

TOWN BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 14, 2016

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 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 William Schirmer
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilman James Bruno
Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Presentation of Awards for Volunteerism to Paul Pavlovich, Brian Sawchuk, James “Spider” Barbour and Gerry Marzec. Saugerties is rich with volunteers and that’s how good things happen in a small town. Thank you for all the time volunteered!

Beth Murphy gave a report for the Saugerties Public Library. Working on Story Core. People tell stories of their lives, about the library and the town. Contact Frank Reis if you would like to tell your story. Little free libraries will be popping up around town. They will have books in them – take a book, leave a book. Twelve will be situated on posts, going up in the spring.

Dr. Richard Kappler presented the board with a check from the Kiwanis to defray costs during the 25th Garlic Festival held this year. Greg Chorvas added that people that come to the festival don’t see all the prep work that needs to be done in order to make everything run smoothly. Meetings have already started for planning 2017 Garlic Festival.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Frank Manzello from Ashley Homes, Route 32 – town has antiquated law; gas signs have now gone LED. “LED signs cause accidents” is an opinion. There is no evidence to prove that this is true. Board should change ordinance that businesses have the right to choose on LED lights. A precedent has been set by the gas stations signs.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on November 16, 2016, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$209,939.94
General Outside Village	11,742.18
Highway	55,603.51
Capital Projects	24,000.00
Ambulance District	50,210.00
Lighting District	6,335.59
Barclay Heights Sewer	1,114.28
Glasco Sewer	9,484.34
Malden Sewer	7,676.49
Kings Highway Sewer	39.69
Glasco Water	5,849.85
Malden Water	988.63
Kings Highway Water	71.35
Bluestone Park Water	107.10
Trust & Agency	662.69

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Schirmer – gave the Water & Sewer Report for November 2016.

Councilwoman Thornton – TV23 met last week.

Councilman Costello – propane generator has been installed at town hall and one will be installed at the ice rink. Grateful for the response of Diaz Ambulance recently.

Councilman Bruno – nothing to report

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve Jennifer Ellsworth as a part time Ice Arena Cashier and Attendant at the starting rate of \$12.00/hour, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas said she has volunteered on Sundays and will continue but will work additional hours.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve Janet Steyer as part time Ice Arena Cashier and Attendant at the starting rate of \$12.00/hour as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to add to the Ice Arena part time call out list Lacinda Hackett and Sarah Steyer at the starting rate of \$10.50/hour as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to add to the Parks & Buildings part time call out list, Kyle Hartrum at the starting rate of \$10.50/hour as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to allocate and dedicate, from undedicated funds in the Recreation Trust fund, an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for purchase of a used or reconditioned 100kw Emergency Backup Generator for the Chiller Plant, along with emergency lighting, at the Kiwanis Ice Arena, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that we don't have a back-up and we have been lucky so far. We have a responsibility to keep the ice sheet intact.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to set a public hearing date of January 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. regarding the International Building Code.

Discussion: Supervisor Helmsmoortel added that NYS has adopted this and we need to do so also.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the retirement of Police Sergeant Don Tucker, effective January 23, 2017.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said that Don is a wonderful person, appreciate his professional service to the community. Thank you!

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to allow the Supervisor to sign off on the 2017 DWI Task Force Agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and Ulster County per the request of the Police Chief.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said that this is done every year, the fines will off-set overtime.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to hire Reserve Police Officer Joseph Asprea as a part time police officer at an hourly rate of \$21.00, effective December 15, 2016 and per the request of the Police Chief.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to hire Reserve Police Officer Brian Levy as a part time police officer at an hourly rate of \$21.00, effective December 15, 2016 and per the request of the Police Chief.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said they were both reserve and part time is important part of staffing.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow Mark Resso, Water & Sewer Department employee to carry over 10 vacation days to be used in 2017.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer added that Mark is acting superintendent and is required to be at water main breaks – we have had three within the past week.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the refund of recreational fees in the amount of \$2,400.00 to Joseph Mayone for his 2 lots of a 3 lot subdivision on Market Street in Glasco, NY.

Discussion: Councilman Bruno said that he was charged wrong and this corrects the mistake.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the resolution, as on file setting policy for Tax Collector payment to the Supervisor.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, to approve Brinnier & Larios, PC contract amendment No. 2 relative to design of culvert improvements at Platte Clove Road, associated with the CDBG-Disaster Recovery NY Rising Community Reconstruction (NYRCR) Project, “Replace culverts at Platte Clove and Wilhelm Roads”.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the town’s flexible benefits plan pertaining to the towns health insurance plan.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the towns health reimbursement arrangement pertaining to the towns health insurance plan.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve Barton & Loguidice, DPC (B&L) assisting the Town of Saugerties with the engineering and landscape architectural services in developing the Eve’s Point to Bristol Beach Connector Trail, as on file, for the Bristol Beach Parks Improvements Project.

Discussion: Supervisor Helsmoortel said that this is a grant received from Greenway.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, accepting dedication of fifty foot right of way from Michael F. Vetere and Mark J. Tiano.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Douglas F. Myer to hire Jonathan M. Craft as a part time “as needed” laborer for winter snow removal at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Douglas F. Myer to hire Joseph M. Gambino as a part time “as needed” laborer for winter snow removal at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:50 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 4, 2017	Public Hearing	6:30 p.m.
	International Building Code	
	Organizational Meeting	7:00 p.m.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holidays! See you in 2017!

Town Clerk