

PRE-BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 15, 2006

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on February 15, 2006 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 members were present:

Councilman Bruce Leighton
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilwoman Nancy Campbell
Deputy Supervisor/Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.

ABSENT: Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel

The following individuals were interviewed for the vacancy on the Planning Board:

Glen Forman – has been a frequent visitor to Saugerties for the past 20 years and moved here last year. He feels connected to the community; not opposed to building and said his legal training would help to interpret zoning law and keep the town on track with Comprehensive Plan. Currently employed with the NYS Insurance Fund in Albany and was previously a litigation attorney in NYC. Defended construction companies in litigation; therefore, familiar with site plans.

Tom Francello – lived in Saugerties for 35 years and things have grown and changed; worked with engineers, planners, surveyors and contractors. Town is growing at fast pace with not a lot of control, there should be more scrutiny. Involved in outdoor activities and community events. Would be will to go for training. Believes in what is right is right and what's wrong is wrong – there are no gray areas.

Tom Macarille – lived here 42 years and has two years experience as liaison to Planning Board having worked with engineers, planners and developers. Retired so he has the time to spend in meetings and workshops. Understand zoning law and Comprehensive Plan. Interested in what happens to the town and understands needs of community. Two changes that should take place are: 1. Planning Board should go to two meetings per month and 2. Planning Board needs to work together, better communication.

Michael Vitari – works as land surveyor and realtor, helps implement knowledge of reading and drawing plans. Continue education through NYS; five years as land surveyor. Has designed sub-divisions from drawing to delivering. If there are discrepancies with a builder, it simply would need to be changed. Very much in favor of taking courses to keep up-dated with any changes. Self-employed so he makes his own schedule to be available during the day. Many positive aspects of Saugerties Planning Board as compared to other local towns. No conflict of interest.

Other topics discussed at Pre-Board:

Councilwoman Campbell has received word from Jim Cole of the Association of Towns with response to PACT. Mr. Cole feels this should be less formal, like a public liaison group between Assessor's Office and public – more "user friendly". Councilwoman Thornton added that questions that came from League of Women Voter's Meeting could have been fielded through this group, better communication.

Councilman Costello spoke about the property that the town board has set aside for the library to build, if so desired. There is a parcel that has been sold but he believes there are two separate parcels, that there is still land for the library. Mr. Redder is checking into this for clarification.

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to enter into Executive Session to discuss employment history of a particular person or persons relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal, carried.

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to exit Executive Session, carried.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 15, 2006

The Town Board Meeting was held on February 15, 2006 at 7:00 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 was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

Councilman Bruce Leighton
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilwoman Nancy Campbell
Deputy Supervisor/Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.

ABSENT: Supervisor Greg Helmsmoortel

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: none

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Complimented staff in warehouse expansion work being done, long hours being put in and noted that Councilwoman Campbell is working on organizing a mural to be done in the new office space.

Deputy Supervisor Costello noted that town offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2006 in observation of the President's Holiday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board Meeting on February 1, 2006 and Town Board Meeting on February 1, 2006, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General Fund	\$59,749.64
General Outside Village	21,725.19
Highway Townwide	23,264.84
Highway Outside Village	1,184.46
Capital Projects	15,170.99
Ambulance District	72,229.20
Lighting District	4,120.62
Barclay Heights Sewer	75.99
Glasco Sewer	10,289.44
Malden Sewer	1,367.90
Glasco Water	3,384.27
Malden Water	435.21

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the bills as presented, carried.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – thanks to Bernie Ellsworth and DPW that worked until midnight to fix water main break in Barclay Heights. Saugerties Manor residents need to be hooked in to water supply. Meadow Court sewer charges are paid to the town and pay the water bill to village. The first bill they received was for 12 months, all subsequent bills will be on a 6 month billing cycle. Meter was calibrated at Glasco plant, increased flow should be solved.

Councilwoman Thornton – library needs emails to legislators to support the libraries in the Hudson Valley. Public Hearing will be February 20, 2006 on Winston and Snyder Farms. Lighthouse 23 meeting on February 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor and Supervisor to start going over new contract. CPC meeting on February 23, 2006 with Michael Welty to up-grade on the zoning.

Councilwoman Campbell – the mural project is a very exciting venture involving 73 individuals who are donating their time, low cost with a big impact. Next Planning Board Meeting is February 21, 2006. Economic Development meeting with Hallie Arnold on February 17, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ice Rink. On March 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning Board members with Dennis Doyle on how to proceed with planning and developing in the Town of Saugerties.

