grounds Department. Mr. Desousa is

already a full- time employee in our Highway Department so there is no need for him to

fill out any paperwork. A proposed hire date is on or after September 1, 2025 and he has

been pre-approved by Orange County Human Resources.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the hiring of Mr. Constantino Desousa

for Full-time Custodial Worker for Buildings and Grounds Department. Motion seconded

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

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

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

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**8. ANIMAL CONTROL: 5144 Withdrawal**

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

Tracey Carvell, Animal Control request authorization to use 5144 account to pay for

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

services.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the use of 5144 account to pay for

Veterinarian services from Flannery Animal Hospital the amount of $101.90 for canine

services. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – absent;

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

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

**B. Flannery Animal Hospital Invoice # 2**

Tracey Carvell, Animal Control request authorization to use 5144 account to pay for

veterinarian services from Flannery Animal Hospital for a total of $108.96 for feline

services.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the use of the 5144 account to pay for

Veterinarian services from Flannery Animal Hospital the amount of $108.96 for feline

services. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – absent;

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

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

**C. Flannery Animal Hospital Invoice # 3**

Tracey Carvell, Animal Control request authorization to use 5144 account to pay for

veterinarian services from Flannery Animal Hospital for a total of $84.42 for canine

services.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the use of 5144 account to pay for

Veterinarian services from Flannery Animal Hospital the amount of $84.42 for canine

services. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – absent;

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

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

**D. Flannery Animal Hospital Invoice # 4**

Tracey Carvell, Animal Control request authorization to use 5144 account to pay for

veterinarian services from Flannery Animal Hospital for a total of $33.47 for canine

services.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the use of 5144 account to pay for

Veterinarian services from Flannery Animal Hospital the amount of $33.47 for canine

services. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – absent;

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

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

**9. TERRORISM INSURANCE**

Supervisor Piaquadio is seeking a motion to approve the purchase of Terrorism Insurance

Coverage for a prospective premium of $4,777.00 effective July 1, 2025.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the purchase of Terrorism Insurance

Coverage for a prospective premium of $4,777.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley.

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

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

absent.

**10. JUSTICE COURT: Hiring Court Clerk Position**

Judge Jude Martini, Town Justice is requesting approval to start the process of hiring a

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Court Clerk position. As you know, Town Justice Jude Martini has a vacant position with the

resignation of Christopher Slingerland. We canvased the Court Clerk list with seven (7)

applicants being interviewed. The decision to hire Jack R. Baroch was made by the Judge.

Mr. Baroch’s employment is pending the Town Board’s approval, paperwork to be

completed, physical, drug/alcohol testing and fingerprinting. The rate of pay is $25.5095 per

hour and with favorable results, start date on or after September 08, 2025.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the hiring Christopher Slingerland for

the Court Clerk position. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman

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

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

absent.

**11. TOWN CLERK: Hiring Part Time Clerk**

Lisa M. Vance Ayers, Town Clerk is requesting approval to hire Barbara Fields as a Part Time Clerk

for a current vacancy in her office. Ms. Fields will be hired at the rate of $20.00/hour. This

position is currently funded in the 2025 Town Clerk Budget. The start date for the position

will be on or after September 08, 2025.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the hiring of Barbara Fields as a Part time Clerk

for the Town Clerk’s Office. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero

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

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

**12. ENGINEERING:**

**A. Budget Transfer**

Patrick J. Hines, Town Engineer is requesting approval for a budget transfer in the

amount $15,000.00.

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| From: | Account  Number: | 4001.5497 | Amount: | $ (15,000.00) |
|  | Account Description: | Maint. Cont/Leases/  Rentals |  |  |
|  |  |  | **FROM Sub Total** | $ (15,000.00) |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| To: | Account  Description | 4001.5499 | Amount: | $ 15,000.00 |
|  | Account Description: | Telemetering/Water Filtration |  |  |
|  |  |  | **TO Sub Total** | $ 15,000.00 |
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|  |  |  | Total | 0.0 |

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the Budget Transfer in the amount of

$15,000.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero –

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

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

**B. Meadow Hill Tank Demolition and Removal**

Patrick J. Hines, Town Engineer is requesting approval for the Meadow Hill Tank

Demolition and Removal. The Project engineers, H2M Engineers have completed the

Design and Specifications for the project. The project involves demolition and removal of

the (300,000 gal) Meadow Hill water storage tank. This tank has been out of service for

many years and has been recommended for removal. We are recommending the project

be available for Invitation to bid on 4 September 2025, with bids to be received by and

opened 25 September 2025, 11:00 am.

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MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the bid date of September 25, 2025 for

the Meadow Hill Tank Demolition and Removal bid. Motion seconded by Councilman

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

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

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

**C. Stormwater Maintenance Agreement- Gardner Ridge Associates, LLC**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to the Stormwater Maintenance Agreement for

Gardner Ridge Associates LLC as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi.

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

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

abstain; 1 absent.

**D. Newburgh Recreation Center- Holt Construction Change Order #3**

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

Center-Holt Construction Change Order #3- additional A-John charges for the restroom

Trailers in the total amount of $25,108.64.

- 8 toilet trailers (4 Men’s, 4 Women) was upgraded to8 individual restrooms per Jim

Presutti direction.

- Service was upgraded to 5x week for duration of camp

- Sales tax- needs to be added to this change order. Since the restroom trailers are

technically leased by Holt, and not directly by the Town of Newburgh, sales tax is

applicable which was mistakenly not being charged or accounted for in PCO #001 and

any of our billing through May.

This C. O would cover all A-Johns Costs to get us to the end of September.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to the Newburgh Recreation Center- Holt

Construction Change Order #3- additional A-John charges for the restroom trailers in the

total amount of $25,108.64. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – absent; Councilman Manley –

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

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

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Motion

seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – absent; Councilman

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

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

*Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Lisa M. Vance Ayers Dominique Rivera

Town Clerk Deputy Town Clerk