

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 7, 2015

The Organizational Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 7, 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 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 Helmsmoortel

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of David Drescher, retired Saugerties Police.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on December 17, 2014, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$319,575.33
General Outside Village	41,260.94
Highway	93,885.59
Barclay Heights Sewer	5,284.94
Glasco Sewer	31,131.66
Malden Sewer	10,313.36
Glasco Water	19,318.80
Malden Water	2,161.63
Kings Highway Water	87.18
Trust & Agency	1,430.17

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Schirmer 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 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, 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 2015.

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 2015.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer said he will recuse himself from this motion and the next one since he works very closely with both attorneys in his job.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Schirmer recused)

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 & Sewer District, special prosecutor for traffic tickets and will be responsible for motions and resolutions required by the Saugerties Town Board for 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Schirmer recused)

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Gary Newkirk who is an associate with Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci, CPAs, PC as the Town of Saugerties Accountant for the year 2015.

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 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Brinnier & Larios, PC as the Town of Saugerties Engineers for 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to appoint Nick Monaco as Information Systems Support Consultant at a hourly rate of \$50.00 per hour for the year 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Daniel Shuster as the Town of Saugerties Consulting Planner for the year 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Lisa Stanley, Saugerties Town Clerk, as Registrar of Vital Statistics for 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint Leslie Duffy, Saugerties Deputy Town Clerk as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Bruno 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 initials/signed by department heads where applicable.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to have the Saugerties Town Board meeting start at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center on Market Street in Saugerties, New York for 2015 on: January 7 & 21, February 4 & 18, March 4 & 18, April 1 & 15, May 6 & 20, June 17, July 15, August 12, September 2 & 16, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18 and December 16.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the following dates for the town offices to be closed in 2015: January 1, New Year's Day; January 19, Martin Luther King Jr Day; February 12, Lincoln's Birthday; February 16, President's Day; April 3, Good Friday; May 25, Memorial Day; July 3, Independence Day; September 7, Labor Day; October 12, Columbus Day; November 3, Election Day; November 11, Veteran's Day; November 26, Thanksgiving Day; November 27, 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 Schirmer, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton 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 Bruno 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 Police, 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 Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to re-adopt Resolution #94-241 (as on file) dated December 21, 1994 and modified on February 4, 2004, which approve 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 Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee for 2015: Bill Ball, Len

Bouren, Lisa Greco, Stephen Dodig, William Creen Jr., Kevin Pendergast, Joe Gavner, Rich Koegel, Joe Quirk and Dean Fabiano (Honorary Member).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Conservation Advisory Commission for 2015; one year term Steve Guerin and Cliff Tienken, Jr.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee for 2015; Francine Heinlein, Linda Sasso, Ray Mayone, Rocco Pietrofessa, Sandra Pietrofessa, John Poll and Doug Petit.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Cable Access Committee for 2015; Jules Taylor, Gus Pedersen, Matthew Phillips, John Kelley and Paul O'Malley.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Economic Development Committee for 2015; Beth Murphy, Carol Ann Mayone, Bob Karcy, Jerry Schackne, Erica Krom, Steve Hubbard and Brendan Amodio.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to appoint Beth Murphy as the chair of the Economic Development Committee for 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Tourism Committee for 2015; Marjorie Block, Mark Smith and Miriam Adams.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Marjorie Block as the chair of the Tourism Committee for 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Comprehensive Planning Committee for 2015; 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 Schirmer to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Biodiversity Assessment Team for 2015; 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 members to serve on the Property Assessment Advisory Committee for 2015; Francine Heinlein and Jamie Fine.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Senior Education Committee (Lifespring) for 2015; Susan Poretz, Colleen Greco, Barbara Kaisik, Richard Phillips, Bob Saturn, Fran Jacobson, Arzi McKeown, Marjory Greenberg-Vaughn, Marv Beach, Roberta Gavner, Sandy Ostoyich, Matt Ostoyich, Susan Kahl and Susan David.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to appoint the following individual Henry Rua, to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals with a five (5) year term that expires on December 31, 2019.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Jeanne Goldberg as chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Brian Sawchuk as vice chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individual Ken Goldberg, to serve on the Planning Board for a seven (7) year term that expires on December 31, 2021.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to appoint Howie Post as chair of the Planning Board Committee for 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint William Creen as vice chair of the Planning Board Committee for 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint the standard IRS allowance for mileage reimbursement at a rate of 57.5 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to appoint Marjorie Block as a per diem grant writer for the Town of Saugerties at a rate of \$20.00 per hour for 2015.

Vote: Adopted -5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Cindy Saporito to the Ethics Committee with a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Al Bruno to the Board of Assessment Review with a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve carrying over 10 days of unused vacation time for Water & Sewer department employee Mark Resso to be used in 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve carrying over 10.5 hours of unused vacation/personal time for Court department employee Cindy Murphy to be used in 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve carrying over 43 hours of unused vacation time for Building Department employee Alvah Weeks to be used in 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to carry over from 2014 to 2015 unused vacation or personal time for the following employees: Stephen Gakenheimer – 16 hours; John Legg – 8 hours; and Richard Pesce – 6 hours.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to re-appoint Stephen Gakenheimer as Deputy Highway Superintendent for the year 2015 at a rate of pay equal to the position of lead man, currently \$23.50 per hour or as per any wage increase 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 Councilman Bruno to re-appoint Darcy Snyder to the position of Secretary to the Highway Superintendent for the year 2015 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 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to promote Detective Sergeant Kenneth J. Swart to the position of Lieutenant (will receive an additional \$1,500.00) effective January 8, 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to promote Detective Paul Gambino to Detective Sergeant (will receive a \$2,750.00 increase), effective January 8, 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to move Officer Courtney Loertscher to the position of Detective (will receive an increase of \$2,250.00) effective January 8, 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to hire part time officer David Stoutenburg as full time police officer with a starting salary of \$44,905.00, effective January 8, 2015.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that the Chief held an informational meeting and explained how restructuring will save the town money. Supervisor Helsmoortel said that this meeting will be on TV23 and the website.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to approve NYMIR through Marshall & Sterling Upstate LD as property and casualty insurance carrier for the Town of Saugerties for 2015.

Discussion: Supervisor Helsmoortel said that we are switching insurance company and saving \$35,000.00 with a highly rated company.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint both Stephen Gakenheimer and Randy Ricks as the Town of Saugerties Civil Defense Deputy Directors for 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

SUPERVISOR’S APPOINTMENTS:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to appoint Fred Costello, Jr. as the Town of Saugerties Deputy Supervisor for 2015.

Discussion: Councilman Costello thanked the Supervisor for confidence, very proud.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Costello abstained)

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to adjourn Organizational Meeting at 7:30 p.m., carried.

Councilman Costello extended thanks to Mike Tiano who was in the audience tonight, for his dedication on serving on the Recreation Committee for a number of years. It is much appreciated.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 21, 2015	Public Hearing Stop Signs	6:30 p.m.
	Pre-Board Meeting	following
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk