

PRE-BOARD MEETING – MARCH 3, 2010

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 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 Bruce Leighton
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilman James Bruno
Supervisor Greg Helmsmoortel

Discussion on some options for the \$10,000.00 grant from Senator Bonacic.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – MARCH 3, 2010

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 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 Bruce Leighton
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilman James Bruno
Supervisor Greg Helmsmoortel

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Saugerties Community Youth Awards were presented by Mary Olsen with assistance from Councilwoman Thornton to the following area youth: Lauren Bacon, Shannon Averill, Avery Herzog, Christopher Magee and Robert Talmadge.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Josh Randall – vice chair of the Historic Preservation Commission and unanimous vote by committee to accept the road from Buffalo Road to Augusta Savage Road as historic. Complete comments are on file at the Town Clerk's office.

Carrie Monroe – owns the same property, no improvements – how can the taxes be raised by \$1,400.00. Assessor Frank Orlando explained the process to grieve your assessment.

Neal Smoller – assessed on a building that does not exist. Assessment numbers have gone up in a recession when housing market is down. Seems like things are done from a desk and no one came out to actually look at the property.

Gaetana Ciarlante – fatal flaw in assessment. Ten years ago we were assessed at 100%. Suffolk County assessments have decreased, why haven't ours? Many new developments, why aren't the taxes going down?

Geraldine Spada – friendly Saugerties is not too friendly anymore.

Bianca Aponte – real estate broker; this was not the time to do a revaluation. Where are the comps for justification?

Tina Krein – in town for 30 years and property has had 62% raise with no improvements. Price of houses going down and spending still goes up.

Frank Orlando stated that 1/3 went up, 1/3 went down and 1/3 stayed the same on 9,500 parcels. This was a mass valuation. Working on building permits that were put on without being completed. Commercial questions would be referred to GAR.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on February 17, 2010, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$100,529.71
General Outside Village	37,876.52
Highway	88,793.09
Capital Projects	215,691.51
Ambulance District	44,120.00
Barclay Heights Sewer	251.38
Glasco Sewer	6,924.70
Malden Sewer	2,018.49
Glasco Water	1,717.68
Malden Water	213.07

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – Building Inspector’s report on file at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Councilwoman Thornton – registration on-going for Lifespring; Town of Saugerties 200th Anniversary meeting held last night – committee of possibilities. CAC – Open Space; CPC working on natural resources.

Councilman Costello – still experiencing vandalism in Glasco. Little League sign-ups are being held.

Councilman Bruno – bids open for sewer project today with totals coming in under numbers estimated.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the historic designation of Augusta Savage Road.

Discussion: Supervisor Helmsmoortel said that the commission was told the board would not accept this designation and it was still brought forward.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton voting No)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, adopting Local Law #2 of 2010 regarding Open Space.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton explained that we are working under a grant, had three informational meetings with concerns raised at the last meeting and section was removed and appendix added regarding water resources.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to adjourn Town Board Meeting, carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

March 17, 2010

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk