

PRE-BOARD MEETING – MARCH 7, 2007

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 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:

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

The following topics were discussed:

Councilwoman Thornton discussed a proposed telecommunications tower with Omnipoint. This would be erected at mile marker 99.1 on NYS thruway. Town Historian, Karlyn Elia is in communication with them regarding historic points of interest.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – MARCH 7, 2007

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 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 Helmsmoortel
Councilman Bruce Leighton
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilwoman Nancy Campbell

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

James Fowler – resides on Route 9W, Glenerie and states that the building is still up next door despite illegal building permit and no site plan review; insulation still blowing

all over, which the County Health Department resolved. Still no regular police patrol in Glenerie. Also, believes that the carousel will cost the taxpayers money.

Michael Catalinotto, Sr. – business should not be done behind closed doors – carousel purchase came “out of the blue”. Cantine Field is a recreational facility not an amusement park. Besides selling price you need to figure cost of dismantling the carousel and then assembling at the new location, cost of building a facility to house the carousel and insurance.

Ron LeBlanc – the Town Board does have their plate full and is doing good work, but we don’t need a carousel. Reference has been made that money to buy the carousel would be from recreation trust fund. This does not fit the mold what that money should be used for. Residents are burdened with taxes, board needs to check priorities.

Lanny Walter – around January 20th of this year, attended a party at the carousel, which is the last time it operated. This carousel is on the list of historical carousels, it’s a magical thing and will be great to keep it in the community.

Mike Harkavy – we do have to know finances and carousel should be self-sustaining. Carousel can make economic sense. If you don’t think creatively, town would be stale. Would like to see the Town Board move forward.

Barry Benepe – has thought about carousel long before it was for sale. It is unique to Saugerties and a great resource. We do need more answers to all the questions. Recreation Trust Fund should fund open space.

Patti Kelly – very supportive of exploring the carousel at Cantine Field. Definition of recreation should be what the community decides. Has visited other towns with a carousel and it is something that is well-received.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Wayne Debrosky and Alvie Weeks have been attending the MS 4 meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board Meeting on February 21, 2007; Town Board Meeting on February 21, 2007 and Public Hearing on February 28, 2007, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund

\$129,497.77

General Outside Village	25,307.51
Highway Townwide	13,739.31
Highway Outside Village	19,359.27
Ambulance District	113,499.99
Barclay Heights Sewer	149.00
Glasco Sewer	9,433.95
Malden Sewer	4,737.45
Glasco Water	2,881.30
Malden Water	24.00

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Wayne Debrosky, Water & Sewer Department – complete report is on file at the Town Clerk’s Office. Several water main breaks recently, apologize to the residents.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – commend Water & Sewer Department along with Highway Department for working diligently fixing water main breaks in frigid temperatures. Everyone who spoke regarding the carousel made good points, maybe a committee should be formed to help the board in their decision.

Councilwoman Thornton – Bio-diversity had their second class and maps will be able to be used by more than one group. Library’s next meeting will be March 22, 2007 with the village grant writer. CAC will meet March 15th in the conference room at Building Inspector’s Department. CPC still working on zoning.

Councilman Costello – two new police cars have arrived and waiting for stripping and radio. New Cable Access and Superintendent of Parks and Rec office coming along nicely. Would like to compliment Derek Stanley on being ranked 8th in the NYS Wrestling competition.

Councilwoman Campbell – PACT meeting will March 8th at 3:00 p.m. Member Beth Murphy on the Economic Development Committee did a stellar job on putting together statistics from survey. Also, the office back by Planning Board will be manned Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon to answer questions, if needed. Building Department’s report is on file at the Town Clerk’s Office.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to change the dates that were set at the Reorganizational Meeting of January 3, 2007 for the town offices to be closed in the year 2007. The change consists of reinstating Election Day, November 6, 2007, Tuesday, as a day off and taking away Christmas Eve, December 24, 2007, Monday as a day off.

Discussion: Supervisor Helmsmoortel stated that the unions had a problem and complained about the change.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to reappoint Barry Benepe to the Historic Preservation Commission with a term of four (4) years to expire on March 31, 2011 per the recommendation of the liaison for the Historic Preservation Commission.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton is glad Barry agreed to stay on and he is one of the charter members.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the Stipulation of Settlement in the matter of Price Chopper Operating Company, Inc. vs the Assessor, the Board of Assessors and the Town Board of Saugerties as per the recommendations of the Assessor and the attorney, John Greco for the town.

Discussion: Supervisor Helmsmoortel stated that this resulted in a \$200,000.00 reduction in taxes.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint Herve Senequier to the Board of Assessment Review due to Jean Cunningham's resignation for a five (5) year term to expire on September 30, 2011.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilman Leighton voting No; Councilman Costello abstained)

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to set Public Hearings for proposed Local Law #4 of 2007 regarding major subdivisions moratorium to be held on April 4, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. and on April 24, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell in support of AWARENESS, as read:

WHEREAS, the AWARENESS group was formed in October 2006 and run as a pilot program for three months to curb the underage drinking and substance abuse in our youth, and

WHEREAS, it has seen great success in attracting youth ages 12 to 18 to come together and complete projects to enhance and develop their knowledge and self worth, and

WHEREAS, no other program uses the format of peer mentoring with the older youth mentoring the younger age groups and all participating in functions to promote substance free fun and break the underage drinking cycle.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED TO, support the funding efforts being requested from Honorable Sen. John Bonacic, Honorable Sen. William Larkin and Honorable Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, and Honorable Assemblyman Peter Lopez; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED TO, send a letter of support to Governor Elliot Spitzer, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to adjourn the Town Board Meeting, carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Public Hearing

6:00 p.m.

Pre-Board Meeting

following hearing

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk