

PRE-BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 12, 2015

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 12, 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

Supervisor Helsmoortel is pulling the motion regarding Justice Court, which was explained by the court clerk this afternoon that a mistake was made. It is still in the allotted time for approval.

The two Water & Sewer employees are getting raises because they received their water certifications.

Councilwoman Thornton informed everyone that a family bike event will be held on August 29th. She is asking the board members to provide bottled water for the riders.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 12, 2015

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 12, 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: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Gaetana Ciarlante – SOS benefit BBQ on August 15, 2015 for Veterans. Questioned net metering, is this public or private? Would like the town board to repeal the Safe Act like Ulster County did last month. Since board members have Republican backing for the up-coming election, they should follow their ideals.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Regarding the article on criticism on the tech audit on the town, we will continue to work on the problems. This will be posted on the website. We are working together with EDC on getting vacant buildings sold in the town. The old Vertis building was sold this past Friday to Kevin Pitcock and he is moving three businesses to that site and there is room for more.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the minutes of Workshop on July 9, 2015, Bid Opening on July 14, 2015, Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on July 15, 2015 and Bid Opening on July 22, 2015, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

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| General Fund | \$268,063.87 |
| General Outside Village | 22,493.42 |
| Highway | 153,044.38 |
| Ambulance District | 49,846.09 |
| Lighting District | 11,053.14 |
| Barclay Height Sewer | 1,004.00 |
| Glasco Sewer | 2,543.48 |
| Malden Sewer | 1,472.54 |
| Glasco Water | 1,338.67 |
| Malden Water | 334.66 |

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Schirmer – gave report for June 2015 on the Water & Sewer department. We are beginning site tests for the new tank to go in.

Councilwoman Thornton – TV23 is exchanging locally produced shows, look for some new shows. Community bike ride will be held on August 29th. Lifespring has 185 enrolled for the upcoming sessions. Library Budget vote will be September 3rd at the library and there are three board positions open.

Councilman Costello – police department hosted DWI task force over the weekend with NYS Police and UC Sherriff. The ice rink is starting their season. Would like to compliment the Supervisor and Councilman Bruno for their efforts with economic development in our town.

Councilman Bruno – met with the exec from Solite to discuss extending natural gas down Kings Highway.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to approve a mass gathering permit for the Woodstock Jewish Congregation at 1682 Glasco Turnpike, Saugerties for September 13, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., September 14, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., September 15, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., September 22, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and September 23, 2015 from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve a mass gathering permit for Opus 40 at 50 Fite Road, Saugerties for September 5, 2015 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded Councilman Schirmer to allow the Zoning Board of Appeals to reimburse Mrs. Bruce Dedrick \$200.00 of application fees that were collected pertaining to Five D Enterprises, Inc., at 441 Malden Turnpike, Saugerties.

Discussion: Councilman Bruno added that it was an error that they went before the ZBA.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helmoortel to increase the salary of School Crossing Guard Edward Kime from \$12.25 to \$14.00 per hour, effective September 1, 2015 and per the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that it is hard to find quality people because they have to be available in the morning and afternoon for a short amount of time.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to increase the salary of School Crossing Guard Walter O'Connor from \$12.25 to \$14.00 per hour, effective September 1, 2015 and per the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to increase the salary of Water & Sewer Department employee Michele Haines from \$15.30 to \$15.80 per hour, effective August 1, 2015.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer added that this raise is in relation to Michele doing on-line courses in small water maintenance.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to increase the salary of Water & Sewer Department employee Kyle Hummer from \$13.20 to \$15.00 per hour, effective August 1, 2015.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer added that probation period is over and can cover weekends and also completed courses.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, setting water rates in the Bluestone Park Water District.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, authorizing creation of and improvements to the Bluestone Park Water District of the town, estimating the aggregate cost thereof to be \$135,000.00; appropriating said amount therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$135,000.00 bonds of the town to finance a portion of said cost.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the justice corrective action plan, as on file, which was written by the town's accountant and pertains to the audit done by the NYS Comptroller's Office of the justice court operation.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the resolution, as on file, approving request for proposals for solar power net metering credit purchase agreement and directing invitation of bids.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the resolution, as on file, approving purchase of an easement and right-of-way from Karl J. Pietkiewicz and Mary Elizabeth Pietkiewicz for the benefit of the Town of Saugerties, o/b/o the Glasco Water District.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer explained that this is for the water tank project and it protects the town of the Pietkiewicz's; the money is to cover legal expenses.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Bruno to award the bid for an aluminum vacuum septic tank and related accessories for the Water & Sewer Department to Amthor Welding Truck Body Equipment Specialists, 20 Osprey Lane, Gardiner, NY.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to set two (2) public hearings regarding the zoning law pertaining to solar energy generating facilities, which will be held on October 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and October 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the senior center.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk