

## **Pre-Board Meeting – May 19, 2004**

The Pre-Board Meeting of the Saugerties Town Board was held on May 19, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building at the corner of Market and Robinson Streets, in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

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

The following was discussed:

**Councilman Tucker** – rumor of dissolving Police Department; discussion of whether or not there should be a resolution to dispel rumor. Officers Fallon and Helsmoortel were also there for their input in the matter.

**Greg Chorvas, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation** – Jaycee Field had extensive vandalism and damage over the weekend, dangerous situation; bike jumps should be leveled. This area is not sanctioned by the town. Town Clerk safe will be moved to the private bathroom area; fixtures will be removed and we will use stand-alone shelving. The fixtures will be stored in the warehouse to be put back if circumstances change. The door will be replaced with a steel door and we will look into a dry chemical suppression unit. The bathroom past the bookkeeper's office will now be an "employee only" restroom. Also, Darin Smith is not able to work any longer and would like to replace him with Dan Koegel who will work maintenance during the summer.

**Councilman Tucker** – Tissal Road – testing needs to be done on all three properties, we need permission from all three, questioned if it was worth it, or wait. Also, read from the site assessment, "...TEAM recommends that the Town of Saugerties obtain legally binding "indemnification" from both NES and American Candle with regards to any contamination or environmental issues that may exist within the boundaries of the subject property caused by their operations." "TEAM was informed that the American Candle facility has been closed and the property is now up for sale. In addition, American Candle may have retracted its agreement with the Town of Saugerties to convey their property portion needed for the relocation project. These recent events have put the acquisition of this portion of the roadbed in question. Also in jeopardy is receipt of environmental indemnification from American Candle and gaining 'right of entry' to perform a sampling investigation on this property."

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Town Clerk

## **Town Board Meeting – May 19, 2004**

The Regular Meeting of the Saugerties Town Board was held on May 19, 2004, Wednesday, at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building at the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance. Those in attendance were:

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

**PREVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

**Tina Fisco** – gave information on her project, Garden of Hope. It is a garden at Seamon Park in the shape of a heart to honor or memorialize an individual with cancer. Forms can be picked up at the Town Clerk’s Office.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

**Eric Tietjen** – still has hopes for his housing project.

**Rusty Ennis** – need speed limit on Emerick Road, cars go excessively fast; very dangerous.

**Brenda Green** – agrees with dangers on Emerick Road; once nice weather starts, everyone races to get to Bristol Beach. Safety is our main concern.

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

Last week I attended the tour of the facility complex at HITS and it was an honor to be a guest speaker and on behalf of the town, we extend a warm welcome. A number of weeks ago, town hall was host to several third grade classes from Cahill School learning about government. Town Board would like to thank each and every employee in town hall for their efforts in making the tour a success. A special thanks to the Assessor staff for providing juice and cookies to the classes. We would like to post all the thank you notes we have received from the students.

My office issued a commendation letter to Sergeant Tucker for exemplary efforts in apprehending an erratic driver. All our police officers do a good job, but I witnessed this first hand.

Relay for Life takes place this Saturday at Cantine’s Field Complex and any needed information, contact Deputy Town Clerk Kerensa Demarest.

In a follow-up to last week’s papers, Lisa Stanley was given the honor of being named on the Municipal Clerk’s Honor Roll, which was awarded on May 7, 2004.

Just a reminder that town offices will be closed on Monday, May 31, 2004 for Memorial Day.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-board Meeting May 5, 2004 and Town Board Meeting of May 5, 2004.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

General Fund	\$115,275.51
General Outside Village	30,550.72
Special Revenue Fund	102.97
Highway Townwide	15,313.66
Highway Outside Village	7,981.17
Barclay Heights Sewer	348.81
Glasco Sewer	2,473.07
Malden Sewer	1,539.18

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Macarille** – nothing to report

**Councilwoman Thornton** – Historic Preservation Commission held its first public hearing regarding Wynkoop House, very informative. Town Board should have received amendments to Gateway and Waterfront Overlay, we may need another public hearing. Also, we will be moving historical archives from Kiersted House to Town Hall.

**Councilman Costello** – Economic Development Committee has just finished new brochure and is being printed.

**Councilman Tucker** – met with Village Police and they will help us with part-time staff.

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS –**

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Councilman Costello to accept with regret the letter of resignation of full-time Police Officer Phil Fredenberg effective July 1, 2004 and to appoint Phil Fredenberg as a part-time police officer at a rate of \$13.50 per hour.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel that Greg Helsmoortel, the Supervisor of the Town of Saugerties, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 or title 3 of the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a Project Agreement with the state for such financial assistance to the Town of Saugerties for the development of a Skate Park facility.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Macarille to authorize the Supervisor to enter into agreement with Miller Environmental Group, Inc., of New Windsor, New York to perform geological sampling and analysis in conjunction with the Tissal Road relocation project at a cost estimated to be \$17,475.00, pending approval of the town’s attorney review of the contract.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to promote Barry E. Mower from temporary full time status to permanent full time status, effective June 1, 2004, subject to six (6) month probationary period, at a rate of \$12.51 per hour, as per the approved “entry level pay scale” in the non-union Memorandum of Agreement, as per the recommendation of the Parks and Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Resolution made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel, as follows:

WHEREAS, in the event of a disaster, many communities do not have enough sufficiently trained Code Enforcement Officials to inspect buildings affected by such disaster; and

WHEREAS, Codes Division, in partnership with the New York State Building Official Conference, has a program to render volunteer assistance to disaster stricken communities known as CEDAR (Code Enforcement Disaster Assistance Response); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Saugerties supports the CEDAR program and supports the participation in the program by code enforcement officials employed by the City who meet the qualifications of CEDAR; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Code Enforcement Officer Paul Andreassen, and Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Alvah Weeks are authorized to submit application for membership to the Code Enforcement Disaster Assistance Response program and to complete the necessary training; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Saugerties agrees to provide indemnification and insurance coverage for said Code Enforcement personnel while acting as part of the CEDAR Team for mutual aid purposes.

Roll call vote:

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

Resolution made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Saugerties has long benefited from the selfless dedication of its uniformed police officers, putting their lives at risk for the safety of each of us; and

WHEREAS, the town board of the Town of Saugerties recognizes that our full time staffed police department deserves our appreciation since being formed in 1972; and

WHEREAS, the supervisor and the town board wish to express our support for the present structure of the Saugerties Police Department, which is meeting the needs of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the town board of the Town of Saugerties wishes to dispel and put to rest any and all rumors with regard to any disbandment and/or possible mergers with any other neighboring municipalities or other police enforcement agencies; and so

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town board of the Town of Saugerties wishes to proclaim that it has no intent now, nor in the foreseeable future to dissolve the Town of Saugerties police department and will continue to support its own staffed full time police force,

Discussion: Councilman Tucker agrees with content of resolution, but not how resolution came about.

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 appoint Pat Hastings as a part-time police officer effective May 24, 2004 at a rate of \$13.50 per hour.  
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Resolution made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Tucker as follows:

**RESOLUTION TO INCREASE BAG FEES AND IMPLEMENT  
PRE-PAID BAG SYSTEM DATED MAY 19, 2004**

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 1 of the year 1990 authorizes the Town Board, from time to time, to establish by resolution a fee schedule for the privilege of disposing of garbage, trash and refuse at the Town Transfer Station, formerly the Town Sanitary Landfill Site, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to increase the user bag fee from \$2.00 per bag to \$3.00 per bag and to implement a pre-paid bag system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board that the user bag fee be increased from \$2.00 per bag to \$3.00 per bag and that a pre-paid bag system be established, and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that these changes be effective retroactive to May 4, 2004.

Discussion: Councilman Macarille indicated increase is necessitated by labor costs, RRA costs, freon costs and this is the first increase in 14 years. Supervisor Helsmoortel noted that RRA confirmed their fuel costs have gone up considerably.

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 Supervisor Helsmoortel to accept with regret the resignation of full-time dispatcher, Daniel Robins, effective June 14, 2004.

Councilman Tucker noted that Dan is moving to Florida.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion to approve the Certificate of Registration for Shader Septic of Saugerties, to install water and sewer in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Macarille to authorize the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation to remove chain link fencing, black top, level and grade the dirt piles and other objects which are at present a clear risk and liability for the Town of Saugerties at the south east portion of Jaycee Field adjacent to the old tennis courts also known as the skate park.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint Dan Koegel as part time maintenance employee with the Building and Parks Department at a rate of \$8.00 per hour effective May 20, 2004.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to enter into Executive Session to discuss the history or performance of a particular person of the town.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to return from executive session and adjourn regular meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

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Town Clerk