

PRE-BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 21, 2015

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

Councilman William Schirmer
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilman James Bruno
Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel

Discussion on email from Town Attorney John Greco regarding the Safe Act: since the original did not call for it to go to the Governor, this revised one could be sent and also to Senator George Amedore since he was not in office at the time. Supervisor Helsmoortel asked if we could wait a couple weeks to pass this. Councilwoman Thornton would like John Greco to come and talk about it; also would like time to read entire Appellate Article and would like more time. Councilman Costello said this is a hot button issue and not likely going to resolve. Councilman Bruno added that petitions were presented and should move forward.

Supervisor Helsmoortel would like to move motion forward to schedule a Public Hearing on Budget 2016, November 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., all board members agreed.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 21, 2015

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 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: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Patti Kelly – why is a motion for the Safe Act on the agenda? The Safe Act is indeed Constitutional, it is meaningless for the town board to take action on this. The NYS Senate has introduced a bill to rescind.

Dan Ellsworth – this board would pass this new resolution as the right thing to do. If elected officials at the town level don't tell Albany how the citizens feel, who will? Safe Act was passed in a rush and is violating most of state laws. County has passed new resolution. There is no power in this law, just memorializing.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

The board agreed to move forward a motion to add a Public Hearing for 2016 Budget.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the minutes of Public Hearing on October 7, 2015; Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of October 7, 2015, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$106,151.24
General Outside Village	4,578.50
Highway	57,342.50
Capital Projects	269,564.43
Barclay Heights Sewer	611.32
Glasco Sewer	12,978.93
Malden Sewer	10,808.17
Kings Highway Sewer	82.34
Glasco Water	3,517.21
Malden Water	1,024.83
Kings Highway Water	185.78
Trust & Agency	7,134.08

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – commenced work on new bathrooms at town hall. The tile floor was done today and hopefully will be complete in 10 days. Boat ramps will be out around thanksgiving. Little Tykes playground is now open.

Doug Myer – nothing to report

Chief Sinagra – gave September report. Yesterday the Town of Saugerties Police Department was informed by The NYS Governor’s Traffic and Safety Committee that they are the recipients of NYS DMV Chair Award for pedestrian safety. There will be heavy patrols this Friday night with Quality of Life Detail. Officer Winchell delivered a baby yesterday morning during his shift! The Zombie Crawl was held and had fewer participants than last year. We have two officers trained in fazers recently and we will have a new AED by the end of the year.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Schirmer – water tank is moving along and will hopefully be done by end of November. Historical House committee held a presentation last Saturday which was well attended.

Councilwoman Thornton – CAC had a public program on Solar energy, 25 attended. Tomorrow at 6 pm there is a public hearing scheduled regarding solar, all interested people should attend. CAC workshop on STAC with walkways and bike paths.

Councilman Costello – congratulate Chief Sinagra on traffic safety award, keep up the good effort. Kevin Hinchey bought the Saugerties Stallions baseball team, he is deeply rooted to this community.

Councilman Bruno – nothing to report

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to declare surplus and no longer of use to the Town of Saugerties one 1967 Michigan Front End Loader, Model #75111GM Serial #18200GDACO4200, as per the recommendation of the Parks and Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to authorize the Parks & Buildings Superintendent to advertise and dispose of the above referenced equipment, in the most revenue producing means, either by public sale or metal salvage reclamation, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to schedule a Public Hearing on 2016 Budget for November 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the resolution, as on file, opposing the process of enactment and certain provisions contained within the NY Safe Act.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer said there was a glaring omission of one passed in 2013, in that it never called to be sent to the Governor. Councilman Bruno added that he is a life member of the NRA but want to ensure safety of children. He does have a problem with the way it was originally passed; prime example of back-door deal. Agreed that it won't change or repeal but let others know. Supervisor Helmsmoortel said he would like this to be as non-partisan as possible. Councilwoman Thornton said she appreciates the efforts to re-draft the resolution and family members are gun owners but has a concern on how resolution is written and process of bringing it forward. Would like a legal opinion from the town attorney and would like more time to go over paperwork. Would like it done the right way.

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to table the Safe Act motion.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilmen Schirmer and Bruno Voting No)

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:35 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Thursday, October 22, 2015	Public Hearing Solar Facilities	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 4, 2015	Public Hearing Budget 2016 Pre-Board Meeting Town Board Meeting	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk