

Pre-Board Meeting September 22, 2004

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on September 22, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

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

Councilman Tom Macarille, absent

The following topics were discussed:

RGT Associates (The Crossings) has introduced new proposal for 80% housing for residents age 55 and over. This will be referred to town attorney.

Councilwoman Thornton mentioned budget amounts for Historian line and Cable Access line should be \$2370.00 and \$5000.00 respectively. CAC will need a budget line created.

Employee Recognition Dinner plans are progressing. A memo was sent to the board with details. It will be held November 13, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rip Van Winkle Country Club. Invitations will go out to the employees shortly.

Discussion on zoning laws for large animals and also blasting regulations; both are being addressed.

Town Clerk

Town Board Meeting September 22, 2004

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on September 22, 2004 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:

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

Councilman Phil Tucker

Councilman Tom Macarille, absent

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Richard Rhau, Superintendent of Saugerties Central Schools – introduced himself to the Town Board and is hoping to have lines of communications open between town and school.

Judith Spektor, Chairwoman of Village Traffic Committee – trying to cut down on tractor-trailer traffic; goal is to create a quieter, safer, pedestrian friendly village to support the village. The committee is working on a grant for road improvements but it needs to be submitted by October 20, 2004.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Leslie Kelley – wants road re-opened next to Hickory Pit in Glasco; handed in petition to support same.

Josh Randall – complimented Assessors, Tax, Town Clerk and Building Inspector's Offices in our town. Very friendly and helpful employees.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

The town has received its annual state aid check amounting to \$70,015.00 – it is a welcome receipt for us and almost to the dollar what we budgeted for this year.

The town has also received its quarterly sales tax check from the county totaling \$72,989.00. Last quarter's check for \$65,841 shows the economy is continuing to grow.

The JAS Fest has met with yet another successful year – the weather was terrific and the attendance was wonderful...

As we all know this weekend is Garlic Festival – both Saturday and Sunday at Cantine Field – we are working with the State police and county sheriff's to deal with the traffic this year which will see traffic patterns different from last year hopefully resulting in better traffic flow. We have set up a special voice mail box number on the town's main phone number line for anyone needing directions and/or information. In addition, our visitor's information center attendant Isabelle will be on hand at the McDonald's information booth to distribute direction sheets and provide additional festival information. The Garlic Fest information number is 246-2800 extension 5.

And a reminder the Mum Festival will take place on Sunday October 3 from Noon to 5pm at Seamon's Park. Village Clerk Mary Frank was expecting delivery of brochures today and has promised to send a batch over to town hall and our visitor's center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board Meeting of September 8, 2004 and Town Board Meeting of September 8, 2004.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

General Fund	\$62,914.24
General Outside Village	23,660.53
Highway Townwide	27,201.18
Highway Outside Village	62,702.13
Barclay Heights Sewer	1,978.81
Glasco Sewer	7,691.27
Malden Sewer	3,092.64
Glasco Water	15,142.66
Malden Water	684.68

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Thornton – library had a wonderful program featuring Margaret Schram. CAC speaker will be Steve Winkler next month.

Councilman Costello – Ice Rink is now open. Rob Kleemann, Jr. did a beautiful job on the center logo.

Councilman Tucker – Diaz construction is going very well.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve a Certificate of Registration for Al Riozzi Construction of Saugerties to install water and sewer hook-ups in the Town of Saugerties Sewer District.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve a Certificate of Registration for New Era Development of Highland to install water and sewer hook-ups in the Town of Saugerties Sewer District.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the application as well as authorize the Town Clerk to issue a mass gathering permit to Nola Luce on behalf of the Woodstock Jewish Congregation to be used at the Woodstock Jewish Congregation 1293 Route 212, Saugerties on October 3, 2004 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the application as well as authorize the Town Clerk to issue a mass gathering permit to OPUS 40, Inc. to be used at OPUS 40, located at 50 Fite Road, Saugerties on October 9, 2004 from 12 noon to 7:00 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Tucker to hire Werner Hegner to the part-time call out list for security at a rate of \$9.00 per hour and as a heavy equipment operator at a rate of \$12.00 per hour effective immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

TOWN OF SAUGERTIES RESOLUTION IN OPPOSING THE 2004-2005 NEW YORK STATE BUDGET REGARDING DISPOSITION OF JUSTICE COURT FINES

WHEREAS, town budgets rely on fine revenue distributed pursuant to provisions of Section 1803 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law to cover a large share of the costs of justice court operations, and

WHEREAS, the 2004-2005 New York State Budget (S.6056/A.9556; Part Z, SS1, page 73, lines 39 and 40) provides that only fines or penalties associated with a violation “with which the defendant was originally charged” are returned to a city, town or village, and

WHEREAS, this would shift more than \$12.5 million in fine monies to the State – monies which have historically been returned to local government by the Justice Court Fund as a result of the justice court adjudication process, and

WHEREAS, to compensate for the lost income, the budget authorizes towns, cities, and villages to impose an additional ticket charge of up to \$10.00, and

WHEREAS, this law repeals any surcharges that local governments put in place by September 2005, and

WHEREAS, to make up for the lost revenues, local governments may need to increase real property taxes.

RESOLVED, that the Town of Saugerties opposes the 2004-2005 New York State Budget regarding disposition of Justice Court fines, and urges that the fines be returned to the local towns, cities, or villages that imposed the fines.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Town of Saugerties shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor George E. Pataki, Comptroller Alan Hevesi, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader David A. Paterson, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Minority Leader Charles Nesbitt, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin Cahill, Clifford Crouch, Daniel Hooker and Thomas Kirwan and the New York State Association of Counties.

Resolution offered by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello.
Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Greg Helmoortel voting Yes
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton voting Yes
Councilman Fred Costello voting Yes
Councilman Phil Tucker voting Yes

Councilman Tom Macarille – absent

FOR ENTRY INTO THE TOWN RECORD, the Town Board has received an Order to Remedy Violation from the Department of Safety and Buildings against American Candle/Clearly Tech located at 1033 Kings Highway Saugerties New York 12477.

The buildings referenced on this property have been determined potentially dangerous to public well-being by the Town of Saugerties Building Inspector. Notice is hereby given and said copy of this violation is on file with the Town Building Inspector and Town Clerk.

Councilwoman Thornton publicly thanked Donna Cafaldo for all her hard work in the 9-11 Memorial Service held at Cantine Field on September 11, 2004.

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons regarding matters regarding the medical, financial, credit or employment history of such person or persons.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to exit Executive Session and adjourn regular meeting.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille absent)

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Presentation of Preliminary Budget 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Pre-Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Town Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk