

TOWN BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 15, 2007

The Town Board Meeting of August 15, 2007 was held 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 at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Josh Randall – speaking on behalf of Historic Preservation Commission; “due deliberation” was stated in the resolution but there is no evidence of a meeting held. The Town of Saugerties spent a lot of money on designation of Winston Farm but there was no comment from town board members except Councilwoman Thornton, after the vote. Town Board was asked to meet with the commission, but they never did so.

Marti Randall – 90% of the research done on Winston Farm was done by self, which is copyrighted. Asking for all documents to be returned. This information will not be a gift to the town since it is not going to be designated. Disappointed that there was not one comment from the three “no” votes on designation.

Jim Cranston – lives on Joseph’s Blvd. Asking for a better definition of mining and how can we prevent future mining. DEC has been to inspect area around Joseph’s Blvd; neighborhood is zoning R2.

Carl VanWagenen – lives right next to property being cleared. Numerous piles of bluestone previously seen, now it is clear-cut. Feels his property has diminished in value.

John Rzewski – does not live in immediate vicinity but can still hear machinery working constantly.

Richard Marshalaine – hears noise constantly from heavy equipment clearing land and it is very annoying.

Susan Puretz – when Schott Mine was being fought these residents were asked to help and they opted out, now who will fight.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Supervisor Helsmoortel invited all residents to the next CPC meeting to discuss concerns about mining.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve minutes of Town Board Meeting of July 18, 2007; Public Hearings of July 18, 2007 regarding PDET and extension of Town Clerk term; Special Town Board Meetings of July 26, 2007 and July 27, 2007; Public Hearing of August 2, 2007 PDET and Special Town Board Meeting of August 7, 2007, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$129,172.23
General Outside Village	31,633.32
Recreational Capital	4,481.01
Highway Townwide	18,462.19
Highway Outside Village	72,588.61
Capital Projects	65,048.80
Ambulance District	37,833.33
Lighting District	3,993.22
Barclay Heights Sewer	515.41
Glasco Sewer	16,961.45
Malden Sewer	1,080.61
Glasco Water	1,040.84
Malden Water	82.62

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Hulbert – complete report is on file at the Town Clerk’s Office. Thanked Dispatchers Wally Frey and Vera White for helping train the two new dispatchers.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – Wayne Debrosky has been out with a pulled back, so the report will be forthcoming. Bad water break in Barclay Heights, now fixed.

Councilwoman Thornton – there is a new director of library; TV 23 is encouraging local producers and would like to begin training community, which they will continue to work with Mr. Wickham and the CVP class at SHS. CAC meeting will be held next week. CPC will be presenting new zoning codes by the end of September. Bio-diversity committee will walk The Vly on August 29th. Historic Preservation meets on August 28th.

Councilman Costello – would like to compliment Sgt. Tucker on ATV patrol and the license plate reader has been very effective. Resurfacing soccer field and the Justice Court addition has been started.

Councilwoman Campbell – Planning Board will meet August 21st; EDC will meet August 27th. The Building Department report is on file at the Town Clerk's Office. The Artist Tour was a wonderful success.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to set a Public Hearing date of September 5, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to Prohibit Illicit Discharges, Activities and Connections to Municipal Separate Sewer Systems.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve Budget amendments to provide for expenditures incurred as per the recommendation of the town accountant.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Leighton to authorize the examination of the Justice Court records and designating the internal town accountant to perform the examination which is a request of the State of New York Unified Court System under Section 2019-a of the Uniform Court Act.

Discussion: Supervisor noted that he does not recall this being done in the past, but our accountant can/will do it.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to allow the Supervisor to sign the Technical Services Change Order for Professional Services-Annual Sampling 2007, Saugerties Landfill between the Town and Chazen Engineering & Land Surveying Co., PC.

Discussion: Supervisor added that a resident on Artist Lane requested and it was a result of the homeowner's pipes.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the salary for Kerensa Demarest at \$12.00 per hour in the part time Deputy Town Clerk position, effective August 20, 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the salary for Margaret "Terri" Bartosik at \$26,000.00 per year in the full time Deputy Town Clerk position, effective August 20, 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint Saundra F. Phillips as a full time Dispatcher for the Town of Saugerties Police Department at a rate of \$22,500.00 per year, effective August 9, 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint Mabelle Ferraro as a full time Dispatcher for the Town of Saugerties Police Department at a rate of \$22,500.00 per year, effective July 28, 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint Officer Robert Haberski permanently to Detective in the Town of Saugerties Police Department, effective immediately.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that Officer Haberski has done an outstanding job for the past six months.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to hire George Haas as a part time court officer (security) for the Town of Saugerties Justice Court at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, effective immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to accept the resignation of Edward M. Kovac for the position of part time Police Officer for the Town of Saugerties Police Department, effective July 20, 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to hire Dianne Bach as a part time laborer for the Town of Saugerties Animal Shelter at a rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to hire Marie Post as a part time Manager for the Town of Saugerties Transfer Station at a rate of \$1,250.00 per month from August 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said the duties of the Manager has been filled by the Supervisor and self since Don Debrosky left.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to approve the following resolution, as read, authorizing the Town of Saugerties Police Department to accept the use law enforcement equipment loaned from Ulster County Stop DWI per

the request of Ulster County Stop DWI and per the recommendation of the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 15, 2007
AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SAUGERTIES POLICE
DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT AND USE LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT
LOANED FROM ULSTER COUNTY STOP DWI

WHEREAS, from time to time Ulster County Stop DWI loans law enforcement equipment owned by the County of Ulster at no charge to various law enforcement agencies, including the Town of Saugerties Police Department, for use in connection with DWI enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Saugerties is desirous of continuing to obtain and use the law enforcement equipment on loan from Ulster County Stop DWI;

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Saugerties Police Department is authorized to accept law enforcement equipment owned by the County of Ulster, on loan at no charge from the County of Ulster, Stop DWI; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Saugerties be and hereby is authorized on behalf of the Town of Saugerties, to sign a written loan agreement with the County of Ulster to effectuate the loan of law enforcement equipment as approved by this resolution.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Leighton	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Thornton	voting	Yes
Councilman Costello	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Campbell	voting	Yes
Supervisor Helmsmoortel	voting	Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Leighton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:10 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, August 30, 2007	Public Hearings OLI, Sensitive & Aquifer	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 5, 2007	Public Hearing Prohibit Illicit Discharges (MS4)	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

**Pre-Board Meeting
Town Board Meeting**

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk