

TOWN BOARD MEETING – MARCH 7, 2012

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 8:00 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 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

Councilman Bruce Leighton
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilman James Bruno
Supervisor Kelly Myers

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Youth Awards were presented to Daveena Stokes, Chaeli Barbaro and Logan Callahan. Congratulations to all for your dedication and good works!

John Barese – presented and talked about proposed Saugerties Sports Facility on town property but would be a private business. School would have use during school hours; parking fees for events would go to the town; no cost to the taxpayers. A team of ten individuals have been working on this concept for a few years. This proposal has already been presented to the Rec Committee and has four more hurdles – the Town Board has to approve before it goes forward to the residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Jim Uhl – talking about affordable housing in zoning law. Has master plan for subdivision, which is used down south. Wondered if adhering to selling homes at 20% less every

Michael Vallarella – agreement on Tissal Road – dangers on road and liability to residents; new railroad crossing is done and other area of road is not completed as should be by agreement of Town of Saugerties and Solite. Town is negligent in not completing road – we need safety of residents. Supervisor is familiar with this topic – if agreement is in place, it should be honored. Be aware of government that requires you to jump through hoops and then won't adhere to commitments made.

Brian Carmody – excessive truck traffic on Spaulding Lane, no change in traffic. Oversize vehicles 14' wide and excessive weights last week traveling on this road. Something needs to be done now before it is too late.

George Heidcamp – follow up to previous matter two weeks ago. Officer is in 20 year plan up until December of 2011, does not automatically roll over into other retirement plan. If he works over age restriction, it would not count toward pension. The town board overpaid.

George Vizvary – why is there a delay in going further to approve the Sports Complex idea? Saugerties is known for sports. Wants to have a winter home for all sports, plan just needs to be executed – don't delay.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Long standing problems, not simple things to fix but things are underway. Would like to introduce a new local law prohibiting the sale, possession or distribution of products containing synthetic drugs. The Supervisor gave a demonstration of items found in a teenagers room and are legal to sell. Wants the Village Board to be together on this law and would like to schedule a public hearing.

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Bruno to move this to Public Hearing, carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of February 15, 2012, carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the minutes of Bid Openings of February 29, 2012 and March 1, 2012 for the Highway Department, carried.

APPROVE OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$155,123.93
General Outside Village	6,442.06
Highway	37,043.83
Capital Projects	8,541.25
Ambulance District	45,633.33
Barclay Heights Sewer	377.56
Glasco Sewer	10,286.80
Malden Sewer	8,336.61
Glasco Water	1,555.33
Malden Water	141.66

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – read Building Department report, which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Councilwoman Thornton – town and village Comprehensive Commission is working on a draft in workshop. CPC met on education in fracking. CAC will hold informational meeting on March 29, 2012 at 6:30 regarding Emerald Ash Bore. TV23 has great workshops available. Lifespring is booked for the spring.

Councilman Costello – police worked hard to get initiatives – evidence cleaned out, updated training, new door at dispatch area. Armour has been installed in first police car – thank you to Armour Dynamics, which did the first car for free (about \$2,000.00 per car). Congratulations to the Kiwanis Ice Rink for hosting the hockey tournament. Buildings and Grounds is working on new offices for the Assessor’s Office. Congratulations to Ethan Stanley for placing 4th in NYS Wrestling high school tournament and he is the first 2 x Section Champion for Saugerties.

Councilman Bruno – Historic Preservation Commission Stone House Tour will be in May. Water & Sewer department has loss of water in acceptable range.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as read, commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts.

**A RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE THE
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIRL SCOUTS**

Whereas, the Girl Scouts were founded on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia, by Juliette Gordon Low. After meeting Boy Scout founder, Robert Baden-Powell, Juliette felt that the young women of her community deserved the opportunity to be involved in an organization that would empower girls and teach them the values of honesty, fairness, and respect; and

Whereas, Juliette dreamed of an organization that would give each girl an opportunity to develop into a productive member of society. She gathered 18 girls together to register the first troop of American Girl Guides. In addition to participating in many outdoor activities, such as camping, backpacking and canoeing, they were also encouraged to learn about the arts and sciences; and

Whereas, the organization’s name was changed to the Girl Scouts in 1913 and by 1920, the Girl Scouts had nearly 70,000 members nationwide. Today, there are approximately 3 million youth and 880,000 adult members who work primarily as volunteers throughout the country; and

Whereas, the Girl Scouts should be commended for their acceptance and exemplary work throughout their communities. Including their work with girls with disabilities and their early efforts towards racial equality as was recognized by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who stated that they were “a force for desegregation”; and

Whereas, for 100 years, participation in Girl Scouts has helped girls reach their full potential in relating to others with increasing understanding, skill and respect; developing a meaningful set of values to guide their actions and provide sound decision-making skills, and contributing to the improvement of society; and

Whereas, the Girl Scouts of the USA has declared 2012 “the Year of the Girl”. Since 1912, Girl Scouting has influenced the lives of more than 50 million American women who have participated in the organization in their youth; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Town of Saugerties, New York that the members of this legislative body commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts. We honor the contributions they are making to the lives of young women throughout all of New York and the United States. May they know our commitment and dedication to the individuals, families and communities they have improved.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Jim Uhl to serve on the Property Assessment Advisory Committee for the year 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the application for assembly on private property for Peter Duvaloois for June 30, 2012 (rain date July 7, 2012) from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the location of 1083 Kings Highway.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that this is the 3rd year in a row, successful event.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Myers to proceed with the bidding process and contract award for the project known as “Hemlock Lane” per the request of the Highway Superintendent.

Discussion: Councilman Costello clarified that this is the second time going out to bid on this project. Councilman Bruno added that this is an on going problem that has to be resolved.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Councilwoman Thornton asked that the agenda be available earlier so the board members have a chance to review it. Supervisor Myers suggested the motions get to her office by noon on Monday and will get the agenda out the next day.

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Bruno to enter into Executive Session regarding matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or

corporation, **also**, for discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation, **also**, for matters which will imperil public safety if disclosed, carried at 9:30 p.m.

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to exit Executive Session and resume Town Board Meeting, carried at 10:45 p.m.

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Myers for the Highway Superintendent to equalize the hourly rate of pay for all part time employees with one year of service or more at \$17.00 per hour.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Bruno to allow the Highway Superintendent to appoint Ryan Coons on behalf of the Town of Saugerties to the position of “Clerk of the Works” for all FEMA 4020-DR-NY projects with a set pay rate of \$1,057.69 per week until all related issues are complete in the year 2013 as defined in the guidelines for the “Clerk of the Works”.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to resume Executive Session, carried.

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 12:00 a.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Wednesday, March 21, 2012	Pre-Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
	Town Board Meeting	8:00 p.m.

Town Clerk