

**PRE-BOARD MEETING – MARCH 18, 2015**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi Purpose Building located on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

Councilman William Schirmer  
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton  
Councilman Fred Costello  
Councilman James Bruno  
Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel

The meeting with the Pilgrim Pipeline went well. If going along the thruway, the zoning law doesn't pertain to restricting it; would go east side of thruway. The board would like to hold a public forum in the future. Pilgrim Pipeline said they went to each County ahead of time and they were to inform individual towns about the pipeline. Requirement would be to have a fund set aside for any problems that may arise. Pilgrim Pipeline said it will cut down on barges and rail congestion if the pipeline is in place.

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Town Clerk

**TOWN BOARD MEETING – MARCH 18, 2015**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 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 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

Councilman William Schirmer  
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton  
Councilman Fred Costello  
Councilman James Bruno  
Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

Cindy Saporito, Chair of Ethics Committee gave the 2014 report, which included five meetings held to review disclosure statements. The committee also worked on Appendix A and application by town board. There are two new members on the committee – Sally Colclough and Shirley McLaren. Councilman Schirmer commented that Cindy is an excellent chair, thank you.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** none

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:**

Received a letter that our website failed NYS independent test and Mike Campbell is working to fix the rating and correcting information. Pilgrim Pipeline met with Councilman Schirmer and alternately self and Councilman Bruno. Questions were answered and expressed displeasure of early "surveyors" and a new group has been hired. A public information meeting will be held. There is no immediate pressure to make decisions. Councilman Schirmer said he is very impressed to have open communication; forthcoming with answers. This is very early in the process and the map has been changed several times.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of March 4, 2015 and Bid Opening with the Highway Department on March 5, 2015, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$199,245.18
General Outside Village	4,255.07
Highway	100,859.31
Barclay Heights Sewer	59,478.17
Glasco Sewer	1,642.28
Malden Sewer	3,169.74
Kings Highway Sewer	2,568.17
Glasco Water	108,411.22
Malden Water	32,118.78
Kings Highway Water	1,861.45

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Schirmer – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – TV23 is live-streaming and there are a lot of new shows.

Councilman Costello – Rec Committee agrees that the Small World Playground needs to be replaced. Some equipment from the Sophie Finn School has been donated and Neal Smoller raised \$6,700.00 from the Zombie Crawl to go toward the cost. The original was built by volunteers and hopefully we will do it again. Riccardi School has raised \$1,500.00 and starting

this spring removal will begin and be up-dated. Greg Chorvas said they are trying to save some of the more sentimental pieces of the playground.

Councilman Bruno – gave the Building Inspector’s report of February 2015, which is on file. This past week we lost a former Tax Office worker, Nelson Burhans, condolences to the family.

Chief Sinagra – gave monthly report for February 2015. The department will continue to work on pedestrian safety. Open house informational meeting for youth interested in law enforcement will be March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the senior center.

### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to re-appoint Barry Benepe to the Historic Preservation Commission for a four year term to expire on March 31, 2015.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer said Mr. Benepe is currently on and willing to do another term.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Albert Bruno, Joseph Sinagra, Douglas Myer, Brian Carmody and Judith Spektor as voting members of the Saugerties Transportation Advisory Council and Brian Slack as a non-voting member of the Council representing the town’s membership on the advisory committee.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton said this is a town and village committee to meet on March 24<sup>th</sup> to improve safety.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the concrete potable water storage tank for the Glasco Water District.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer said this is an on-going project with grant money and waiting for EPA approval.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the retirement incentive to any police employee amending Article III(h)1 sub E of the collective bargaining agreement.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that during the merge of town and village police departments, it said village police officers had to work a minimum of 5 years before retirement. Some have expressed a desire to do so and this resolution would change that.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to approve the resolution, as on file, for a proposition at the biennial town election to increase the term of office of the Superintendent of Highways from 2 years to 4 years.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said the two year term goes by quick and better opportunity to learn in four years. Supervisor Helsmoortel stated that the Supervisor's position is not included. Councilman Schirmer added that this motion only allows us to put it on the ballot, voters must pass it to take effect in the election in 2017.

**YOUTH AWARDS:**

"You've Been Caught" youth awards were presented at this time to Savannah Vladich, Hannah Yonnetti, Isabella Armstrong, Hailie TerBush and Grace Hopf. Congratulations!

*Councilwoman Thornton shared the passing of TV23 Charter Member Dick Gardner with condolences to his family.*

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 7:45 p.m., carried.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2015**

**Pre-Board Meeting  
Town Board Meeting**

**6:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.**

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Town Clerk