

TOWN BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 18, 2009

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at the Frank D. Greco Mutli Purpose Building located on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties. The meeting was opened at 7:25 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and the following members present:

Councilman Bruce Leighton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilwoman Nancy Campbell
Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel

Absent: Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meetings on November 4, 2009, Public Hearing on November 4, 2009 regarding Cold War Veterans Tax Exemption and Public Hearing on November 9, 2009 regarding the 2010 Budget, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$99,542.77
General Outside Village	33,677.17
Highway	51,494.88
Capital Projects	47,772.19
Lighting District	5,414.93
Barclay Heights Sewer	47,513.52
Glasco Sewer	3,812.19
Malden Sewer	1,007.95
Glasco Water	1,772.58
Malden Water	493.82

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – letter will go into paper regarding illegal pumps, which we may want to publish in the Saugerties Times and Daily Freeman. Jim Beaver, a part-time employee will be doing these inspections.

Councilman Costello – DWI doubled over last year, with thanks to Officers Schneider, Castagnola and Hastings. Thanks to Tom Resso for protecting the Glasco Mini Park.

Councilwoman Campbell – November 19th will be a meeting at the Exchange at 6:30 p.m. for the Saugerties Chamber of Commerce. December 6th will be Holiday in the Village from noon until 5:00 p.m. with the lighting of the Christmas tree at Seamon Park.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to accept the resignation of Sheila McCarthy, Town Court employee, effective November 13, 2009.

Discussion: Councilman Leighton thanked Sheila for her many years of service and wish her the best of luck.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to add to the ice arena part-time call out list Alene Woerthman at a rate of \$10.00 per hour, per the recommendation of the Ice Arena Director and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that Alene will help out as needed.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to hire Prudence Wagner as a part-time worker, as needed, at the town animal shelter at a rate of \$10.00 per hour, effective immediately, per the recommendation of the Animal Shelter Manager.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to amend a motion from the October 21, 2009 Town Board meeting as to include the proper information to approve the purchase of a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria vehicle from Mark Gottenberg at a price of \$9,999.00 to be used as the new canine vehicle #780 per the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Discussion: Councilman Costello stated that a new car would have been \$30,000.00; this car has 5,000 miles on it.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent, Councilwoman Campbell abstained)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint Officer Christopher Schneider as a 90-day temp in the town police department to fill a vacancy due to a resignation at a rate of \$19.00 per hour, effective immediately, per the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve the new comprehensive Town Police Department Rules, Regulations and Instructions, per the recommendation of the Chief of Police, as on file.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to approve a 3% increase in salary for Greg Chorvas, Carolyn Maines and Alvah Weeks, retroactive to January 1, 2009.

Discussion: Supervisor added that these three department heads were in the non-union agreement and were taken out January 1, 2009 and never received a raise.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to adjourn Town Board Meeting, carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk