

**PRE-BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2005
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 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 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

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to enter into Executive Session to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of Civil Service Law (Taylor Law), carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Macarille to exit Executive Session and resume Town Board Meeting at 7:20 p.m., carried.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Josh Brosshard, NYRWA – addressed board on program he is working on for the town and village. Total cost of grant is \$30,000.00. Looking at source water protection within Village of Saugerties, Town of Hunter, Town of Catskill and Town of Saugerties.

Councilwoman Thornton – looking into purchasing program “Dreamweaver” package to up-date Public Access.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Dorothy Lee – presented pictures of rodents (rats) in home located on Washington Avenue. If something is not done about this, will bring lawsuit/litigation against HITS and the Town Board. Feels her issues are being ignored and someone should have contacted her regarding this matter.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Reminder that Town Offices will be closed on Friday, February 11, 2005 in observance of Lincoln’s Birthday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve minutes of Pre-Board Meeting on January 19, 2005; Town Board Meeting of January 19, 2005 and Public Hearing HITS Re-Zoning of January 26, 2005.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General	\$79,207.27
General Outside Village	4,429.13
Special Revenue Fund	5,931.72
Highway Townwide	48,685.25
Highway Outside Village	4,033.54
Barclay Heights Sewer	396.34
Glasco Sewer	8,887.91
Malden Sewer	2,324.47
Glasco Water	947.02
Malden Water	80.71

Motion to amend made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Tucker to exclude bills with vouchers numbered 20050297 in the amount of \$346.50 and 20050390 in the amount of \$1,589.00.

Councilman Macarille stated that these charges need to be negotiated with the developer.

Vote on amendment: Adopted – 5 Yes

Vote on Motion as Amended: Adopted – 5 Yes

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Wayne Debrosky – water bills went out; if there are any questions about usage or amount of bill, please call water department.

Greg Chorvas – Ice Rink is doing well; have had to turn people away because it has been so busy. Archeological Report regarding Glasco Mini Park ramp was approved and sent on to next step to hopefully be approved.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Macarille – submitted year-end report for building/planning/zoning departments. Report is on file at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Councilwoman Thornton – met with Glasco Water Advisory Board to discuss potential library site at 9W property. CAC will meet on February 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Costello – town engineer met with highway superintendent to address issues pertaining to garage. Also, hoping to get started on the Glasco Mini Park this spring.

Councilman Tucker – billing of water bills went smoothly; have changed over 100 meters.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to approve a Certificate of Registration for Jeff Lowe Plumbing & Heating of Kingston to install water and sewer hook-ups in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Macarille to authorize the Supervisor to add on to an already executed agreement with Cost Control Associates of Queensbury, NY for the purpose of exploring and investigating potential over-billings and refunds which may be due to the town in all areas of electric billing for all town buildings and facilities.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmortel to authorize the purchase of a new DreamWeaver website program at a cost not to exceed \$500.00 as per the recommendation of the town’s web master.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel the following Resolution:

Resolution to authorize the Town Supervisor to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement regarding cooperation to comply with the Federal Phase II Stormwater Regulation in Ulster County

Whereas, the Town of Saugerties, after thorough consideration of the various aspects of the problem and study of available data, has hereby determined that certain work, as described in an Inter-municipal agreement regarding cooperation to comply with Federal Phase II Stormwater Regulation in Ulster County dated January 1, 2004 hereinafter called the “project,” is desirable, is in the public interest, and is required in order to implement the Project; and

Whereas, Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law authorizes such inter-municipal agreements and the Town of Saugerties deems it to be in the public interest and benefit under this law to enter into a contract therewith;

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Town of Saugerties:

1. That Town Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel, or such persons successor in office, is the representative authorized to act in behalf of the Town of Saugerties governing body in all matters related to the "Project." This representative is also authorized to appoint a municipal representative to act as the municipality's liaison to the "Project," submit "Project" documentation, and otherwise act for the Municipality's governing body in all matters related to the "Project."
2. That the Town of Saugerties agrees that it will comply with the terms of the "Project" and that it will deliver its share of outputs as specified in a Cooperating MS4 Letter of Intent as signed by the Supervisor and herein attached.
3. That one (1) certified copy of this Resolution be prepared and sent to the Ulster County Environmental Management Council/Water Quality Management Agency (EMC/WQMA) at P.O. Box 557 Stone Ridge, NY 12484.
4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Councilman Costello to authorize the Town Clerk to schedule a Public Hearing pertaining to a proposed local law enacting a cross connection control and backflow protection program for the Town of Saugerties Water Districts for Monday, February 28, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center.

Discussion: Wayne Debrosky explained that this will prevent contaminates to potable water from being drawn back in system.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Tucker to authorize the Town Clerk to schedule a Public Hearing pertaining to a proposed resolution to raise the income level for senior citizens tax exemptions for Monday, February 28, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton explained that the town has the ability to raise income level of residents 65 years and older from \$17,500.00 to \$20,000.00 for exemption of 50% of assessment to be effective March 2006. Councilman Macarille relayed a message that the Assessor's Office asked to wait on this Public Hearing until October. Councilwoman Thornton stated that if you wait until October, it gives seniors less than a year to apply for exemption.

Councilwoman Thornton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Macarille to table the motion to have the motion revisited at a later date for further discussion.

Vote on Motion to table original Motion: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to amend the motions approved on January 19, 2005 regarding employees Betsy Brink and Carolyn Maines to reflect the words vacation “payout” for vacation balances remaining from 2004 and authorize the bookkeeper to pay out these amounts.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to publicly commit the property located at the rear of the town hall complex totaling 2.3 acres and property of 2.3 acres located on 9W in Barclay Heights for the purposes of constructing the new Saugerties Library facility which carries with it a 3 year sunset clause.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Peggy Casey Fitzpatrick as a part-time court officer at a rate of \$10.00 per hour effective immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Macarille to appoint Brian Hicks to the part-time call out list at a rate of \$7.75 per hour effective immediately as per the recommendation of the Parks and Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to authorize the town Building Inspector to go out to bid for the costs associated with removal of debris on property located at 669 Kings Lane, SBL #28.4-11-39, at which cost will be assessed to the property owner upon completion.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to authorize the Town Highway Superintendent to go to bid on one (1) 4-wheel drive dump truck with plow and one (1) heavy duty pick-up truck with plow.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Macarille to authorize the Parks & Recreation Superintendent to go out to bid for one (1) 4-wheel drive dump truck with plow, as an option.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Macarille to rescind the motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to authorize the Supervisor to sign any necessary documents and/or agreements to provide the town with all departments with cellular phone service from Cingular and terminate services from existing carriers effective immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Macarille to appoint Susan Tiano to the Comprehensive Plan Committee effective immediately.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton thanked Ellie Henkel for her years of service and dedication in being the secretary to this committee.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to enter into Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or persons or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or persons at 8:05 p.m., carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to exit Executive Session and adjourn regular Town Board Meeting at 8:35 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

**Public Hearing HITS Re-zoning Request
6:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

**Pre-Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Town Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

Town Clerk