

## PRE-BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 19, 2005

The Pre- Board Meeting was held on January 19, 2005 at 6:00 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 following town board members were present:

Supervisor Greg Helmsmoortel  
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton  
Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.  
Councilman Phil Tucker

Absent: Councilman Tom Macarille

*Dave Rizzo, a representative from Nextel* was introduced to give a presentation on a quote regarding cellular phone service. He explained the different options and also took the time to ride with the police to check out the cell coverage through the town. Through West Saugerties and Blue Mountain there was no service available.

*Kaira Tiegen, a representative from Cingular* also gave a presentation and noted that coverage was extremely important to customers. She would also be able to set the town's phones on priority use with the cell tower. Ms. Tiegen would extend the discount to the family of the town employee. AT & T and Cingular have merged and are one company.

Donna Cafaldo thanked Deb Martino and Eileen Pistoia for all their help in compiling information. Also, thank you to Bernie Ellsworth, Wayne DeBrosky and Officers D. Drescher & C. Helmsmoortel for their time and in-put. T-Mobile was asked to submit a quote, but never responded. Cellular One took six months to respond and then cancelled two appointments. Councilman Costello contacted Verizon and received a quote and would like to check out the coverage with their phones.

Donna Cafaldo has been contacted by Cost Control Associates. This service is of no cost and no risk to the town to sign an agreement and find cost savings. If they find any savings, there would be a 50/50 split for a three-year period. They recommend checking into Central Hudson bills regarding the nine street lighting districts.

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## **TOWN BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 19, 2005**

The Town Board Meeting was held on January 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi Purpose Building located on the corner of Robinson and Market Streets in the Village of Saugerties. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the following members were present:

Supervisor Greg Helmsmoortel  
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton  
Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.  
Councilman Phil Tucker

Absent: Councilman Tom Macarille

### **PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

*Kevin Schaal* – has volunteered for several organizations throughout the town; he leaves for the Air Force on May 2, 2005 but first will be traveling to Indonesia to help in those efforts. Kevin leaves on January 27, 2005 and will return on April 25, 2005 and is looking for sponsors to fund the trip.

*David Jones* – spoke regarding HITS. His home is located near HITS and has some concerns. At a previous meeting, John Eickman said noise from the announcement system would be taken care of; they already had a plan in place. Also, needs trees for landscaping and a map should show future plans. New roadway needs “policing” to enforce staff and emergency only parking. Contingencies should be in writing.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

*Casey Bennett* – also speaking on behalf of her mother, Dorothy Lee and they reside at 470 Washington Avenue. In the beginning they were in full support of HITS, now flies are ridiculous, rats abundant and manure smell is constant. Horse manure sat on HITS property for 11 days after shows stopped. Their property was abused by people from HITS; by people walking their dogs and shining headlights in the windows. Also, wrote a letter to the board on July 28, 2004 and has never received a reply to this letter.

*Marti Randall* – owns three horses and is concerned about large livestock law that is being considered by the CAC. Town Board should not be so enamored with HITS but think about individuals owning animals.

### **SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

As this is my first supervisor’s comments of the year I would again like to wish everyone a happy new year.

My new year over in town hall started off in a different sort of way – on Monday January 3<sup>rd</sup> I was asked to perform a very last minute lunch time wedding ceremony in the court room – with both judges unavailable I helped a local couple get to say their “I Do’s” before their marriage license expired at midnight that day. Again my best wishes to Cristiana and Joseph.

Later on that week I had to close town hall early due to deteriorating road conditions due to the ice storm we were getting. I hope no one was inconvenienced by the early closure, as it really was a day that no one should have been traveling.

Last week I attended my first meeting as liaison to the Economic Development Committee, which was held at town hall.

Yesterday in my office I was presented a plaque from Glasco Fire Company Chief Pete Cafaldo on behalf of the town board. I was unable to attend their annual banquet event last Saturday and Chief Cafaldo wanted to be sure the town received recognition for our policy of allowing town employees who are members of local volunteer fire companies to leave their job to respond to an emergency call out. Glasco Fire presently has one member employed by the town. We are very honored to be recognized for this and I was happy to accept the plaque on behalf of the board.

Today I received word from Highway Superintendent Bernie Ellsworth who is unable to attend tonight’s meeting, that the 65 Kilo Watt generator purchased for the highway garage with the assistance of a \$20,000.00 grant secured from State Senator John Bonacic is up and running and fully operational if needed. The generator was obtained off a bid from Peak Power Systems of Middletown. The grant was enough to cover the generator itself, the propane needed for it and the cost of the electrician to install it. The installation was done by John Wood, Jr. of J.P. Electric from Saugerties. As of 2pm today Bernie says the highway complex is now on full stand-by power during any electric blackouts. Bernie wishes to thank the senator and the town board for supporting this endeavor.

Finally I would like to publicly thank our tax collector Peg Nau for her wonderful cooperation and communication with my office during one of the busiest times of the year. Peg and her staff are responsible for taking in the funds that help keep our town running and they do an excellent job.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to accept the Annual Reorganizational Meeting minutes of January 5, 2005 as presented.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the bills presented for payments.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

General Fund	\$421,476.15
General Outside Village	206,762.62
Special Revenue Fund	122.65
Highway Townwide	61,703.75
Highway Outside Village	65,990.30
Barclay Heights Sewer	4,942.21
Glasco Sewer	15,161.18
Malden Sewer	5,207.92
Glasco Water	135,272.11
Malden Water	13,877.86

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Complete reports are on file in the Town Clerk’s Office.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilwoman Thornton** – CAC will be meeting tomorrow night regarding large animal law. No formal ordinance is written, it is just at the investigation stage. Library site committee will make recommendations on February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. CPC meets next Thursday at 7:00 p.m. for their reorganization meeting.

**Councilman Costello** - Glasco Mini Park meeting will be February 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Also, met about constructed wetlands with Supervisor Helsmoortel and Barbara Budik at a neighboring town, which was very informative.

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to authorize the Supervisor to sign any necessary documents and/or agreements to provide the town with all departments with cellular phone service from Cingular and terminate services from existing carriers effective immediately.

Discussion: Councilman Costello noted a lot of hard work was done by Donna Cafaldo and Deb Martino but wished Verizon was contacted earlier to complete the study. Supervisor Helsmoortel stated there will be a \$20,000.00 savings to the town.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve a Certificate of Registration for Ray Mayone Construction of Glasco to install water and sewer hook-ups in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve a Certificate of Registration for Ron Biscoe Excavating & Paving of Malden on Hudson to install water and sewer hook-ups in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve a Certificate of Registration for Gary Mecabe Plumbing of Kingston to install water and sewer hook-ups in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Tucker to allow Public Housing employee Betty Ann Brink to carry over 6.5 vacation days remaining into 2005 as is allowable and defined in Article 14 line F of the CWA Contract.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Tucker to allow Public Housing employee Carolyn Maines to carry over 5 vacation days remaining into 2005 as is covered under the non-union contract.

Vote: Adopted – 4 yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Tucker to appoint John Mullen as part-time Police Officer with the Town of Saugerties Police Department at a rate of \$13.50 per hour effective January 20, 2005.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to accept the recommendation of the Saugerties Historic Preservation Commission and officially designate the properties known as the Katsbaan Dutch Reformed Church and OPUS 40 as town historical landmarks.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Tucker to authorize the supervisor to sign an agreement with Cost Control Associates of Quesbury, NY for the purpose of exploring and investigating potential overbillings and refunds which may be due to the town in specific to its 9 lighting districts.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to revoke the appointment of Claudette Zinkow for the temporary account clerk position and to place her in the appointed position of provisional Municipal Code Aide as approved by Civil Service retroactive and effective January 3, 2005.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint Michael Zinkow as webmaster for the town's website at a rate of \$10.00 per hour effective immediately.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton noted that Michael has helped out with Cable Access and has done a wonderful job, he is also a computer major in college.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons regarding matters relating to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of any person or persons.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to exit Executive Session and adjourn regular town board meeting at 9:20 p.m., carried.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

<b>Wednesday, February 2, 2005</b>	<b>Pre-Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Town Board</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>

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