

## **PRE-BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 19, 2007**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 6:20 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  
Councilwoman Nancy Campbell

ABSENT: Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel

Discussion to move forward for approval the Ethics Law, Local Law #7 of 2007.

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to enter into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss matters relating to proposed, pending or current litigation, carried.

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to exit Executive Session, carried.

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Town Clerk

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 19, 2007**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 7:20 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  
Councilwoman Nancy Campbell

ABSENT: Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

**Russell Urban-Mead, Chazen Company** – checked into water source/supply on Old Kings Highway near golf course. He met with the owner of the golf course and with residents experiencing well problems. Although 2007 was a dry summer, he believes that the golf course is not related to other well issues – different environment and the issues with wells are above the water vein that feeds the golf course.

**Sgt. Donald Tucker** – the Town Board’s actions have afforded the department to move forward productively this year. Up-dated training, equipment, safer for officers and grateful for the Town Board’s support.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

**Sheri Farrell, North Drive** – presented petition to the Town Board for intersection at Glasco Turnpike and 9W, which has been changed recently. Very dangerous and it seems the turn is too sharp.

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

There are energy tips available for the public at town hall.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on November 28, 2007; Public Hearing on November 29, 2007 (Water District on Kings Highway and Sewer District on Kings Highway); Special town Board Meeting on December 5, 2007 and Public Hearing on December 6, 2007 regarding Zoning, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$84,509.55
General Outside Village	7,908.92
Recreational Capital	1,034.17
Highway Townwide	62,069.93
Highway Outside Village	8,319.15
Capital Projects	69,836.75
Ambulance District	37,833.33
Lighting District	4,653.94
Barclay Heights Sewer	2,002.00
Glasco Sewer	4,235.77
Malden Sewer	961.39
Glasco Water	1,730.05
Malden Water	220.94

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Chief Hulbert** – thanked Sgt. Tucker for comments and his support in helping the department run smoothly. Complete report is on file at the Town Clerk's Office. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

**Wayne Debrosky** – thanked all who helped with water break on Manor Lane; the water meters will be read shortly; and attended a GIS meeting. Happy Holidays.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Leighton** – nothing to report.

**Councilwoman Thornton** – TV23 Open House will be held on January 26, 2008; Historical Society held a successful Holiday Open House; Historical Preservation Commission passed the VanVlierden House as a designation; and Wastewater poster contest is open to high school students.

**Councilwoman Campbell** – Building Inspector's report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. Thank you to Bernie Ellsworth for buying plotter (map copier) for GIS work. Economic Development is finishing the draft for brochure, which should be out in January. Attended meeting to go over comments from zoning Public Hearings; another Public Hearing will be held in January. Everyone did a wonderful job.

**Councilman Costello** – swipe cards are being worked on for the buildings; blacktopping completed before bad weather hit; both docks have been removed from the parks.

## **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to allow the Supervisor, Greg Helsmoortel, to sign the amended Intermunicipal Water Agreement between the town and village of Saugerties, as on file with the Town Clerk, to include the Kings Highway Corridor in the agreement.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to allow the Supervisor, Greg Helsmoortel, to sign the amended Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement between the town and village of Saugerties, as on file with the Town Clerk, to include the Kings Highway Corridor in the agreement.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the Supervisor, Greg Helsmoortel, to sign the amendment to the Hudson River Estuary Grant, Contract #C302162, between the town and the NYSDEC for an extension to allow

additional time to complete a Hudson River Estuary Grant River Access Project at the Glasco Riverfront Park.

