

PRE-BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 17, 2016

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

Councilman William Schirmer
Councilwoman Leanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilman James Bruno
Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel

Susan Poretz asked the board members if they had questions on Historic grant application. No one had any questions. All matches are in-kind. Councilman Schirmer questioned if a RFP should go out.

Pertaining to three motions that were added to the agenda late this afternoon, Councilman Schirmer asked if there is a reason why we would hire another part timer for the tax office. Did we receive a resignation from Marion Vail? Wasn't there a problem with this person in another department? Councilman Costello said that we can wait to put this forward at another meeting.

Glasco Fire Department sent a letter concerning 82 unit project. Fire hydrants and a ladder truck would be a concern.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 17, 2016

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

Councilman William Schirmer
Councilwoman Leanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilman James Bruno
Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Cindy Saporito, Chair of Ethics Committee gave the committees' report for 2015. The committee consists of five members and they had seven meetings in 2015. Bill Schirmer is their liaison. Complete report is on file at the Town Clerk's Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Sue Rosenberg, Pilgrim Pipeline – exact language was not used in the New Paltz letter but it is being corrected. We are still hoping DEC will be lead agency. This is our time to weigh-in on potential issues. Value of land may plummet near the pipeline and we must also question what impact will access roads have? Also, we are planning on informational meeting for public.

Bill Barr – agrees with Sue's words; village board has been invited in on the scoping process. This will affect the east side of Route 212 overpass because of all of the rock.

Lanny Walter – many committees have spoken up that this is a bad idea. Scoping process is extremely important. We should have a town wide meeting for people to look at maps. It may also be a good idea to form a group consisting of diverse people to look at issues.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

There will be a public informational meeting on March 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. regarding a speed limit reduction on Harry Wells Road. We received a petition from residents to discuss this matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on February 3, 2016, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the bills as presented, carried.

General Fund	\$170,834.20
General Outside Village	4,363.17
Highway	59,249.91
Barclay Heights Sewer	546.11
Glasco Sewer	1,383.47
Malden Sewer	828.59
Glasco Water	728.14
Malden Water	182.04
Trust & Agency	210.99

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Schirmer – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – March 5th from 3-5 p.m. at the Senior Center Solarize Saugerties will hold a program for anyone interested. On February 13th TV23 started reviewing the Contract with Time Warner although we still have two years left on the contract.

Councilman Costello – the project to move the impound yard to High Street is underway.

Councilwoman Thornton asked if additional parking could be in the plan and Councilman Costello said possibly.

Councilman Bruno – nothing to report

Chief Sinagra – body-worn cameras are in full effect, there is a policy (#158) in procedure and it is available to the public to see. Year-end report is on the website. Officer Castagnola, Dispatcher White and Det. Gambino will be attending Supervisor school. Also, in light of the Army Reserve Center being armed now, we will be helping in active shooter training. Supervisor Helsmoortel appreciates the working relationship with the Reserve.

Superintendent Doug Myer – the last two motions on the agenda came in from the attorney at 3:00 p.m. today, which he explained the two different types of easements. This is covered under NY Rising.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Costello to set a public hearing of March 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the ordinances, rules and regulations of the Town of Saugerties Water Districts.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer said the present ordinance goes back to the 1950's.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Costello to remove Fran Heinlein from the Property Assessment Committee due to a conflict of interest because she is on the Board of Assessment Review.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer clarified that you can not sit on both boards.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve a stipend of \$650.00 per year to be paid quarterly in the sum of \$162.50 to Arzi McKeown to act as a Justice Court Mediator.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer added that the agency provided mediators in the past.

Justice Andreassen added that Arzi has volunteered for the past four months and she is very good at her job.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the supervisor to sign a NYS Certified Local Government Grant Application, as on file, with NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation for a project titled A Reconnaissance level survey to update a 2005 Town of Saugerties Historic Resource Survey: Phase 1.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer said the grant application in 2005 the Historic Preservation Commission identified historic properties and would like to expand. There will be no cash outlay.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Bruno to allow the supervisor to sign a NYS Certified Local Government Grant Application, as on file, with NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation for a project titled Region-wide Historic Preservation Commission Networking and Training Conference.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer explained that the grant came back on a suggestion and works through a grant process.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to approve the resolution, as on file, authorizing the highway superintendent to enter into permanent road easements for access to Wilhelm Road.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to approve the resolution, as on file, authorizing the highway superintendent to enter into temporary construction easements for the Wilhelm Road repair project.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 7:50 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

**Public Informational Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Re: Speed Limit on Harry Wells Road**

**Pre-Board Meeting following above
Town Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

Town Clerk