

## **Pre-Board Meeting – August 18, 2004**

The Pre-Board Meeting of the Saugerties Town Board was held on Wednesday, August 18, 2004 at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were the following:

Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel  
Councilman Tom Macarille  
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton  
Councilman Fred Costello

Councilman Phil Tucker, Absent

The following topics were discussed:

**James Harris, Eagle Project** – The backstop has been delivered and installation will be this weekend. A work-crew has been organized to put up the backstop and local businesses have helped out with discounts and donations on materials for this project.

**Councilwoman Thornton** – *Library Up-date*: They have decided not to pursue the Washington Avenue site for the new library. Other sites are being considered. Library phone system is being replaced. *Public Access* – computer monitor is down, among other problems. Imperative is coming in to assess the situation and see what is wrong.

*Burning Law*: fall is around the corner and people are concerned about leaves. Landfill is looking into having brush/leaves day twice a year. *Grievance Board/Assessors*: one member has resigned, so there is a vacancy that needs to be filled.

**Lisa Stanley, Town Clerk** – Thanks to Greg Chorvas and his crew, the new vault is complete and the records have been moved. Since budget preparation is underway for 2005, suggested the board consider raising hourly wage for Election Inspectors from \$8.00. Also, Local Law #5 Sewer Use, has not been accepted by the State for filing as Local Law #4 has not been approved and sent in for filing.

**Supervisor Helsmoortel** – employees were asked if they would like Recognition Dinner and the majority answered positively. A committee is being formed. Also, there will be forms for employees to sign if they wish someone else to pick up their paycheck.

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Town Clerk

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The Town Board Meeting was held Wednesday, August 18, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building at the corner of Robinson and Market Streets in the Village of Saugerties. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

Supervisor Greg Helmsmoortel  
Councilman Tom Macarille  
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton  
Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.

Councilman Phil Tucker, absent

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

**Josh Randall** – He is a realtor but is speaking on his own behalf as a resident. Attended Planning Board meeting last night and is very concerned with water shed and number of children major sub-divisions will bring in the town and schools. His opinion that town should declare a moratorium of major sub-divisions until certain studies are done, i.e., water and comprehensive studies. Also, inquired if aquafir overlay protection is in effect. Many trucks are traveling illegally – not covered, emitting black smoke and noise level high.

**Michael Brawner** – Asked for approval for his Eagle Project to be done at Town Hall. He submitted written plans and drawings for the pathway and new garden area.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

As you will note on the agenda, town offices will be closed on Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.

Last Friday, I attended the arrival of the Tugboat Harvey for its port of call visit to Kingston as a part of its summer long tour on the Hudson. Hopefully Saugerties will be added to the tour next summer.

On Thursday, July 29 I attended the Grand opening of the log homes center on Peoples Road with my wife Thomasine. Councilman Macarille and his wife were also in attendance. It was a nice event that saw many local businessman and politicians in attendance. I wish them the best of luck here in Saugerties.

On Saturday, July 31 I was honored to be a Judge at the Ulster County Volunteer Fireman’s Parade. For the most part, the weather cooperated for the day of activities.

Last Wednesday, it was an honor to serve hot dogs and popcorn to the kids at the Children’s Annex in Lake Katrine. If you are having a bad day, week or month, you

should go down and volunteer and your day won't seem so bad. Chief Hulbert assisted me and we had a very nice three hours.

I would also like to announce that this year's September 11-Patriot's Day 2<sup>nd</sup> Inter-municipal Ceremony preparations are well underway with this year's ceremony again being held at Cantine Field near the large pavilion. The event is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and will last approximately one hour. Mayor Yerick and myself will be in attendance along with other Town Board members. Local fire companies from the town and village as well as Diaz Ambulance and our two local police departments are expected to be on hand. If anyone has any questions, I would ask they please contact my secretary Donna Cafaldo at extension 345 who is co-chairing the event with Sonny Solitto and Tina Merced.

Finally, I would like to present to the town board a time line for this year's budget process. With our department heads having received their budget preparation paperwork thanks to our accountant Michael Torchia, the process has already begun but needs to be kept in check according to town law.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-board Meeting on July 14, 2004; Town Board Meeting July 14, 2004; Public Hearing on Local Law #4 of 2004 July 16, 2004; Bid Opening July 26, 2004; Workshop session July 27, 2004; Public Hearing on Local Law #6 August 3, 2004; and Special Meeting August 6, 2004.

Vote: Approved – 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

Vote: Approved – 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

General Fund	\$87,692.37
General Outside Village	14,654.01
Special Revenue Fund	469.81
Highway Townwide	8,849.17
Highway Outside Village	39,392.30
Glasco Sewer	3,345.91
Malden Sewer	543.39
Glasco Water	262.15
Malden Water	15.00

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** On file in the Town Clerk's Office.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilwoman Thornton** – Library is instituting a new phone system and new carpet; enrollment has increased. Pursuing other property for new library other than Washington Avenue. Cable Access is experiencing difficulties with equipment. CAC had NY Resource Water Recovery Group present a wonderful power point last month.

**Councilman Macarille** – At Planning Board meeting last night, disappointed to hear the Wynkoop House is requesting to be sub-divided. Also, meeting with CWA and Supervisor Helmsmoortel very optimistic with negotiations.

**Councilman Costello** – We are adding three new members to Economic Development Committee tonight. Improvements are being done at Jaycee Field with neighbors, Department of Parks and Recreation and Eagle Scout James Harris. The female changing area at ice rink is underway. More lighting is being added to soccer fields. Would like to compliment Summer Day Camp staff for doing a great job this season.

#### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to appoint Paul Gambino as permanent full time police officer effective August 19, 2004, as per the recommendation of the Police Chief.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to accept the water and sewer infrastructure for Bishop's Gate phases 7 & 8, as per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Water & Sewer Superintendent and the Town Engineer.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the application for Assembly by the Woodstock Jewish Congregation on Route 212 for September 15, 16, 17, 24 and 25.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to appoint Vonnie Bragg and Richard Rothe, Jr. as members and BA Feeney as an Honorary Member to the Economic Development Committee.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Jeremy R. Rushkoski as a part-time police officer effective August 19, 2004 at a rate of \$13.50 per hour, as per the recommendation of the Police Chief.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to request the Superintendent of Highways to reduce the speed limits on MaryAnn Avenue and Mountain View Court in the Catskill View Acres Development to 30 miles per hour.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Kelly Richards as part time temporary Booth Attendant at the Town of Saugerties Transfer Station at a rate of \$10.00 per hour effective August 7, 2004.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve an underground utility easement concept along the southern edge of the town owned Poltney Bigelow Park and private property parcel 18.10-1-3 owned by Paul and Claudia Andreassen.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to accept the proposed change payment of wages for trailer tire loader employees at the Quarryville tire site from \$9.00 per hour to a flat rate of \$100.00 per trailer load subject to all applicable federal, state and local payroll withholding taxes, retroactive to August 6, 2004. One Hundred Dollars per load, no matter of number of men.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Macarille to accept the proposed Eagle Scout project by Michael Brawner as presented to the board.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to enter into Executive Session to discuss employment history of a particular person or persons relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of any person or persons.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

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

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker absent)

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Public Hearing regarding Local Law #6 of 2004**

**Monday, August 23, 2004 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center**

**Town Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 8, 2004 Pre-Board 6:00 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

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Town Clerk

