

## **PRE-BOARD MEETING APRIL 6, 2005**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on April 6, 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 with the following Town Board Members present:

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

The following topics were discussed:

Ralph Mayone – discussed water problem on Route 9W at Guardian Self-Storage; nothing done in three years. Win Morrison “for sale” sign states approved for multi-family dwelling building sites. How can this be with so much water/low ground level and current problem still not solved. Planning Board is not doing their job. The Town Board has to step in and take care of this.

Councilman Macarille is trying to set up meeting to see why demolition has not started or raising ground level. This is in litigation.

Jim Walsh – also concerned with same water problem; suggested building storm drain system to hook in to Glasco Water System or another system if available. The Building Inspector’s job is to go to a job and make sure they are following law and plan. Wants to know when this problem will be fixed.

George Heidcamp – addressing board as a citizen and taxpayer. In the past couple of months have submitted several FOIL requests, but rights have been violated. FOIL requests’ public records of a department head and their assistant. On October 16, 2001 requested time off slips for self, which was received. Resubmitted same FOIL request in February 2005 and records cannot be found for these two individuals. Also, on February 28, 2005 FOIL request for itemized computer print-outs, response was “not maintained”. Also, told these documents are destroyed after 30 days. *If* documents have been removed or destroyed, District Attorney’s Office should be involved.

Councilman Tucker questioned what FOIL requests he has received and which ones he has not. Councilman Macarille suggested George Heidcamp give a list of what he has not received to the Supervisor and liaison of the department.

Greg Chorvas – There is a motion on the agenda tonight regarding two Mini Parks and the new lock system put in place. Keys are used for Malden and Glasco Mini Parks and they are expensive keys; feel we need to charge public for these keys.

**TOWN BOARD MEETING – APRIL 6, 2005**

The Town Board Meeting was held on April 6, 2005 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 called to order 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

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Steve Haun – SAGA has reviewed preliminary assessment roll, which examples of discrepancies were given.

Cesar Batista – assessment went up 3 ½ times; two years ago assessed at \$120,000.00, feels like he's been violated.

Ray Zarcone – lived in Town of Saugerties for 33 years; assessment went from \$169,900.00 to \$505,600.00; 9 ½ acres of vacant land went from \$25,000.00 to \$70,000.00. Also, house on Fishcreek Road was burned out about 5 years ago, why hasn't this house been demolished

Harry Vickery – problems with flooding on property, worse since driveway next door put in. He was against this from the beginning; has lost several cattle due to drowning.

Councilman Macarille stated that two weeks ago SAGA was here and made accusations that there was a list of people who could not get through to the Assessor's Office, to date Mr. Haun has not been forthcoming with the list. Rumors have got to stop insinuating that Tom Macarille "is on the take", has never and will never take anything in return for a favor.

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:**

Our State Aid will be \$72,641.00 this year, which we will receive in the fall. Ulster County has been devastated by the flooding, Congressman Hinchey's office has reported that Federal Aid could be on the way, please call my office for more information. Our Highway Superintendent and crew has assisted Town of Woodstock and Town of Ulster with the shared services agreement.

Officer David Drescher has been a police officer for 28 ½ years for the Town of Saugerties and is retiring the end of this month. We would like to present him with a plaque and congratulate him on his retirement.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to approve the minutes of Public Hearing on March 23, 2005 regarding Cross Connection & Back Flow Protection; Pre-Board Meeting of March 23, 2005; Town Board Meeting of March 23, 2005 and Public Hearing of March 29, 2005 regarding Amending Land Subdivision Regulations and Fees.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

General Fund	\$94,036.04
General Outside Village	70,047.51
Highway Townwide	6,350.22
Highway Outside Village	24,863.14
Barclay Heights Sewer	4,836.03
Glasco Sewer	5,020.02
Malden Sewer	1,332.46
Glasco Water	70.78
Malden Water	276.04

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Greg Chorvas** – new tile floor at the Senior Citizen Center, refinished tile floors at Town Hall; inspection of fire apparatus has been completed. Outside grounds at Town Hall will be done; Barclay Heights Neighborhood group is in full swing cleaning up. Summer Day Camp will be June 27<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup>, with no camp being held the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Chief Hulbert** – complete report is on file at the Town Clerk's Office. Active Shooter Training was held at the Saugerties High School with teachers, students and local police

participating, which was very informative and excellent training. Congratulates retiring Officer Drescher and wish him the best.

**Bernie Ellsworth** – since we have been helping out neighboring towns with flood damage, our sweeper has not been in use. We will get the sweeper out and start cleaning our roads again shortly, thanked community for their understanding.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Macarille** – Paul Andreassen has been called out to help the Town of Ulster with flood devastation.

**Councilwoman Thornton** – CPC met last Thursday night regarding billboard changes. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that existing section of zoning law maintains that no new billboards will be constructed but existing ones will remain. Mr. & Mrs. Trumbour attended the Property Tax Force meeting and they need citizens to write letters to legislatures in Albany, information on how to do this will be on Channel 23.

**Councilman Costello** – Congratulates and thanks Dave Drescher on service to our town. Recreation department has done a great job getting fields back in shape after the heavy rains. Our Highway Department did an outstanding job in keeping our roads clear.

**Councilman Tucker** – During the Public Comment Period, someone mentioned that we should have an outside source to do a reval, last time we did use an outside source and it cost the town over \$200,000.00 to do that. This is a preliminary roll, it is being worked on. The Assessor's Office was receiving 300 calls per day, they are trying to get caught up.

#### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve a Certificate of Registration for Ulster Excavating & Trucking Inc., of Kingston to install water and sewer hook-ups in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Councilman Macarille to approve a Certificate of Registration for Riozzi Construction of Saugerties to install water and sewer hook-ups in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint Ethel Resso to the Town of Saugerties Recreation Committee for the balance of the year 2005.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Councilman Costello to adopt Local Law # 2 of 2005 enacting a cross connection control and backflow protection program for the Town of Saugerties water districts.

Vote: Adopted – 5 yes

Motion made Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Tucker to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the addendum agreement between the Town of Saugerties and the Town of Saugerties PBA regarding town police officers participating in the Ulster County Emergency Response Team specifying the officers names and term of commitment to the tactical team.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Councilman Costello to authorize the Chief of Police to allow the purchases of the detailed equipment required for the officers participating in the Ulster County Emergency Response Team.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Tucker to authorize the payment of 24 hours of compensatory time due Officer Dave Drescher to be disbursed in his final paycheck from the Town upon his retirement, which will not set a precedent regarding, or in any way interfere with, the Past Practice clause of the PBA Contract.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to adopt Local Law #3 of 2005 enacting the amendment to the town's zoning amending land subdivision regulations and fees.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Macarille to authorize the Town Clerk upon issuance of boat launch keys to charge a fee of \$10.00 for access to the Town of Saugerties Malden and Glasco Mini Parks.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Costello to authorize the Town Building Inspector to go out to bid for the costs associated with structure removal on property located at 31 Fishcreek Road, SBL #17.3-4-8, at which cost will be assessed to the property owner upon completion.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to enter into Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or persons.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, April 20, 2005**

**Pre-Board Meeting**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Town Board Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.**

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to exit Executive Session and adjourn regular meeting at 9:00 p.m., carried.

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Town Clerk