

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – JANUARY 8, 2014

The Organizational Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 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 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

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Supervisor Helsmoortel welcomed all to the meeting, very happy to be returning and welcome to Bill Schirmer as Councilman starting his four year term.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the minutes of Special Board Meeting of November 25, 2013, Highway Department; Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of December 11, 2013 and Special Board Meeting of December 19, 2013, Executive Session, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$154,779.29
General Outside Village	8,981.07
Highway	50,350.31
Capital Projects	927.11
Barclay Heights Sewer	47,354.42
Glasco Sewer	11,831.95
Malden Sewer	9,847.25
Glasco Water	102,756.56
Malden Water	13,056.74
Kings Highway Water	3,606.36
Trust & Agency	887.85

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to designate the Saugerties Times as the official newspaper of the Town of Saugerties pursuant to

Section 64(1) of the Town Law and to designate the Kingston Daily Freeman and Saugerties Post Star as additional newspapers for the publication of such notices, resolutions and ordinances at the option of the Town Board for 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following as official banks for the Town of Saugerties: M & T Bank, Key Bank and Bank of America for 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint George Redder as an attorney for the Town of Saugerties to handle all legal work for the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board, actions in which the Saugerties Town Board is an involved agency, SEQR purposes, highway department, FEMA and will be responsible for motions and resolutions required by the Saugerties Town Board for 2014. Discussion: Councilman Schirmer will abstain from this motion and the next since there is a close working relationship with each attorney and they refer clients to him. Complete confidence in both attorneys work.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Schirmer abstains)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint John Greco as an attorney for the Town of Saugerties for the purpose of handling prosecution for Animal Control, Building Inspector, Police Department, HUD, will be responsible for working with the Assessor's Office in all tax cases, will be responsible for all legal work required in the Water and Sewer District, special prosecutor for traffic tickets and will be responsible for motions and resolutions required by the Saugerties Town Board for 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Schirmer abstains)

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Gary Newkirk who is an associate with Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci, CPAs, P.C. as the Town of Saugerties Accountant for the year 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint Audrey Klinkenberg as the Town of Saugerties Historian for the year 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Helmoortel to appoint Brinnier & Larios, P.C. as the Town of Saugerties Engineers for 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Alex Nahow as Information Systems Support Consultant at an hourly rate of \$50.00 per hour for the year 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Daniel Shuster as the Town of Saugerties Consulting Planner for the year 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Lisa Stanley, Saugerties Town Clerk, as Registrar of Vital Statistics for 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint Leslie Duffy, Saugerties Deputy Town Clerk, as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint Mary A. Beaver as a part time clerk at a pay rate of \$15.50 per hour, effective January 8, 2014 and on an as needed basis.

Discussion: Supervisor Helmsmoortel explained that Mrs. Beaver retired from the Assessor's Office and is now helping out on a limited basis.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve that the weekly expense vouchers be submitted for auditing to the Town of Saugerties Bookkeeper by the Friday prior to the scheduled Town Board meeting and that all claims or vouchers must be accompanied with purchase bills or receipts of purchased items and initialed/signed by department heads where applicable.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to have the Saugerties Town Board meetings start at 7:00 p.m. with Pre-Board starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center on Market Street in Saugerties, NY for 2014 on: January 8 & 22, February 5 & 19, March 5 & 19, April 2 & 16, May 7 & 21, June 18, July 16, August 13, September 3 & 17, October 1 & 15, November 5 & 19 and December 17.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the following dates for the Town offices to be closed in 2014: January 1, New Year's Day; January 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day; February 12, Lincoln's Birthday; February 17, President's Day; April 18, Good Friday; May 26, Memorial Day; July 4, Independence Day; September 1, Labor Day; October 13, Columbus Day; November 4, Election Day; November 11, Veteran's Day; November 27, Thanksgiving Day; November 28, Day after Thanksgiving; December 25, Christmas Day.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to authorize the Town of Saugerties Supervisor to designate use of his signature stamp where deemed necessary according to Town Law Section 29(30).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve a charge of \$20.00 on each check tendered for payment and returned for insufficient funds, according to Section 85 of the General Municipal Law.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the Town Board Members to serve as liaisons for the following:

