

PRE-BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 6, 2006

The Pre-Board Meeting for the Town of Saugerties was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center located on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

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

The following topics were discussed:

Supervisor Helmsmoortel noted that we will be voting on Local Law tonight with a wording change per town attorney, John Greco.

Councilwoman Thornton discussed the Bio-diversity Committee interest. This group meets for four hours once a month and last night was the second meeting, which 12 people attended. They are working on a 4000 acre area to be included from Bristol Beach through the Vly, Route 32 into Blue Mountain area. The next meeting will be Monday to re-define the area and refine application. These people are 100% involved and dedicated. After 10 months the data will be put on a disk and the results may be put in the zoning law, if we choose.

Supervisor Helmsmoortel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Costello to enter into Executive Session to discuss medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation or relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal of a particular person or corporation, carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to exit Executive Session and resume Pre-Board Meeting, carried.

The Town Board would like to schedule a workshop meeting to be announced.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 6, 2006

The Town Board Meeting for the Town of Saugerties was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center 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
Councilman Bruce Leighton
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilwoman Nancy Campbell

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

James Fowler - wanted to state facts as a matter of record about his property at 2674 Route 9W in Saugerties, hamlet of Glenerie. He has lived there since 1998 and has had a number of problems with neighbor. He believes that the Building Inspector issued a permit in error and wants an investigation; there was no site review done. In February of this year, vehicle in driveway was fire bombed and then a windshield smashed. Also, the Police Chief needs to send patrols down to the Glenerie area. Councilwoman Thornton questioned if the police investigated the fire bomb. Mr. Fowler replied that the NYS Police were called.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board Meeting on November 15, 2006; Town Board Meeting on November 15, 2006; Public Hearing on November 15, 2006, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$305,341.46
General Outside Village	163,918.95
Recreational Capital	829.00
Highway Townwide	17,979.97
Highway Outside Village	128,845.21
Capital Projects	17,670.50
Ambulance District	36,114.58
Lighting District	3,871.86
Barclay Heights Sewer	2,883.42
Glasco Sewer	14,019.62
Malden Sewer	10,700.28
Glasco Water	4,900.57
Malden Water	1,940.36

DEPARTMENT HEARD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – final 10 yards of concrete was poured at Glasco Mini Park. Glasco Fire Department gave a tremendous amount of help to accomplish this goal. The Keeley/Lorenz field renovations are complete as well as grandstand roof, generator and roof repair. The Toddler Town playground will have a see-saw installed in the spring. The Open House will be held this Saturday, December 2, 2006 for the new town offices.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – Wayne Debrosky and Councilman Leighton spent the last two days attending a seminar put on by the DEC regarding wastewater. Topics discussed included establishing a 5 + year plan and a capital fund for districts.

Councilwoman Thornton – on December 18th at 7:00 pm there will be a Historic Preservation meeting; CPC meetings with Pat Fitzsimmons is holding sub-committee meetings four times a month, work should be done by the end of December. Bio-diversity committee has been started. Cable Access will have their first live broadcast during the Open House on Saturday. Supervisor Helmsmoortel commented that Channel 23 has improved tremendously and looks great.

Councilman Costello – recently went to permanent shifts in Police Department for the last two weeks; although the laptop grant has been suspended for the time being. Sgt. Scheffel put in a lot of time and effort for our emergency management plan and the County commented that Town of Saugerties was one of three communities to complete this task.

Councilwoman Campbell – the second Ethics Committee meeting will be December 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the new conference room. EDC has office space in the new addition with the Planning Board and Zoning Board. GIS summary is available for public viewing, which is 88 pages long.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to allow Bernie Ellsworth Town of Saugerties Highway Superintendent, to go to bid to remedy road damage due to a drainage issue located in Malden, New York on Riverside Drive and River Road per the specifications of the Town Engineer.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to allow Bernie Ellsworth Town of Saugerties Highway Superintendent to go to bid for a new tractor, a flail highway mower, for the Town Highway Department and to have the bid opening in January 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the hiring of Sue Filak as a part time employee in the Town Tax Office at an hourly rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to adopt the updated Administrative Plan for the Section 8 Tenant Based Program which is also known as the Housing Choice Voucher Program by Carolyn Maines of the Town of Saugerties Public Housing Agency per the request of the NY Field Office.

Discussion: Carolyn Maines informed the board that this explains how they operate on a \$1,039,000.00 budget.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Leighton to authorize the Biodiversity Committee to undertake a biodiversity assessment of town property. This committee will have the authority to participate in training presented by Hudsonia and that will enable them to identify local biodiversity resource habitats and incorporate strategies for protection into land use planning.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to authorize the application for Certified Local Government Status with the National Park Service and State Historic Preservation Office as recommended by the Historic Preservation Commission.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the following resolution adopting Local Law #3 of 2006 for Increasing the Fees for the Town of Saugerties Building Department, Planning Board, Zoning Board and Town Board (for Zoning Changes).

Discussion: Councilwoman Campbell stated there only needed to be one Public Hearing for this topic.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to re-approve the resolution for the resubmission of the Greenway Trails Grant for the Glasco Riverfront Park per the request of the grant writing firm Shingebiss Associates, Inc.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Leighton to adjourn the Town Board meeting, carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, December 20, 2006

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

Town Clerk