

PRE-BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 15, 2018

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Councilman Paul Andreassen
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Councilman Mike Maclsaac
Supervisor Fred Costello

The Town Board met early with members from the Library - John Remington, Beth Murphy, Mrs. Wilsey and Sally Colclough. Nine other libraries in the county are holding these types of forums based on Libraries Transforming Communities. Questions were asked like, what kind of community do you want? Board answered - sense of community, well-being, jobs, people to stay, fill vacant buildings. What are some issues to achieve this and make a difference? Stable employment, security and safe at property, fast and affordable internet with reliable information, loosen up zoning regulations, support young families, relationship between municipality organizations and businesses, more businesses to join Chamber of Commerce and change in infrastructure. In 6 months to a year, what changes will likely happen? Hopefully changes in zoning, better info to community, consolidation of more shared services and new businesses.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 15, 2018

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 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:

Councilman Paul Andreassen
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman John Schoonmaker
Councilman Mike Maclsaac
Supervisor Fred Costello

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

George Heidcamp – spoke regarding Bishop’s Gate road; this has been talked about previously and fell through the cracks, it was revisited with the school board and allotted \$10,000.00 to do a study. Jim Bruno tried to get school board to accept the road but the school board denied it. The board had met with Doug Myer and delighted that the town board is going to take this on. A suggestion is to make an emergency exit with a gate. Bishop’s Gate school children would not lose bus service.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Lanny Walter – thank you for considering an investment in plaque for the mural.

Jim Bruno – town board deserves credit on working on the road at Riccardi, thank you.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Congratulations to Sawyer Motors on the fundraiser for Diaz Ambulance. The Artists Studio Tour was a success; Tributopia held an inaugural event although the weather was not on their side. First year for Caribbean Festival, which was well attended. The museum at the American Legion has been refurbished, well worth the visit. The Vietnam Moving Wall was well attended with 11,000 attendees, very proud of this event, thank you to all who participated. Hope Rocks will be held this weekend, second annual. We have also submitted three grant applications and we are waiting to hear the outcome.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Andreassen to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on July 11, 2018; Public Hearing regarding Taxation Exemptions on July 25, 2018 and Public Hearing regarding CDBG- Handicapped Access, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$369,091.48
General Outside Village	29,419.50
Highway	88,461.82
Ambulance District	60,678.33
Lighting District	6,227.22
Barclay Heights Sewer	49,881.93
Glasco Sewer	10,813.02
Malden Sewer	8,280.59

Kings Highway Sewer	32.45
Glasco Water	3,327.24
Malden Water	615.71
Kings Highway Water	82.59
Bluestone Park Water	364.73

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – very busy few months including 61st Antique Auto Show. On May 15th the damage from the storm is figured to be between \$65,000.00 to \$68,000.00. Crosswalk work has been completed. Summer Rec enrollment is up 35 kids this year. The Ice Rink is now open. Also, there was a fire at the grandstand concession with approximately \$175,000.00 damage. The Riccio Family donated a 70’ flagpole and flag which proudly waves in the field by the large pavilion; Richers donated the drilling for the pole.

Doug Myer – a new roll-off is in at the Transfer Station, which means there is no more co-mingling of recyclables.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Andreassen – don’t miss Hope Rocks this weekend, a worthwhile event. Department head meeting will be next Thursday. Met with Destinations NY and has some good ideas. Honored to be a part of the Vietnam Moving Wall, it was a meaningful event for the town. Water and Sewer will be meeting with the town accountant. We always welcome our town legislators to come and up-date us at a town board meeting. Terpening Park at Malden will be getting a canopy over the picnic tables thanks to the Terpening Family.

Councilwoman Thornton – Caribbean Festival was the idea of Nigel Redman, wonderful turnout and a great family day. Boys & Girls Club golf tournament is this Saturday and their steak and burger fundraiser is October 24th. A pavilion was installed at Esopus Bend Preserve at the Shady Lane entrance. Lifespring classes are full!

Councilman Maclsaac – attended Planning Board meeting and also the ZBA meeting. We received an award of \$5,000.00 for clean energy. It’s been a great summer in Saugerties!

Councilman Schoonmaker – if you know anyone that needs help, take them to Hope Rocks. There was a good turnout for the Food Trucks. Animal Shelter is holding an event, adopt a cat and get a \$25.00 gift card.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the resignation of full-time dispatcher Beth Dominowski, effective August 10, 2018.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that she is taking a job that pays better.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Supervisor Costello to approve hiring Beth Dominowski as a part-time dispatcher at a pay rate of \$18.11 per hour, effective August 11, 2018.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve hiring part-time dispatcher Mary Seyfarth as a 90 day temporary full-time dispatcher at a pay rate of \$19.28 per hour, effective August 13, 2018.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello said that Mary is a dispatcher with the town already.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to approve a mass gathering permit for the Woodstock Jewish Congregation at 1682 Glasco Turnpike for September 9, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; September 10, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; September 11, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; September 18, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and September 19, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Maclsaac, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, authorizing the acceptance of a parcel of vacant real property located in the Town of Saugerties from Timbest, Inc.

Discussion: Councilman Maclsaac added that he was on the school board ten years ago and glad to see it moving forward. Supervisor Costello said that Jim Bruno's company donated the property.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schoonmaker, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, adopting Local Law #2 of 2018 in regard to taxation exemptions.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Andreassen, seconded by Councilman Maclsaac to eliminate the K-9 position recently vacated by retiring Sargent Michael Craft to become effective immediately.

Discussion: Councilman Andreassen said this is an opportunity to re-group, cost of having K-9 is significant. Supervisor Costello feels the police department should have an opportunity to come and state their case, there is no sense of urgency.

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Schoonmaker to table the motion to eliminate the K-9 position.

Discussion: Councilman Schoonmaker said this is the right thing to do and would like the police department to tell their side and see the best course of action. Also, would like to know how long it would take the Sheriff's department to get to us with their K9. Councilman Maclsaac

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk