

PRE-BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 28, 2005

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on September 28, 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 in attendance:

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

Michael Welti from Chazen – his job is to go over zoning codes and up-date plan. Mr. Welti asked the board if they had anything that needs to be looked over and examined more closely. Councilman Macarille wants to get zoning board member, planning board member and building department's opinions and if they have concerns. Councilman Costello asked if other communities in the Hudson Valley are facing same problems; response was that we are pro-active, which is ahead of the game.

Discussion as to whether or not we should do what Ulster County Planning Board has suggested regarding the zoning changes with Local Laws on as motions tonight or go ahead and pass Local Law now.

Supervisor Helsmoortel made a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. regarding personnel matters, seconded by Councilman Macarille, carried.

Supervisor Helsmoortel made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Councilman Costello, carried.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 28, 2005

The Town Board Meeting was held on September 28, 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 Helsmoortel
Councilman Tom Macarille

Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.
Councilman Phil Tucker

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Ron Blanco – Malden-on-Hudson home, spite fence put up by neighbor, being harassed and needs the Town Board's help. Councilman Macarille suggested contacting building department for help and guidance.

Gerard Lovallo – spoke regarding motion on casino – send strong message by giving a 5-0 vote.

Mark Colligan – looking into municipal sewer for Wynkoop House but exhausted this option. Now looking into constructed wetlands, should this continue? Councilwoman Thornton stated she is glad he is looking into this option

Matt Ostoyic – times are troubling for Saugerties regarding Casino. Proposal for casino to be built at Gettysburg, as read in paper. No end to abuse of moral standards. Urge Town Board to expend funds to fight this.

Nancy Campbell – spoke to many neighbors and very few in favor of casino, do the right thing and vote yes on motion.

Ray Maday – attended Planning Board Meeting and thank you to Bill Creen and members of board for listening to residents of Stephens Court. Revised plan has favorable revisions but still needs more work.

Susan Puretz – read excerpts from article regarding gambling going in at Gettysburg. All reports indicate have come out with money on one side and on the other side you have people with concerns for their community. Would like to see a 5-0 vote.

Marjory Greenberg-Vaughn – Casino will overwhelm our community. Vote with Village Board and No Casino Group for the future of our town.

Eleanor Sgro – resident of Stephens Court and the size of buildings too big and parking lot next to homes will be adverse to our quiet neighborhood.

Mike Harkavy – went to Town of Verona to talk to community, found out that after the Casino was built, they claimed sovereign land; no taxes paid. Neighboring town of Sherrell took this to Supreme Court, casino should pay town of Verona \$400,000.00 – now decision of Supreme Court may get overturned.

Mayor Robert Yerick – clarification of hiring legal counsel to put together a strategic plan. Will not take us beyond this point. Have to show unity to prove point.

Michael Catalinotto – concerned about disregard of Public Meetings Law, namely Executive Session. If public was aware of fines accumulating from landfill, they would be outraged. Should not have to pay anything let alone \$42,000.00 in fines. The public should know what is going on. Also, a union contract was approved and the town board tried to amend the contract after the fact. The board went into Executive Session and cleaned it up and the public never knew about the problem.

Dolores LaChance – town board elected by majority, wants to be reassured that unity will remain with casino.

Patti Kelly – knew motion regarding casino a couple of weeks ago would not be brought up. We are advocates against the casino, will not go away, we want attorney hired.

William Trumbour – speaking for No Casino group, sees no problem with town, village and citizens group sticking together, let’s not make it political.

Theresa Barry – lived here for 2 years, beautiful little town, would like it to stay that way. Opposed to casino.

Naomi Rothberg – lived here 23 years and is an attorney. No laws regarding Indian laws and municipalities. No guidance for communities in place. Have to try to determine our own future.

Meyer Rothberg – spent great deal of time reading books and articles about Foxwoods. Opposed to casino and gambling in the USA. Morality issue.