HUD-Leeanne Thornton

Parks (Recreation) & Buildings-Fred Costello

Transfer Station-Greg Helsmoortel & Jim Bruno

Justice Court-Bill Schirmer

Building & Zoning Codes-Jim Bruno

Planning Board-Jim Bruno

Zoning Board of Appeals-Jim Bruno

Police-Fred Costello

Assessors-Bill Schirmer

Water & Sewer-Bill Schirmer

Dog Control-Greg Helsmoortel & Jim Bruno

Public Cable Access-Leeanne Thornton

Historian-Leeanne Thornton

Conservation Advisory Committee-Leeanne Thornton

Economic Development Committee-Greg Helsmoortel & Jim Bruno

Tourism Committee-Greg Helsmoortel & Jim Bruno

Library-Leeanne Thornton

Diaz Ambulance-Bill Schirmer

Comprehensive Planning Committee-Leeanne Thornton

Boys & Girls Club-Jim Bruno

Ethics Committee-Bill Schirmer

Historic Preservation Commission-Bill Schirmer

Property Assessment Advisory Committee-Greg Helsmoortel & Bill Schirmer

Biodiversity Assessment Team-Leeanne Thornton

Historical Society-Leeanne Thornton

Senior Education Committee (Lifespring)-Leeanne Thornton

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the Town of Saugerties Procurement Policy, as on file, as required by General Municipal Law Section 104b which was revised on January 1, 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Bruno to re-adopt Resolution #94-241 (as on file), dated December 21, 1994 and modified on February 4, 2004, which approves the Town of Saugerties Investment Policy as it conforms with General Municipal Law Section 39.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee for 2014: Gladys Hutton, William Creen Jr., Mike Tiano, Priscilla Orr, Kevin Pendergast, Joe Gavner, Rich Koegel, Joe Quirk and **Dean Fabiano** (*Honorary Member*).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Conservation Advisory Commission for 2014: Brian Sawchuk, James Barbour, Josh Randall, Gerry Marzec, Mary Anne Wrolsen, Clifford Tienken, Steve Guerin and Mary O'Donnell.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee for 2014: Ray Mayone, Rocco Pietrofessa, Sandra Pietrofessa, John Poll, William Ashmore and Doug Petit.

Discussion: Supervisor Helsmoortel mentioned that Werner Hegner will be missed on this committee.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Cable Access Committee (TV23) for 2014: Barry Kerr, Sue Rosenberg and Matthew Phillips.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Economic Development Committee for 2014: Beth Murphy, Carol Ann Mayone, Alicia McCaig, Bob Karcy, Jerry Schackne, Erica Krom and Steve Hubbard.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Beth Murphy as the chair of the Economic Development Committee for 2014.

Discussion: Supervisor Helsmoortel added that Beth was chair a number of years ago and did a good job, glad to have her back.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Tourism Committee for 2014: Marjorie Block, Mark Smith, Miriam Adams and William Yosh Jr.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint Marjorie Block as the chair of the Tourism Committee for 2014.

Discussion: Supervisor Helsmoortel thanked Marjorie for continuing to do good work.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Comprehensive Planning Committee for 2014: Pat Fitzsimmons, Carol Ann Mayone, Josepha Gutelius, Barry Benepe, Carmen Gramolgia, Samantha Dederick, Susan Weeks, Steve Hubbard, Robert Dederick and Naomi Rothberg.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Biodiversity Assessment Team for 2014: Gerry Marzec, Sarah Mecklem, William Trumpbour and Mark Knaust and **Diana Harris** (*Honorary Member*).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Property Assessment Advisory Committee for 2014: Jamie Fine, Nelson Burhans and Francine Heinlein.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Senior Education Committee (Lifespring) for 2014: Susan Puretz, Colleen Greco, Barbara Kaisik, Richard Phillips, Bob Saturn, Fran Jacobson, Arzi McKeown, Marjory Greenberg-Vaughn, Marv Beach, Roberta Gavner, Sandy Ostoyich, Matt Ostoyich, Meyer Rothberg, Susan Kahl and Doug Blair.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to appoint the following individual, Joe Mayone, to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals with a 5 (five) year term that expires on December 31, 2018.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Jeanne Goldberg as chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to appoint Brian Sawchuk as vice-chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to appoint the following individual, William Creen, to serve on the Planning Board for a 7 (seven) year term that expires on December 31, 2020.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Howie Post as chair of the Planning Board Committee for 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to appoint William Creen as vice-chair of the Planning Board Committee for 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the standard IRS allowance for mileage reimbursement at a rate of 56 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to appoint Marjorie Block as a per diem grant writer for the Town of Saugerties at a rate of \$20.00 per hour for 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint Supervisor Greg Helmsmoortel as the delegate for the 2014 annual meeting of the Association of Towns of the State of New York.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helmsmoortel abstains)

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Shirley McLaren to the Ethics Committee with a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the resignation of Glenn Forman from the Ethics Committee.

Discussion: Councilman Costello would like to thank Glenn for his service – a valuable part of government.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Sally Colclough to the Ethics Committee to fulfill the term vacated by Glenn Forman, which will expire on December 31, 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and Dave Brocco.

Discussion: Councilman Costello thanked Dave for his service, he will be missed.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to accept the resignation of Eric Cussick from the Saugerties Police Department's Volunteers In Policing Program, effective January 6, 2014.

Discussion: Councilman Costello wished him well with NYC PD.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton Authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Douglas F. Myer to hire James Taylor as a part time, "as needed" laborer for part time winter snow removal at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective January 1, 2014. (This employee will be added to the "back up" list in case another employee isn't available during a major snow event.)

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to authorize John J. Greco, Esq., on behalf of the Town of Saugerties, to settle the tax assessment review proceeding now pending in Ulster County Supreme Court brought by Petitioners, Robert Scotto, Gennaro Scotto and Gino Scotto against The Board of Assessors and/or The Assessor of the Town of Saugerties and the Board Assessment Review in accordance with the Stipulation of Settlement on file with the Town Clerk.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to carry over 16 hours of unused vacation time for highway department employee Richard Valk (Richard had scheduled this vacation time, but was called in for snow removal purposes and related work).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer authorizing Superintendent of Highways Douglas F. Myer to pay highway department employee Richard Pesce for 40 hours of un-credited vacation time from 2013 as per the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Saugerties and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 445.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to re-appoint Steven Gakenheimer as "Deputy Highway Superintendent" for the year 2014 at a rate of pay equal to the position of lead man, currently \$23.50 per hour or as per any wage increases as agreed upon in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Saugerties and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local Union No. 445 for said hourly rate, plus a \$112.00 per week stipend.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to re-appoint Darcy Snyder to the position of “Secretary to the Highway Superintendent” for the year 2014 at a rate of pay of \$19.00 per hour or as per any wage increases as agreed upon in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Saugerties and Communication Workers of America Local Union No. 1120 for the year 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to extend in its entirety the “Contract of Shared Services Agreement” pertaining to renting, leasing of highway machinery and equipment exchanging, borrowing equipment; borrowing or lending of materials and supplies for the additional five (5) year period beginning on December 17, 2013 and expiring on December 17, 2018 as per the resolution titled “Contract of Shared Services Agreement” approved and authorized by the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties dated December 17, 2008.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that there is a strong tradition of sharing equipment with other entities and works very well.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to appoint 2 elected officials, Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel and Councilman Fred Costello Jr., to the PBA Management Committee.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

SUPERVISOR’S APPOINTMENTS:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Fred Costello Jr. as the Town of Saugerties Deputy Supervisor for 2014.

Discussion: Supervisor Helsmoortel added that this does not reflect on Jim, but Fred had been previous Deputy with him. Councilman Costello looks forward to working together.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Councilman Schirmer would like to thank Supervisor Helsmoortel and the Town Board for the warm welcome – very happy to be working with this board.

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to adjourn Organizational Meeting at 7:40 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 22, 2014 Pre-Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Town Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk