

## **PRE-BOARD MEETING May 4, 2005**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on May 4, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

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

The following topics were discussed:

**Ralph Mayone** – it has been one month since first approached board and nothing has been done about water at Guardian Storage, Route 9W. Councilman Macarille was the only member at a meeting with DEC. Councilman Macarille is waiting for a letter from Brinnier & Larios for solutions. Supervisor Helsmoortel said building department should be able to force Guardian Storage to do something – Order of Remedy Immediately. Supervisor Helsmoortel will talk to Paul Andreassen tomorrow.

**Cafaldo Park Residents** – handed Town Board petition to allow a Public Hearing regarding Inflight, Inc. They are concerned with increased traffic, home values decreasing, safety issues and possible congestion.

**Lisa Stanley, Town Clerk** – two representatives from FEMA gave information on how residents can call for flood assistance, this information will be put on Public Access and in our two local papers. Also, accepted an award from the Girl Scout's for the town's support in their organization, the certificate will hang in the Town Hall.

**Greg Chorvas** – looking for support from the Town Board on getting bids for three projects. Town Board all in agreement to move forward. Councilman Macarille stated landfill barn needs electric/heat in smaller rooms. Drainage and black top work should be moved along also. There is some cost savings by doing in-house and jointly with Village. Bernie Ellsworth wants to dig some test holes next week.

Summer Day Camp fees should be increased to \$50.00 per child with a maximum of \$95.00 per family.

Ernie Fick Memorial set for June 4<sup>th</sup>. Would like \$5,000.00 from recreation trust fund for memorial on field #5.

Malden Mini Park dock damaged, needs to be revamped. Looking into new design with different materials. Approximately \$4,000.00, which could be taken from recreation trust fund.

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Town Clerk

**TOWN BOARD MEETING – MAY 4, 2005**

The Town Board Meeting was held on May 4, 2005 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:

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**Gil Hales** – Bike Trail up-date – brochures are complete and ready to be handed out. Idea started with Gil and Mike Harkavy with support of Village and Town Boards to hire grant writer. Gil read the resolution that was passed by Ulster County Legislature using county roads in bike route. Thanked everyone who helped in making this possible.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Alan Greczynski and Charles Lantz – asking Town Board to raise limit for Veteran’s exemption from \$120,000.00 to \$180,000.00. Please consider resolution and date for a Public Hearing.

James Bruno – not disputing inaccuracies in assessments but what are the motives of Mr. Haun’s statements; why are the same properties brought up time and time again.

Steven Haun – Assessor is supposed to be full market value for 2004 and 2005; he gives the same examples because he hasn’t received any answers.

Herve Senequier – SAGA is only focusing on assessment problem and still waiting to hear from elected officials as to what will be done. Unequal assessment is illegal in New York State.

Leonard Steinberg – on April 6, 2005 he struck a compromise and agreement instead of going to trial about his assessment. Mr. Greco forwarded letter changing the terms and stated different outcome. SAGA wants Town Board to establish equality for all.

Marjorie Greenberg-Vaughn – Public Comment period should be changed to have some feedback from the Town Board to the public.

Joe Roberti, Jr. – in 2003 Senator Bonacic gave money to be distributed to youth programs; wondered when this money will be distributed.

Bill Scala – questioned assessment on home. FOIL request to Assessor’s Office for comparables in trying to find out how they came up with assessment figure. Received letter from John Greco in answer to FOIL; he just wanted to look at comparables in the office. Also, concerned with zoning in the town and taking large parcels off the tax rolls.

Vince Hackett – the fact that the Town Board wrote a letter through the town attorney was wrong. John Greco is a great lawyer, he has been my personal lawyer but believes it is a conflict of interest for John Greco to be attorney for town.

Carmine Tortarelli – spoke on assessment of his home that is higher than larger homes on Washington Avenue.

Marti Randall – people that speak before the board, would like a response. Everyone is frustrated with assessment, HITS and impending casino. Tired of “private meetings” being held.

Josh Randall – had previously asked for dialogue at these meetings back in March. Casino brings out addictions. More public informational meetings need to be held. We want dialogue.

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to accept the minutes for approval for Pre-Board Meeting of April 20, 2005; Town Board Meeting of April 20, 2005 and Workshop Meeting of April 26, 2005.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$331,985.19
General Outside Village	35,896.28
Special Revenue Fund	26,218.74
Highway Townwide	2,593.06
Highway Outside Village	25,810.42
Capital Projects	1,200.00

Lighting District	3,463.54
Barclay Heights Sewer	2,107.32
Glasco Sewer	2,779.18
Malden Sewer	4,063.03
Glasco Water	149.99

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Tucker to amend the abstract to remove voucher #20051420, #20051421 and #20051422.

Vote on Amendment: 5 Yes

Discussion: Councilman Macarille stated there are several \$3,000.00 checks in the abstract, is this money that is going to the local youth sports groups and is there any more money that will be added to that amount. Supervisor Helmoortel stated that is what the checks are going for and there is no more money coming.

Vote on motion as amended: Adopted – 5 Yes

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** on file in the Town Clerk’s Office

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Thornton reminded everyone that there will be a meeting on May 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building with Steve Winkley, New York Rural Water Association Consultant. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helmoortel to make a motion to accept the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF SAUGERTIES  
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK**

MAY 4, 2005

WHEREAS, the Town of Saugerties intends to undertake an environmental compliance and improvement project at the Town of Saugerties Highway Facility on Churchland Road,

WHEREAS, plans, specifications and bidding documents for project have been prepared by Brinnier and Larios, P.C., Professional Engineers of Kingston, New York 12401.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes public bidding of the project, entitled “Contract TS-05-1, Shallow Well Closure at the Town of Saugerties Highway Facility”, and further establishes a bid date of Friday, June 3, 2005.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Helsmoortel	voting	Yes
Councilman Macarille	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Thornton	voting	Yes
Councilman Costello	voting	Yes
Councilman Tucker	voting	Yes

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve a Certificate of Registration for East Street Builders of Catskill, New York to install water and sewer hook-ups in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve a Certificate of Registration for Fred Edwards III Trucking and Excavating of Palenville, New York to install water and sewer hook-ups in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Macarille to approve the list of staff for the Summer Day Camp program, along with the waiting list, as per the recommendation of the Parks and Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to declare surplus and of no longer any value to the Town of Saugerties, one (1) 1989 one-ton dump truck; one (1) 1981 Chevy Van; one (1) 1993 Crown Victoria, as per the recommendation of the Parks and Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Tucker to authorize the advertising of aforementioned surplus equipment for public sale, along with written quotes for public sale of said, as per the recommendation of the Parks and Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to authorize the advertising of “Request for Proposals” (RFP’s) for one (1) new Energy Efficient Variable Speed Condensate Pump and re-install of Low E Aluma Zorb ceiling at the Kiwanis Ice Arena, as per the recommendation of the Parks and Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION DATED THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2005 AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A PENDING ACTION FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT AT THE TOWN OF SAUGERTIES LANDFILL (TRANSFER STATION)

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2004 the State of New York, Department of Labor, Division of Safety and Health issued an order and final billing to the Saugerties Town Landfill assessing a penalty of \$114,330.00 for alleged violations of the Public Employee Safety and Health Act at the Town of Saugerties Landfill (Transfer Station); and

WHEREAS, counsel for the Department of Labor has indicated that the Department may be willing to accept the sum of \$42,100.00 in full satisfaction of all outstanding matters pertaining to alleged violations at the Town of Saugerties Landfill (Transfer Station).

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties that the sum of \$42,100.00 be offered to the State of New York, Department of Labor, Division of Safety and Health in full payment and satisfaction of any and all penalties for alleged violations of the Public Employee Safety and Health Act at the Town of Saugerties Landfill (Transfer Station); and it is further

RESOLVED, that John J. Greco, Esq., as attorney for the Town of Saugerties convey this settlement proposal to the counsel for the State of New York, Department of Labor; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Saugerties be and he hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Saugerties necessary to effectuate a full and final settlement of the alleged violations of the Town of Saugerties Landfill (Transfer Station) and a discontinuance of the pending legal action before the Industrial Board of Appeals in accordance with the terms of this resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Helsmoortel	voting	Yes
Councilman Macarille	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Thornton	voting	Yes
Councilman Costello	voting	Yes
Councilman Tucker	voting	Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Macarille to authorize the Supervisor to execute the Quit Claim Deed to Cyril S. Hunt as per the recommendation of Town Attorney Redder.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to set the Summer Day Camp participant fees at \$50.00 per child, with a maximum of \$95.00 for two or more within the immediate family, as per the recommendation of the Parks and Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Macarille to authorize expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 from the Recreation Trust Capital Fund, for the Ernie Fick Memorial at the Cantine Veterans Complex, as per the recommendation of the Parks and Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to authorize expenditures in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 from the Recreation Trust Capital Fund, for Dock replacement at the Malden Mini Park, as per the recommendation of the Parks and Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, May 18, 2005**

**Pre Board Meeting**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Town Board Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:30 p.m., carried.

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Town Clerk