

TOWN BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 19, 2008

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 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
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilwoman Nancy Campbell
Supervisor Greg Helmsmoortel

Absent: Councilwoman Leanne Thornton

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Dr. Richard Kappler, Chairman of Garlic Festival – presented the town with a check for \$13,137.93, which represents reimbursement for help the town gave during the Garlic Festival. The festival had approximately 28,000 visitors and it is with the town's cooperation and 18 years of partnership that this festival successful happens.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Tom Francello – asking the town board to add addendum to Planning Board criteria involving residential care facility to include NYS licensed personnel. A Residential Care Facility is a residence for infirm children, adolescents, or adults who require personal care, supervision and services which are licensed by the State of New York and where compensation and reimbursement of costs is paid to an operator pursuant to state and federal standards and by a private or public program funding such licensed services.

Doug Engel – would like to see better control of tax payments received. Said he mailed tax payment with postmark, but there is no proof he did it in time since envelopes are not saved. Recommended saving envelopes for proof.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

The Kiwanis is always supportive of the community. They are a wonderful asset to the town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meetings of November 5, 2008 and Public Hearing on 2009 Budget of November 17, 2008, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$94,787.31
General Outside Village	10,848.77
Highway	42,076.14
Capital Projects	17,805.00
Lighting District	5,374.52
Barclay Heights Sewer	68.99
Glasco Sewer	2,820.46
Malden Sewer	3,977.05
Glasco Water	604.15
Malden Water	493.78

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – Diaz Ambulance reported 172 calls during the month of October with 744 hours covered, which brings them in 100% agreement with the Contract. Workmen’s Comp premium is increasing \$27,000.00 for 2009.

Councilman Costello – liaison for Parks & Rec and questions were raised during the budget hearing regarding the amount of money for that department, but over 40,000 people used the complex during the past year and brought in revenue for the town. So much volunteerism plays a part in the complex. Supervisor Helsmoortel added that for economic development purposes, the complex provides an amazing area. Councilwoman Campbell said when the economic development committee sent out their survey, recreation is very high on the list to attract new companies. Councilman Costello continued to say the Glasco Mini Park is closed for the season. Also, compliment Sgt. Drescher on spearheading the AED course at Town Hall.

Councilwoman Campbell – many thanks to Tina Merced who organized planting tulip bulbs around town and those who planted. Hors’n Around Saugerties has sponsored 37 horses and has a goal of 40

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the 2009 Budget for the Town of Saugerties.

Discussion: Councilman Costello stated that the Daily Freeman reported a 4.1% increase, it is only 2.8% increase. The impact on a house assessed at \$190,000.00 would be \$30.00 per year. Supervisor Helsmoortel added that the board really wanted 0% increase but it was impossible.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to add to the Ice Arena part-time call out list, Michael P. Caffrey, at a rate of \$8.50 per hour, as per the recommendation of the Ice Arena Director and Department Superintendent.

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 3, 2008

Pre-Board Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk