

PRE-BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 26, 2005

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on October 26, 2005 at 6:40 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 following members were present:

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

The following topics were discussed:

Don Debrosky – would like to switch to a single permit at the Transfer Station, everyone pays \$15.00 for the permit regardless if dumping garbage or recycling. The \$3.00 One-Day permit will remain along with the second permit per household. Violators of the Transfer Station for the first offense will be given a warning; second offense they will not be allowed to come back.

Price increases should go in force. We would need two sets of scales and one new set cost approximately \$50,000.00. Also, we would need a longer runway. New rates would start in January 2006. Councilwoman Thornton suggested filming Don Debrosky “How to use the Transfer Station” and air it on Channel 23.

We need a 30 x 10 concrete pad to put the garbage bags on and this is approximately \$6,200.00. Also needed to be discussed in the future, restroom facilities and heated recycle area.

Councilwoman Thornton asked about security camera – Mr. Debrosky responded that he needs camera with sound and has found out recently that there is no problem legally with installing that. Need signs to tell people that they are being filmed. Ideally, four cameras would be key at approximately \$6,000.00. Also, signage for landfill would be about \$2,500.00, which would fulfill a violation previously sited.

With new fees in place, there should be capital reserve of about \$20,000.00 put in place for landfill.

Greg Chorvas – attended a four hour meeting with NYSERTA yesterday; drainage and parking lot should start next week and warehouse project in very near future.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 26, 2005

The Town Board Meeting was held on October 26, 2005 at 7:30 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:

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

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Richard Kappler, Chairman of the Garlic Festival presented a check for \$11,399.43 to the town for reimbursement of expenses incurred. Thank you to the different departments in the town that made this year's Garlic Festival a success.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Mary O'Donnell – lives on Esopus Creek Road and would like water and sewer service on that road. There are 60 homes, many wells are not drinkable; 32 of the homes are right along creek with septic tanks, which could cause possible contamination. No reliable way to fight fires. Presented petitions from residents asking for this service to be considered by the town board.

Would like feasibility study done; cost estimates and time table – how long will it take to accomplish this. Supervisor Helmsmoortel stated that a feasibility study is already in the works.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Reminder that town offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 for Election Day and Friday, November 11, 2005 for Veteran's Day. The Transfer Station will also be closed on both days. The town hall experienced some smoke and odor which was a motor over-heating and is now fixed and working properly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to approve the minutes of Budget Workshop on October 10, 2005; Pre-Board Meeting of October 12, 2005; Town Board Meeting of October 12, 2005 and Budget Workshop of October 17, 2005, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$69,616.20
General Outside Village	27,397.52
Highway Townwide	11,232.41
Highway Outside Village	55,587.34
Capital Projects	745.00
Barclay Heights Sewer	2,476.88
Glasco Sewer	983.03
Malden Sewer	1,567.46
Glasco Water	290.94
Malden Water	325.57

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Thornton – CAC – water resource report was given out for changes to be made; *SAMA (Saugerties Area Mobility Analysis)* has hired Create and Manning Engineering and the next meeting will be December 6th, the study is underway.

Councilman Costello – grateful for quick response to emergency at town hall yesterday. Congratulate American Legion Baseball on the work accomplished on the dugouts.

Councilman Tucker – Garlic Festival is a huge task for just the Kiwanians so all the help that the different organizations and workers give make it successful and possible.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Tucker to discontinue using Telecheck services at the town's Transfer Station.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Councilman Costello to establish a curfew of 8:00 p.m. for those 16 years of age or younger for Monday, October 31, 2005, Halloween, and by which curfew sets for those 16 years and younger in the Town of Saugerties must be accompanied by an adult after 8:00 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to authorize the purchase of transfer station bags in the amount totaling \$40,000.00 line item 8160.430 printing to be paid out of fund balance and budgeted in for 2006.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION TO APPEAL TO NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO
IMPLEMENT NEW MEASURES FOR FINANCING PUBLIC EDUCATIONS
WITH RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
DATED: OCTOBER 26, 2005

WHEREAS, the Town of Saugerties the residents of the Town of Saugerties have collectively considered the local issues of greatest concern to them and identified high property taxes as one of the highest priority among them; and

WHEREAS, funding for local governmental services, including public educations, is provided primarily through a tax on the estimated value of property; and

WHEREAS, the welfare of Saugerties homeowners is jeopardized by the rapid increase in the costs of public education and the inability of many homeowners to pay these increased costs; and

WHEREAS, the increasing burden of public education on taxpayers also impacts on the ability to raise other taxes to provide service and to fund Town-specific and local initiatives important to the well-being of the community.

NOW THEREFORE, the Town board of the Town of Saugerties appeals to New York State public official to implement new measure for financing public education, including the following suggested actions:

1. Ensure equity in a formula for funding public education based on the taxpayer's ability to pay.
2. Decrease the revenue raised from tax sources based on the value of dwellings.
3. Refrain from imposing state mandated requirements upon school systems without corresponding state funding.
4. Adjust the formulas on revenues earmarked as aid to education from state lottery and other future gaming activities so that the annual percentage is substantially increased from current levels.
5. Maintain the enhanced STAR exemption for the town's neediest citizens, but also increase the STAR exemption for senior citizens specifically at all income levels. Regain lost tax revenue from the above actions through income tax.

RESOLVED and executed in the Town of Saugerties, New York, this 26th day of October 2005 with a copy of this certified resolution sent to the Honorable Governor George E. Pataki, the Honorable Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, the Honorable Assembly Majority Leader Sheldon Silver, the Honorable State Senator John Bonacic and the Honorable State Assemblyman Daniel Hooker.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel voting Yes

Councilman Tom Macarille	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton	voting	Yes
Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.	voting	Yes
Councilman Phil Tucker	voting	Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to appoint Scott Harkin as Zamboni Operator on a part-time as needed basis at a rate of \$13.75 per hour as per the recommendation of the Parks and Buildings Superintendent and pending Civil Service approval.

Discussion: Civil Service is requiring that everyone is approved through their office, regardless if per hour, part time or full time employment.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to approve Glasco Water District Extension #5.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to approve an amendment to language in Article 27 titled Automotive Expenses of both the clerical and landfill contracts by and between the Town of Saugerties and the Communications Workers of America for the duration January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2007 which in its entirety has already been approved by the town board. Reading: Automotive Expense – mileage allowance: In the event an employee is requested by the appropriate Department Head to use the employee’s personal automobile for Town business, then the Town shall reimburse the employee at the prevailing rate per mile. The Town shall reimburse the employee for all parking and tolls so incurred. And Clerical shall read: Automotive Expenses – mileage allowance: whenever an individual employee is requested and authorized to use his privately owned vehicle on behalf of the Town, then the Town shall reimburse the employee at prevailing rate per mile. The Town shall reimburse the employee for all parking fees and tolls incurred.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to approve the resolution for Ron Biscoe for removal of SBL 17.3-4-8 at 31 Fishcreek Road.

Discussion: The County asked us to hold up on this motion which was passed previously, but several months have passed with no action from the county.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to have one permit for all users at the Transfer Station beginning January 2006.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to expend \$6,200.00 for a concrete pad for the trash bags at the Transfer Station.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Tucker to order signs and be installed at the Transfer Station that costs not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Tucker to authorize the Parks and Buildings Department to commence work on the warehouse offices and further approve architectural plan and drawings.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible pending litigation and as it relates to the medical financial credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation or relating to the appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal, carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, November 16, 2005	Pre-Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk