

PRE-BOARD MEETING JUNE 7, 2006

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Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel
Councilman Bruce Leighton
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Nancy Campbell

The following topics were discussed:

- discussed transfer station employee separating metal/aluminum for Millen's Steel. Possible to make more money if separated ahead of time, will find out monetary difference.
- Councilwoman Thornton brought up email that was received regarding website with the use of the word "quaint" to describe the town, this matter will go before Public Access Committee.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – JUNE 7, 2006

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 7, 2006 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 in attendance:

Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel
Councilman Bruce Leighton
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Nancy Campbell

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Mark Anderson – Code Compliance Officer with NYS, Regional Rep. for this area – State is making changes to international codes (in 2003) to tailor them to NYS, changes coming again to codes. Must inspect buildings of public assembly at least once per year. A Certificate of Compliance has become a more important document. Municipalities have more work to do and fees will probably increase.

Kelly Redl-Hardisty – Guardian Self Storage co-owner – explained what avenues they were exploring to try and dry out property. Property will need to be abandoned and taken down if not able to explore this last effort. Would like 30-60 days additional time to remedy this situation. Supervisor Helmsmoortel responded that this would not be possible.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Michael Schaefer – problem with transfer station not accepting cash, every other place takes cash. Supervisor Helmsmoortel responded that we had Public Hearings and this was a Town Board decision. Mr. Schaefer would like to know which stores carry the yellow garbage bags.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Supervisor Helmsmoortel read the following letter from Senator John J. Bonacic:

My office has been contacted by individuals indicating that at a recent Town Board meeting, it was asserted that my office suggested the hiring of Vernon Benjamin to undertake certain grant paperwork.

I would appreciate it if you would clarify the record to reflect that my office did not suggest hiring Mr. Benjamin or any person to handle grant paperwork. I am pleased, as a State Senator, to have helped secure significant funding for Saugerties for everything from infrastructure to education initiatives. However, I never recommend the hiring of any particular individual or firm to handle the grant paperwork associated with those funds because I believe that is strictly a local decision.

This should not be construed to read as my having any problem with the hiring of Mr. Benjamin, I simply do not want the record to reflect that I recommended or suggested it.

I would like to comment on my statement at the April 1, 2006 Saugerties Town Board meeting having to do with the letter I just read.

I must have totally misinterpreted what the Senator’s Office said to me and I apologize to the Town Board for this misunderstanding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to accept the minutes of Pre-Board Meeting on May 17, 2006; Town Board Meeting on May 17, 2006; and Special Town Board Meeting on May 25, 2006, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General	\$103,065.17
General Outside Village	29,312.42
Highway Townwide	9,941.59
Highway Outside Village	29,883.37
Capital Projects	67,018.31
Ambulance District	36,114.58
Lighting District	3,531.41
Barclay Heights Sewer	152.59
Glasco Sewer	9,168.65
Malden Sewer	3,872.51
Glasco Water	1,888.61
Malden Water	553.28

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – contract work will start early July on Glasco Mini Park. Warehouse on schedule, anticipating completion in September. Summer Day Camp pre-inspection with a few minor hitches, registration taking place at the Town Clerk’s Office. Met’s Academy will be July 31st through August 4th. Relay for Life very successful with a lot of volunteers working together.

Chief Hulbert – complete monthly report on file at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Wayne Debrosky – complete report on file at the Town Clerk’s Office; thanked Highway Department for paving. The Water/Sewer Department took delivery of a new truck. Also, would like approval for new rates for water and sewer to go into effect.

Supervisor Helsmoortel read Building Inspector’s Report, which is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – nothing to add to Mr. Debrosky’s report.

Councilwoman Thornton – town very grateful to Karlyn Elia for work done on 20th Century War Memorial. This was presented at Memorial Day Services at the American Legion. Thank you to Bob Kleeman for his help in installing plaque.

Councilman Costello – also would like to extend gratitude to Karlyn Elia for all her hard work. Congratulations to Jeremy Rushkoskie on completion of DARE Graduations in elementary schools.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to Quit Claim an abandoned town road in the Town of Saugerties on property currently owned by Kendall Stanley, Sr. and Lisa A. Stanley and give permission for the Town Supervisor, Greg Helsmoortel, to sign the transfer.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Campbell absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to grant Katherine Scheffel, Saugerties Town Police Dispatcher, an additional ninety (90) days leave of absence.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Campbell absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the revised description of Town of Saugerties Economic Development Committee and Mission Statement as adopted by the Committee on April 24, 2006 as read:

Saugerties Economic Development Committee

Structure:

The committee will report to the Town Board and members will be appointed by the Town Board and will serve at its pleasure. The committee will be comprised of a minimum of 8 members, maximum 11. Beginning in 2007, terms of appointment shall be 3 years, with initial terms staggered so that each year at least one term expires. The committee will elect its own chairperson.

Mission Statement

The Saugerties Economic Development Committee (EDC) recognizes and values the many economic, social artistic and recreational benefits of the enterprises in our midst.

To promote the economic health of the community, the Saugerties EDC commits itself as follows:

- To monitor and assist the well-being of our Town and Village businesses and their employees
- To encourage interaction between businesses and community
- To attract new business

To accomplish these goals, the EDC will:

- Encourage and support infrastructure developments and improvements for new and existing business
- Help new business navigate the town permitting process
- Address zoning and planning needs that may arise
- Work with Town and Village to attract new business
- Promote existing businesses
- Develop tourism and the arts as viable economic resources
- Maintain Saugerties' environmental integrity and natural beauty
- Work closely with public and private organizations

Revised and adopted by the Saugerties Economic Development Committee on April 24, 2006. Chairperson: Barbara Budik; Town Council Liaison: Nancy Campbell

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Campbell absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helmoortel to award Contract G – Glasco Mini Park Boat Launch and Post Bid Addendum No. 1 to CFI Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$184,344.00 and further, to authorize the Supervisor to execute the Contracts, upon the completion of, from J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates as per the recommendations of J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, PE, LS, LA, PC, George Redder, Esq., and Greg Chorvas, Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Campbell absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Supervisor Helmoortel that based on discussions with the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee and the recommendations of the Town Accountant and the Water & Sewer Superintendent, to raise the water and sewer rates in the following districts as read:

Barclay Heights Sewer District: raise rate from \$3.35/1000 gal to \$5.13/1000 gal

Glasco Sewer District: raise rate from \$4.40/1000 gal to \$4.94/1000 gal

Glasco Water District: raise rate from \$3.67/1000 gal to \$4.74/1000 gal

Malden Water District: raise rate from \$4.32/1000 gal to \$4.46/1000 gal

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Campbell absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to compensate Derek Debrosky, as a Transfer Station Attendant, at the Town of Saugerties Transfer Station at a rate of \$10.00 per hour as per the CWA Contract, for services provided since May 25, 2006.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Campbell absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:50 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

JUNE 21, 2006	STORMWATER DISTRICT Public Hearing @ Sr. Center	5:30 p.m.
	Pre-Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk