

## **PRE-BOARD MEETING - APRIL 7, 2004**

The Saugerties Town Board held a Pre-Board Meeting on April 7, 2004 at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building on the corner of Robinson and Market Streets in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel  
Councilman Tom Macarille  
Councilwoman LEEANNE Thornton  
Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.

Councilman Phil Tucker was absent.

The following topics were discussed:

Councilman Macarille - Bike Committee has had meetings with state and not included parks & recreation liaison in on meetings. Questioned budget transfers and if motion should be tabled.

Councilwoman Thornton - people have called her about Kings Highway and amount of debris - wanted this brought to boards attention. Will call Bernie Ellsworth and see if it can get cleaned up.

Greg Chorvas has not had much success in securing architect. Just received two more names and will contact Brinnier & Larios, along with architect Scott Dutton. Plans and cost estimates for drainage are not complete yet per Dennis Larios. Also, will discuss possible remedy for safe with the Town Clerk.

Supervisor Helsmoortel discussed KJ Swart's situation with the retirement system; feels town is in error but Attorney Wallens does not agree. In any event, Supervisor Helsmoortel feels we should honor our labor attorney.

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Town Clerk

**TOWN BOARD MEETING APRIL 7, 2004**

The Town Board Meeting for April 7, 2004 was held at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building on the corner of Robinson and Market Streets, Village of Saugerties and called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:10 pm with the following members present:

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

Councilman Phil Tucker was absent.

#### **PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

**Peg Wilsey - Library** - asking town board members for a letter of reaffirmation for library. The land for the library is not part of the property Mr. Cantine gave to the town for sports. It is north of the residential homes on Washington Avenue, which was purchased by the town.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

**Jim Fowler** - previously addressed board about PVI bridge - it is a safety hazard and it is everyone's problem.

**Barbara Budik** - thanked Supervisor and board personally for securing money for relocation of Tissal Road

**Arthur DeCelle** - support of library - educational and recreational.

**Isabel DeCelle** - neighbors by property are in favor of library. Accessible for everyone. Board has already approved, twice, area for library.

**Gil Hales** - supports library on Washington Avenue. Bike trail concept was started in March 2002. Saugerties would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> in NYS to put up town bike trail signs.

**Sally Colclough** - read part of the Comprehensive Plan which includes expanding library. Also, supports bike trail.

**Rusty Ennis** - each time landfill charges different price for basically same load. Concerned that Mike Krout Road is not going to be repaired.

**Bill Scala** - wants board to start enforcing laws that are on the books.

**Sherie Haluska, Director of Library** - also liaison to Friends of Library. Gave board letters of support for new library.

#### **SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:**

- As most of you know, the Town received word through Congressman Hinchey that through his efforts, the town will be receiving \$500,000 to

use for the re-location of Tissal Road – the formal announcement was made yesterday at a press conference in the Village along with money received for Mayor Yerick and his Street Scape project – the monies were included in a federal transportation bill that passed in the House on Friday – a similar bill had already passed in the Senate – although the President is expected to veto the spending plan, both Houses in Congress have come out to say they will quickly override this veto - again I would like to thank those who have been involved – I look forward to moving the project ahead toward its speedy completion.

- A reminder that town offices will be closed on Friday in observance of Good Friday.
- Since the last town board meeting, we have received a request for a zoning change from Mark and Carin DeNat – I have requested an opinion from the Planning Board and will share this with the board when it has been received so that the board will be able to decide as to whether or not we will be scheduling public hearings in the near future.
- I am in receipt of a check in the amount of \$74,520.03 from Ulster County for the Town’s share of the sales tax distribution – I am happy to say that of all the Ulster County towns, Saugerties raked in 10.4% of the share which is determined by full value equalization – coincidentally, in communicating with our assessor’s office I am hearing that will be adding close to another \$30million onto our town assessment role – the tentative role comes out around May 1<sup>st</sup> - which will certainly bring us over the One Billion dollar mark.
- Also I would like to thank Judges Dave Wachtel and Dan Lamb for taking in almost \$39,000 in fees and fines for the month of March combined - the State will take a cut of this but this is truly an outstanding amount -I thank both town judges for their hard work each month.
- In the absence tonight of both our Police Chief and his liaison Mr. Tucker, I would like to let all know that our new K-9 will be connecting up with Officer Mike Craft at training school on April 19<sup>th</sup> – our new K-9 is arriving then from overseas where she has been doing preliminary training - Officer Craft and his new partner will be taking a 10 week patrol course – as soon as we receive word on the K-9’s name and other details we will let you know.

- I have been informed of a meeting held today with representatives of the county and state regarding the bike trail routes –I am told that a lot of progress was made today and we are optimistic about the outcome.
- BAN/BOND informational meeting will tentatively be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> .

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes for the Pre-Board Meeting of March 24, 2004 and Town Board Meeting of March 24, 2004.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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| General Fund            | \$103,744.45 |
| General Outside Village | 38,209.15    |
| Recreational Capital    | 1,391.88     |
| Highway Townwide        | 4,219.46     |
| Highway Outside Village | 125,120.03   |
| Lighting District       | 3,251.79     |
| Barclay Heights Sewer   | 240.43       |
| Glasco Sewer            | 4,271.77     |
| Malden Sewer            | 3,428.35     |
| Glasco Water            | 11,805.17    |
| Malden Water            | 333.28       |

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to approve the bills as presented.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

On file in the Town Clerk’s Office.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Macarille** – Building Department is implementing new reports which Claudette Zinkow helped to install. New forms for Building, Planning and Zoning are being used and money is collected in the Town Clerk’s Office.

Landfill changes have been extended to May 1<sup>st</sup>; Mt. Marion store has agreed to sell garbage bags.

**Councilwoman Thornton** - Historic Preservation Committee met last Friday afternoon and has finished cataloging over 7,000 parcels in the town. Jeanne Goldberg and Bill Rhinehart have put in countless hours. They are looking for volunteers to go to properties and take pictures and notes.

**Councilman Costello** - Economic Committee is 90% completed with a revised brochure for the town.

### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve all budget transfers and budget amendments with the exception of the "B" fund as outlined and presented by the town's accountant and dated February 17,2004.

Vote: Adopted - 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

The following Resolution was made by Councilman Costello and seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LETTERS IN SUPPORT  
OF NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL 3483 &  
NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL 622  
AMENDING SECTION 4545 OF THE NEW YORK  
CIVIL PRACTICE LAWS & RULES**

WHEREAS, the Town board has reviewed and considered State Legislation which would suspend Section 4545 of the New York State Civil Practice Laws and Rules; and

WHEREAS, the Town board believes that this proposed legislation will provide much needed equity for municipalities, including the Town of Saugerties, when a lawsuit is brought against a municipality by one of its employees; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster, Towns of Esopus, Lloyd, Marlborough, Rochester, Rosendale, Woodstock, Wawarsing and Olive and the Village of Saugerties have already expressed support of this legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Saugerties would like to express its support of this legislation,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by at least a majority of the Town board, in accordance with applicable law, as follows:

1. The Town Board hereby requests that the Supervisor send letters of support of New York State Assembly Bill No. 3483 and New York State Senate Bill No. 622 to the Counsel for the Governor, Senate Majority Leader, Assembly Speaker and the Town's State Assemblyman and State Senator.
2. The Supervisor is hereby authorized to taken such further actions and execute additional documents and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the intent of the foregoing resolution.

Upon a roll call vote, the vote is as follows:

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| Supervisor Helsmoortel | voting Yes |
| Councilman Costello    | voting Yes |
| Councilman Macarille   | voting Yes |
| Councilwoman Thornton  | voting Yes |
| Councilman Tucker      | Absent     |

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve a Certificate of Registration for Steven S. Davis Excavating and Septic of Shokan, to install sewer hook-ups in the Town of Saugerties Sewer District.  
Vote: Adopted - 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to authorize the Town Highway Superintendent to install bicycle trail signs on town road as designated on the schedule of signage Routes A, B, and C at the request of the bicycle trail committee and said signs will be installed as soon as reasonably possible in a cooperative effort with NYS DOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinators, pending Ulster County approval.

Discussion: Councilman Macarille contacted insurance carrier and Town of Saugerties would be covered and also asks that cyclist use extreme caution when riding these trails.

Vote: Adopted - 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to authorize the Building and Grounds Superintendent to contact Scott Dutton, Architect to draft a proposal to work at the Town Hall, warehouse area and female changing area needed at the Kiwanis Ice Rink.

Vote: Adopted - 3 Yes (Councilman Macarille voting No, Councilman Tucker absent)

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Costello to disapprove the request of the Saugerties PBA in granting officer K.J. Swart to switch from one retirement system to another, per the recommendation of our labor attorney.

Vote: Adopted - 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Monday - April 19, 2004**

**Public Hearing - Glasco/Malden Sewer billing changes**

**Wednesday - April 21, 2004**

**Pre-Board 6:00 pm**

**Regular 7:00 pm**

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm, carried.

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Town Clerk