Brian Donaghue – speaking as private citizen. Town should not enter into this with private citizen group, should table this motion and go back with the Village Board and work this out.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Reminder that the Town offices will be closed on Monday, October 10, 2005 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. Congratulations to the Kiwanis organization for a successful Garlic Festival with record-breaking numbers. Also, thank you to Greg Chorvas and staff, Bernie Ellsworth and staff and Chief Hulbert and the Town Police Department. On October 18, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. a representative from Assemblyman Hooker’s office will be at Town Hall for anyone wishing to talk with Mr. Hooker’s office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the following minutes: Public Hearing of September 14, 2005 regarding Local Law #5; Public Hearing of September 14, 2005 regarding Local Law #6; Public Hearing of September 14, 2005 regarding Local Law #7; Pre-Board Meeting of September 14, 2005 and Town Board Meeting of September 14, 2005, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General	\$116,896.88
General Outside Village	28,186.71
Recreational Capital	2,187.00
Highway Townwide	16,472.75
Highway Outside Village	116,073.14
Capital Projects	49,030.00
Barclay Heights Sewer	78,644.03
Glasco Sewer	2,570.60
Malden Sewer	550.69
Glasco Water	365.01

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Thornton – September 30th at 4:00 p.m. there is a meeting on traffic study which will be held at the Ice Rink.

Councilman Costello – Congratulations to Kiwanis for a successful Garlic Festival. The soccer pavilion is being worked on along with the Town Hall parking lot. Ice Rink opens on Saturday.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Councilman Costello to authorize the Town Clerk to schedule a Public Hearing pertaining to the ratification of the Glasco Water District 35 extension for Wednesday, October 26, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to authorize the appropriation of one-third the share of the cost for retaining Attorney Guy Martin in litigation matters relating to the Town's opposition to a casino in Saugerties, whose retainer is set at a total cost of \$10,000.00 and that this total cost is to be shared with the Village of Saugerties and the No Saugerties Casino organization.

Councilman Costello withdrew his second to the motion and Councilwoman Thornton seconded motion.

Motion to amend by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Macarille to authorize the appropriation of one-half the share of the cost for retainer Attorney Guy Martin in litigation matters relating to the town's opposition to a casino in Saugerties, whose retainer is set at a total cost of \$10,000.00 and that this total cost is to be shared with the Village of Saugerties, pending Village approval.

Discussion on amendment: Supervisor Helsmoortel will vote for the amendment but feel No Saugerties Casino Group should be involved. Councilman Costello read a portion of Guy Martin's retainer stating town and village should not be involved with citizen's group, which may be a conflict of interest in the future. Councilwoman Thornton stated the message that needs to be sent is to hire the attorney. Councilman Tucker explained that his issue with this is timing, the casino could be 5 to 10 years away, no issue with attorney. Everyone talks about unity, 200 people talk against casino and there are 20,000 people in the town. There should be a referendum because this will be extremely expensive for all taxpayers and there would be no stronger message than the whole town saying No to a casino. Therefore, I will vote no. Councilman Macarille stressed the fact that this is only a strategic plan.

Vote on amendment: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker voting No)

Vote on motion as amended: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Tucker voting No)

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Costello to enact Local Law # 5 of 2005 to amend the Town's Zoning Law to create a Recreation Business Overlay on the town zoning map as specified and defined.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to enact Local Law # 6 of 2005 to amend the Town's Zoning Law to amend the zoning map to re-zone section block and lot number 28.1-6-24 from R-2 District to the HB District.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille voting No)

Motion made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to enact Local Law # 7 of 2005 to amend the Town's Zoning Law to amend the zoning map to re-zone section block and lot number 17.004-2-8 & 9 from R-2 District to the GB District.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille voting No)

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to amend the mileage reimbursement rate for the balance of the calendar year 2005 to \$.485/mile in accordance with the IRS new rate and allowable according to Town Law Section 116.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Costello to authorize the Town Highway Superintendent to sign the consent on an order for the dedication of Lancelot Drive and the north end of Carol Ann's Way from Timbest, Inc., for highway purposes.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to authorize \$4,700.00 from the Recreation Capital trust Fund to assist with expenses in association with the installation of the Soccer pavilion donated by Amerlink for the Youth Soccer Association, as per the recommendation of Councilman Costello.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to authorize the town Supervisor to sign an Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement and Release allowing the Town of Saugerties Historic Preservation Committee and other interested individuals to inspect the property belonging to Winston Farm for consideration of a portion or all of Winston Farm as a historic site under the Town's local laws.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille voting No)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign two (2) agreements with Shingebiss Associates to prepare grant applications for 2006-2007 Local Government Records Management

Improvement Fund Grants whose purpose would provide a GIS needs assessment and implementation plan and a town-wide records survey at a cost not to exceed \$5,500.00.
Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille voting No)

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:45 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, October 12, 2005	6:00 p.m.	Pre-Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting

Town Clerk