Councilman Costello – thank you to Mark Resso and John Becker who worked until after midnight with the water main break to restore service.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Hulbert – complete report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. Ordered three reconditioned radar units, which we should have within 60 days. Computer system has been up-graded. New DARE Officer is Jeremy Rushkoskie.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve Certificate of Registration for Daniel A. Riozzi for sewer hook-ups in the Town of Saugerties per Water & Sewer Department.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helmsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to have town engineers do a cost analysis for Saugerties Manor project for connecting those residents to public water.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helmsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve resignation of Anthony L. Cardarelli as a full-time dispatcher from the Police Department effective January 1, 2006.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helmsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve Anthony L. Cardarelli as a part-time dispatcher from the Police Department if and when he returns to work (health permitting).

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helmsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to re-appoint Joe Gavner to the Assessment Review Board, retroactive, for a five (5) year term, which runs from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2010.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helmsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to endorse the following Resolution, introduced by the Town of Hurley:

WHEREAS the Town of Hurley is affected by the flood waters of the Esopus Creek which is fed by the Ashokan Reservoir, and

Whereas the New York City DEP is the agency that maintains the reservoir water level, inspects the reservoir dams, and controls the water flow into the Esopus Creek from the Schoharie Reservoir thru the Shandaken tunnel, and

Whereas the NYC DEP has increased the flow of water to approximately 590 million gallons of water per day, and

Whereas the residents of Ulster County, NY bordering the Esopus Creek, including residents of the Town of Hurley, have suffered severe damage to agricultural, commercial and residential properties, and

Whereas the NYC DEP should be held accountable for any damage to the Town's private and public property as a result of the flooding of April 2005 and any future mismanagement of the Ashokan Reservoir water levels.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Hurley seeks to join with other affected towns bordering the Esopus Creek and gain support from Ulster County, the State of New York and the United States Federal Government to hold the DEP responsible for their actions and damage occurring as a result of these actions.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to endorse the following Resolution, introduced by State Senator John Bonacic:

WHEREAS, a City of New York Dam Inspector has been exposed for submitting photocopied inspections of dams in Ulster and Sullivan Counties; and

WHEREAS, the DEC's dam inspector reports have been withheld by that agency without cause from public review; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of all public officials to work in support of the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, public officials must be given the information the New York State and New York City Governments possess about the safety of the dams in our region in order to determine if public safety needs are being met; and

WHEREAS, it is reprehensible that any public official or agency would try to deny access to local officials and the public relating to safety of the dams maintained by the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, the DEC should be taking steps to ensure that its own review of the DEP work is comprehensive; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Saugerties does pause in its deliberations to;

1. Condemn any effort to limit our access to information relating to the safety of the dams in our region;
2. Demand the City of New York take steps to make space in their reservoir in anticipation of any major inflow so that massive flooding does not occur;
3. Support the bi-partisan legislation sponsored by Senator John Bonacic and Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (Senate Bills 1768a, 6415, 6416, 6417 and Assembly Bills 7836-a, 9515, 9516, 9517) which will protect downstream residents of our region and ensure that public safety information is both reviewed at the appropriate level and provided to the local elected officials – who will have to live with the consequences of any state/city mismanagement of the reservoirs and dams.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Leighton to endorse the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, under New York State Town Law, Sections 267 and 271, the town has the authority to require training and continuing education courses for Zoning Board of Appeals members and Planning Board members, it is hereby

RESOLVED that each member of the Town of Saugerties Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board must complete five hours per year of training, designed to enable such members to more effectively carry out their duties. Such training shall be approved by the Town Board, and may include, but not be limited to, training provided by a municipality, regional or county planning office, or commission, county planning federation, state agency, statewide municipal association, college or other similar entity. Training may be provided in a variety of formats, including but not limited to, electronic media, video, distance learning and traditional classroom training.

To remain on the board, or to be considered for reappointment to such board, the member shall have completed the training promoted by the Town.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell for Highway Superintendent go to bid for one excavator with rubber track inserts, minimum of 28' boom reach, swivel bucket unit (WeinRoy or Equal) with extra buckets as per bid specifications with bid not to exceed \$118,000.00 delivered.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton for approval to order three (3) new International Model 7500 Dump Trucks as per specs off of New York State contract upon approval of town accountant and supervisor for financing.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

March 1, 2006	Public Hearing Zoning Amendments	6:00 pm
	Pre-Board Meeting	6:30 pm
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 pm

Town Clerk