Discussion: Councilman Costello explained that we would like to secure this grant to install a fishing platform.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to approve going to bid, per the Town Highway Superintendent, Bernie Ellsworth, for winter road materials that include abrasive screenings delivered and FOB pick up and salt delivered for use by the Town of Saugerties, the Village of Saugerties and the Saugerties Central School District.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to approve Mary Monaco, Administrative Assistant to the Town Chief of Police, as a part time Dispatcher, after training which takes effect January 1, 2008, to be used on an as needed basis, per the recommendation of Chief Hulbert, Town Police.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve Kate Kane as the secretary for the Historic Preservation Commission at a rate of \$10.00 per hour, effective immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve going out to bid for the removal of the rubbish/garbage and securing of the building noted on the site owned by Saugerties Nine, LLC, per the request of the Town's Department of Buildings and Safety.

Discussion: Councilwoman Campbell added that the owner asked for an extension, still nothing has been done.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve a refund of \$420.00 for Mr. Cliff Tienken, Jr. for a building permit that was withdrawn by said individual, per the request of the Town's Department of Buildings and Safety.

Discussion: the town will be keeping \$25.00 for processing fees.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve a refund of \$175.00 for Mr. Brian Carmody for a ZBA application that was withdrawn by said individual, per the request of the Town's Department of Buildings and Safety.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the standard IRS allowance for mileage reimbursement at a rate of fifty and one half cents per mile, effective January 1, 2008.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to allow Bettyann Brink, HUD employee, to carry over 49 hours of vacation time from 2007 to be used in 2008.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to allow Carolyn Maines, HUD employee, to carry over 37.5 hours of vacation time from 2007 to be used in 2008.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to allow the Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel to sign the Change of Order Request No. 5, drawn up by Brinnier & Larios, PC for the Glasco Riverfront Park Improvements and Beautification Project, Contract TS-073 involving Leo Boice & Sons, Inc., contractor, totaling \$9,162.76 for needed additional work.

Discussion: Councilman Costello stated that this money was spent on improvements to the park.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to approve the 2008 contract, as on file with the Town Clerk, for DWI Task Force Patrols between the County of Ulster and the Town of Saugerties.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that this task force will continue in 2008.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton that be it resolved that the Town Board would like to enter into the minutes the approval of the Resolution, as on file with the Town Clerk, adopting Local Law #5 of 2007 for Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello that be it resolved that the Town Board would like to enter into the minutes the approval of the Resolution, as on file with the Town Clerk, adopting Local Law #6 of 2007 to Prohibit Illicit Discharges, Activities and Connections to Municipal Separate Sewer Systems.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to approve the following salaries for elected officials for 2008:

Greg Helsmoortel, Town Supervisor	\$35,000.00
Wendy Ricks, Town Judge	\$25,000.00
Dan Lamb, Town Judge	\$25,000.00
Peg Nau, Town Tax Collector	\$35,688.00
Lisa Stanley, Town Clerk	\$37,475.00
Bernard Ellsworth, Highway Superintendent	\$50,736.00

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to approve the following salaries for employees that are not part of any bargaining unit for 2008:

Deb Martino, Town Bookkeeper	\$32,000.00
Terri Wood, Confidential Secretary to Supervisor	\$26,400.00
Jeremy Kane, Town Planner	\$42,600.00
Terri Bartosik, Deputy Town Clerk	\$26,750.00
Kerensa Demarest, Deputy Town Clerk part time	\$12.50 per hour

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the following list of part time employees receiving more than a fifty cent raise per hour for 2008:

Suzanne Filak, Clerk Tax Office from \$9.50 per hour to \$10.50 per hour

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the following salaries for Department Heads under non-union agreements that are receiving more than a 3% raise for 2008:

Alvah Weeks, Municipal Code Officer/Building Inspector II \$50,000.00

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the Ethic’s Law, Local Law #7 of 2007 as modified by the Town of Saugerties.

Discussion: Councilwoman Campbell explained that the Public Hearing was held with one change resulting on page 4 of the law. “Sworn officials” shall not be officers of any political committee.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to enter into Executive Session for the discussion of matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation, carried.

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting, carried.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, January 9, 2008      Re-organizational Meeting      7:00 p.m.**

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Town Clerk