

TOWN BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 13, 2008

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 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 members present:

Councilman Bruce Leighton
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilwoman Nancy Campbell
Supervisor Greg Helmsmoortel

Absent: Councilman Fred Costello

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Harry Vickery – he is a Veteran that fought for freedom – laws are being jammed down residents’ throats; not in favor of regulations. We should all be able to live and get along. Town has to cut back on expenses, regulations create more expense. Saugerties used to be “friendly” and the zoning law has not helped him.

John Farther – business sign advertises free WIFI and it works to draw in customers. Thought town board had interest in what residents’ wants and needs are. Can not afford to loose the sign – business needs interchangeable sign.

Cammilus Sasso – sign has tripled business – if it has to be removed he will be out of business.

Kevin Carpenter – noise ordinance makes no sense. What is a decibel? This is not a dictatorship. Deputy Supervisor has four car wash signs on one piece of property, others would receive a notice of violation for that.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meetings on July 16, 2008 and Special Town Board Meeting on July 28, 2008, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to approve the bills as presented, carried.

General Fund	\$185,608.21
General Outside Village	91,935.77
Highway	114,067.56
Capital Projects	49,308.13
Ambulance District	40,916.67
Lighting District	4,882.82
Barclay Heights Sewer	41,573.65
Glasco Sewer	11,406.74
Malden Sewer	2,604.29
Glasco Water	1,591.33
Malden Water	1,284.23

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – electrical storm struck Town Hall above police department, which we received an insurance check to cover damage. Small World, built in 1994 has work being done to up-date; the playground will be reviewed and see what parts need to be changed out. There were 290 enrolled in Summer Day Camp and AYSO Soccer Camp enrolled 100. The Ice Rink will be open next Monday. Also, a scoreboard has been placed on Keeley Field and was donated.

Police Department – report is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – gave Water and Sewer report.

Councilwoman Thornton – Historic Preservation finalized amendments to commission to certify for local government status. CAC will meet tomorrow morning and TV23 meets with Time Warner on August 14th.

Councilwoman Campbell – addressing sign law on August 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the senior center, anyone who received an Order to Remedy may come to the meeting. Building Department report received. Saugerties Area Farmer’s Association started to support farming in the Town of Saugerties.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Randy Ricks as Civil Defense Director for the Town of Saugerties for the remainder of the year 2008, effective immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Costello absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to hire Bruce Fellows to substitute as a Booth Attendant at the Transfer Station, in the event that a qualified Transfer Station employee is not available, at the prevailing rate of \$11.00 per hour, to be adjusted per union contractual agreement, effective immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Costello absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve the following resolution, as on file, to hire GAR Associates, Inc., Real Estate Appraisers and Consultants, to provide Commercial Revaluation support services for a two and a half year period for an amount not to exceed \$105,000.00.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Costello absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the following resolution, as on file, to adopt the Design Standards and Guidelines that will assist the Planning Board and Zoning Enforcement Officers with the site plan review process.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Costello absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve the following resolution, as on file, authorizing the financing of the construction of improvements and other costs related for the Kings Highway Water District.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Costello absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve the following resolution, as on file, authorizing the financing of the construction of improvements and other costs related for the Kings Highway Sewer District.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Costello absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve going out to public bid for the removal of the structure noted on the site owned by Donald & Marianna Hull, per the request of the town's Department of Buildings and Safety.

Discussion: Supervisor Helsmoortel commented that this is a safety hazard, the house is burned out.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Costello absent)

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, September 3, 2008

Pre-Board Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk