

## **PRE-BOARD MEETING – November 17, 2004**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on November 17, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located at the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel  
Councilman Tom Macarille  
Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.  
Councilman Phil Tucker  
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton

The following topics were discussed:

**Josepha Gutelius** – approached board about her property tax assessment; wants to know why they were re-assessed. Also, would like to know town attorneys position on this subject.

**Boy Scout Troop 135** – attended meeting to ask questions of the board about politics concerning a merit badge – Citizen in the Community.

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Town Clerk

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 17, 2004**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located at 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:

Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel  
Councilman Tom Macarille  
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton  
Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.  
Councilman Phil Tucker

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Eleanor DeForest, former Town Clerk who passed away this week.

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

**Richard O’Leary** – resident of Mt. Marion and fearful of all taxes that are rising out of control.

**Josh Randall** – also spoke regarding taxes and reiterated moratorium of large subdivisions. It would behoove the town board to take into consideration the senior citizens and people that have lived here their whole lives. Moved here because he liked the town the way it was.

**Elinor Trumpbour** – reinforce everything Mr. Randall said. Wished all town board members were at Planning Board meeting the night before because it was very revealing.

**Marti Randall** – also worried about taxes. Local Law regarding large and small animals is seriously flawed. Please review carefully and let public have time to review law.

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

Town offices and the transfer station will be closed next Thursday and Friday November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

A reminder too from Highway Superintendent Bernie Ellsworth that there is no parking on any town road from November 15 to April 15 from 3 AM to 7 AM for snow emergency purposes.

Again, I would like to extend a warm welcome to members of the Boy Scouts who are attending tonight’s meeting to help them earn their government badge.

Welcome to a student from Onteora High School working on her project for her participation in government class.

I have received word today from our Economic Development Committee Chairwoman Barbara Budik that a new company will open very shortly in the Atlantic Diesel Building on Kings Highway. Whiley’s Electronics will open shop to begin operations that produce electronic modules for solar energy panels. I do not have word of how many employees they will be hiring or looking to hire but this is exactly the right type of low impact business our community needs.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve minutes of Budget Public Hearing of October 26, 2004; Bid Opening of November 4, 2004; Pre-Board Meeting of November 3, 2004; Town Board Meeting of November 3, 2004 and Special Town Board Meeting of November 9, 2004.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

General Fund	\$84,108.16
General Outside Village	23,776.39
Special Revenue Fund	2,595.35
Recreational Capital	2,510.00
Highway Townwide	2,483.33
Highway Outside Village	67,622.95
Capital Projects	585.00
Lighting District	3,367.63
Barclay Heights Sewer	271.76
Glasco Sewer	9,436.58
Malden Sewer	5,482.11
Glasco Water	827.15
Malden Water	213.66
Trust & Agency	886.00

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

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Macarille** – acknowledge Ulster County Legislators extending sincere sympathy to Andreassen Family on the passing of their mother. CWA Workers Union has approved the potential hiring of 40 hour work week animal control officer for 6 month trial. Also, concerned about Planning Board meetings running so late in the evening; suggested going to two meetings per month.

**Councilwoman Thornton** – Library Board still pursuing new property location. CAC is having an informational meeting on November 18, 2004 on large and small animals – public is welcome.

**Councilman Costello** – Thanked Ernie Fick Estate for new scoreboard. Eagle Scout project of sidewalk at Town Hall is coming along nicely and should be completed before winter.

**Councilman Tucker** – Diaz renovation project almost complete, they are planning an Open House and they just received a new ambulance.

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the

Town of Saugerties and Teamsters Local 445 for a three year agreement effective January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helmoortel to appoint Henry Zeigler to the position of assistant building inspector at a rate of \$26,000.00 per year effective November 29, 2004.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helmoortel to authorize Electrical Underwriters of NY, LLC of New Windsor, NY to conduct electrical inspections within the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Tucker to authorize the payment for professional services to Shuster Associates as it relates to current litigation to which the town has been named, as per the recommendation of Town Attorney George Redder.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to authorize the town to pay for legal representation for former Town Supervisor James Griffis as it relates to a requested deposition in ongoing litigation to which the town has been named, as per the recommendation of Town Attorney George Redder.

Discussion: This has to do with Tissal Road lawsuit when James Griffis was Supervisor.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Tucker to authorize the Town Clerk to schedule the second of two public hearings pertaining to Local Law #7 entitled “Amendments to the Town of Saugerties Zoning Law relating to Signs” for Wednesday, December 1, 2004 at approximately 7:45 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center. (second has already been set for December 20, 2004)

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Highway Superintendent Bernie Ellsworth wanted to thank board for working together with Highway Department on Memorandum of Agreement.

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, 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 – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Tucker to exit executive session and adjourn regular meeting at 9:05 p.m., carried.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Thursday, November 18, 2004**

**Workshop session with Economic Development Committee**

**4:30 p.m. at Sawyer Savings Bank**

**Re: Constructed Wetlands**

**Wednesday, December 1, 2004**

**Pre-Board 6:00 p.m.**

**Regular 7:00 p.m.**

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Town Clerk