

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**JANUARY 7, 2009**

The Organizational Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 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 Bruce Leighton  
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton  
Councilman Fred Costello  
Councilwoman Nancy Campbell  
Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of the Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of December 17, 2008, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$140,850.28
General Outside Village	65,791.19
Highway	39,786.40
Capital Projects	400.00
Ambulance District	40,916.67
Lighting District	5,432.53
Barclay Heights Sewer	86,750.08
Glasco Sewer	6,864.74
Malden Sewer	2,218.56
Glasco Water	1,334.07
Malden Water	216.83

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to designate the Saugerties Times as the Official newspaper of the Town of Saugerties pursuant to Section 64(1) of the Town Law and to designate the Kingston Daily Freeman and Saugerties Post Star as additional newspapers for the publication of such notices, resolutions and ordinances at the option of the Town Board for 2009.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following as official banks for the Town of Saugerties: M & T Bank, Key Bank and Fleet Bank for 2009.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint George Redder as an attorney for the Town of Saugerties to handle all legal work for the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board, actions in which the Saugerties Town Board is an involved agency, SEQR purposes and will be responsible for motions and resolutions required by the Saugerties Town Board at an hourly rate of \$125.00 for 2009.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint John Greco as an attorney for the Town of Saugerties for the purpose of handling prosecution for Animal Control, Building Inspector, Police Department, HUD, will be responsible for working with the Assessor's Office in all tax cases and will be responsible for all legal work required in the Water and Sewer District at an hourly rate of \$125.00 for 2009.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Lanny Walter as an attorney for the Town of Saugerties to be used on an as needed basis at an hourly rate of \$125.00 for 2009.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint Gary Newkirk as the Town of Saugerties Accountant for the year 2009.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Audrey Klinkenberg as the Town of Saugerties Historian for the year 2009.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint Brinnier & Larios, P.C. as the Town of Saugerties Engineers for 2009.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by councilman Costello to appoint The Chazen Companies as the Town of Saugerties Consulting Planners for the year 2009.

Discussion: Councilwoman Campbell added that they will be on an “as needed” basis since we have Jeremy Kane as the Town Planner.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint Randy Ricks as the Civil Defense Director for the Town of Saugerties for the year 2009.  
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Lisa Stanley, Saugerties Town Clerk, as Registrar of Vital Statistics for 2009.  
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Marie Post as Manager of the Town of Saugerties Animal Control Shelter at a salary of \$7,400.00 for 2009.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Marie Post as Manager of the Town of Saugerties Transfer Station at the yearly salary of \$15,500.00 for 2009.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Margaret “Terri” Bartosik as Full-time Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar for 2009.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Kerensa Demarest as Part-time Deputy Town Clerk for 2009.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the renewal of Trident Insurance Company through Marshall & Sterling Upstate LD as the property and casualty insurance carrier for the Town of Saugerties for 2009.

Discussion: Supervisor mentioned that we are entering the third year with Trident and the rate has remained the same per contract.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint the following as custodians of Voting Machines for 2009:

Donald Baker, Michael Snyder, Raymond Scott Wilson and Richard Snyder.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve that the monthly expense vouchers be submitted for auditing to the Town of Saugerties Bookkeeper by the Friday prior to the scheduled Town Board meeting and that all claims or vouchers must be accompanied with purchase bills or receipts of purchased items and initialed/signed by department heads where applicable.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to have the Saugerties Town Board meetings start at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center on Market St. in Saugerties, NY for 2009 on:

January 7 & 21, February 4 & 18, March 4 & 18, April 8 & 22, May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17, July 15, August 12, September 2 & 16, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18 and December 2 & 16.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the following dates for the Town offices to be closed in 2009:

January 1, New Year's Day; January 19, Martin Luther King Day; February 12, Lincoln's Birthday; February 16, Washington's Birthday; April 10, Good Friday; May 25, Memorial Day; July 3, Independence Day (Observed); September 7, Labor Day; October 12, Columbus Day; November 3, Election Day; November 11, Veteran's Day; November 26, Thanksgiving Day; November 27, Day after Thanksgiving and December 25, Christmas Day.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Leighton to authorize the Town of Saugerties Supervisor to designate use of his signature stamp where deemed necessary according to Town Law Section 29(30).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve a charge of \$20.00 on each check tendered for payment and returned for insufficient funds, according to Section 85 of the General Municipal Law.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to approve \$.50 raises for Part-time Police Officers, bringing them to \$15.50 an hour, per the recommendation of the Chief of Police, effective January 5, 2009.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to approve a 3% increase in salary for Part-time School Crossing Guards, bringing them to \$11.70 an hour, per the recommendation of the Chief of Police, effective January 5, 2009.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to allow the Supervisor to send a letter, as on file and per the recommendation of the Ulster County Youth Bureau/Board, to NYS Senators/Assembly members regarding/concerning the issue of Youth Program Block Grants.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that youth programs will be subject to cuts, which would include our summer day camp program.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve and support, as a Co-Applicant, the Resolution, as on file, for Ulster County’s Application titled “Ulster County Automatic Vehicle Locator Program”.

Discussion: Supervisor Helsmoortel added that this shared services with Ulster County would include highway trucks.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the Town Board Members to serve as liaisons for the following:

HUD-Leeanne Thornton  
Parks & Recreation-Fred Costello  
Transfer Station-Greg Helsmoortel  
Justice Court-Bruce Leighton  
Building & Zoning Codes-Nancy Campbell  
Planning Board-Nancy Campbell  
Zoning Board of Appeals-Nancy Campbell  
Police-Fred Costello  
Assessors-Greg Helsmoortel  
Buildings & Grounds-Fred Costello  
Water & Sewer-Bruce Leighton  
Dog Control-Greg Helsmoortel  
Public Cable Access-Leeanne Thornton  
Historian-Leeanne Thornton  
Conservation Advisory Committee-Leeanne Thornton  
Economic Development Committee-Nancy Campbell  
Library-Leeanne Thornton  
Diaz Ambulance-Bruce Leighton  
Comprehensive Planning Committee-Leeanne Thornton  
Boys & Girls Club-Bruce Leighton  
Ethics Committee-Nancy Campbell  
Historic Preservation Commission-Leeanne Thornton  
Property Assessment Advisory Committee-Greg Helsmoortel & Bruce Leighton  
Biodiversity Assessment Team-Leeanne Thornton  
Green Energy Task Force-Greg Helsmoortel & Nancy Campbell

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to re-adopt Resolution #94-241, dated December 21, 1994 and modified on February 13, 2002,

which approves the Town of Saugerties Procurement Policy as required by General Municipal Law Section 104b.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to re-adopt Resolution #94-241, dated December 21, 1994 and modified on February 4, 2004, which approves the Town of Saugerties Investment Policy as it conforms with General Municipal Law Section 39.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint the list, as on file, of 2009 Part-time Police Officers, as per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Chief of Police.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint the list, as on file, of 2009 Part-time Police Dispatchers, as per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Chief of Police.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint the list, as on file, of 2009 School Crossing Guards, as per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Chief of Police.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individual to serve on the Planning Board Committee:

Dan Weeks with a term that expires on December 31, 2015.

Discussion: Councilwoman Campbell stated that Dan Weeks was an alternate and a vacancy opened up.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Bill Creen as the chair of the Planning Board.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individual to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals Committee: Joseph Mayone with a five (5) year term that expires on December 31, 2013.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint Joe Roberti, Sr. as the chair for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Ellie Henkel as secretary of the ZBA at a rate of \$300.00 per month.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Juanita Wilsey as secretary of the Planning Board at a salary to be determined.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee for 2009: Gladys Hutton, Priscilla Orr, Richard Teitter, Mike Tiano, Ron LeBlanc, Kevin Pendergast, Joseph Quirk, Joe Gavner, William Creen Jr. and Dean Fabiano (Honorary Member).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Conservation Advisory Committee for 2009: Sandra Thorpe, Brian Sawchuk, James Barbour, Josh Randall, Gerry Marzec, Mary Anne Wrolsen and Elizabeth Shafer.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee for 2009: Fred Costello Sr., Werner Hegner, Rocco Pietrofessa, John Poll, Sandra Pietrofessa, William Ashmore, Pat Lambert and Doug Petit.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Costello abstained as his father serves on the committee)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Cable Access Committee for 2009: Kendall Stanley, Paul VanSchaack, Bill Curtis and Ernest Mortuzans.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton added that there will be another appointment in the near future to expand the committee.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Economic Development Committee for 2009: Jamie Fine, John Bassler, Alicia McCaig, Marion Vail, Cindy Saporito, Jerry Schackne, and Beth Murphy.

Vote: adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Comprehensive Planning Committee for 2009: Patrick Fitzsimmons, Ed Kovac, Doug Engel, Josepha Gutelius, Barry Benepe, Carmine Gramolgia, Dan Ellsworth, Samantha Dederick, Susan Weeks, Robert Dederick, Naomi Rothberg, Lanny Walter and Jim Uhl.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Constance Catlinotto to the Board of Ethics Committee with a 5 (five) year term to expire on December 31, 2013.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Green Energy Task Force for 2009: Janus Welton, Susan Murphy, Patti Kelly, Michael Harkavy and Peter Osterhoudt.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Biodiversity Assessment Team for 2009:

Virginia Luppino, Sarah Mecklam, Gerry Marzec, Robert Dederick, William Trumpbour, Mark Knaust, Vernon Benjamin, Dan Weeks and Diana Harris.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Property Assessment Advisory Committee for 2009: Jamie Fine, Steven Haun, Nelson Burhans and Ron LeBlanc.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

#### **SUPERVISOR'S APPOINTMENTS:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint Fred Costello Jr. as the Town of Saugerties Deputy Supervisor for 2009, carried.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

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

#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

<b>Wednesday, January 21, 2009</b>	<b>Public Hearing (Right to Farm)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 21, 2009</b>	<b>Public Hearing (Alternate Members-Planning &amp; Zoning Boards)</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 21, 2009</b>	<b>Pre-Board Meeting Privilege of Floor (Economic Development Strategy Presentation) Town Board Meeting</b>	<b>Following Public Hearings 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</b>



**Wednesday, February 4, 2009**

**Pre-Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.**  
**Town Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, February 9, 2009**

**Public Hearing 6:00 p.m.**  
**(Alternate Members-Planning & Zoning Boards)**

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Town Clerk