

PRE-BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 9, 2008

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 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 present:

Councilman Bruce Leighton
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilwoman Nancy Campbell
Supervisor Greg Helmsmoortel

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to enter into Executive Session regarding possible litigation, carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to exit Executive Session, carried.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – RE-ORGANIZATIONAL JANUARY 9, 2008

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 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 Helmsmoortel

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: (30 MINUTES) none

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board Meeting of December 19, 2007; Town Board Meeting of December 19, 2007; Public Hearing of December 19, 2007 regarding Ethics Law; Special Town Board Meeting of December 28, 2007 and Special Town Board Meeting of January 7, 2008, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$131,899.70
General Outside Village	30,938.09
Recreational Capital	297.62
Highway Townwide	24,476.97
Highway Outside Village	31,339.76
Capital Projects	33,956.48
Lighting District	4,516.75
Barclay Heights Sewer	85,225.88
Glasco Sewer	6,172.11
Malden Sewer	942.30
Glasco Water	123,707.37
Malden Water	12,834.12

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Leighton 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 2008.

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 2008.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell 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 2008.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell 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 2008.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint Lanny Walter as an attorney for the Town of Saugerties to be used on an as needed basis at a hourly rate of \$125.00 for 2008.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Gary Newkirk as the Town of Saugerties Accountant for the year 2008.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Brinnier & Larios, P.C. as the Town of Saugerties Engineers for 2008.

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 2008.

Discussion: Councilwoman Campbell stated that this will be on an "as needed" basis, Jeremy Kane is the Town Planner.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helmoortel to appoint Lisa Stanley, Saugerties Town Clerk, as Registrar of Vital Statistics for 2008.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Marie Post as Manager of the Town of Saugerties Animal Control Shelter at a salary of \$6,700.00 for 2008.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Marie Post as Manager of the Town of Saugerties Transfer Station at the yearly salary of \$15,000.00 for 2008.

Discussion: Supervisor noted that Marie is doing a fine job and have not received one complaint about the Transfer Station.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Margaret "Terri" Bartosik as Full-time Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar for 2008.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint Kerensa Demarest as Part-time Deputy Town Clerk for 2008.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to accept the resignation of George Collins from the Town's Planning Board, effective immediately.

Discussion: Councilwoman Campbell said sorry to see George leave, he has been a wonderful asset but he has accepted a new job in NYC.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to allow Wayne DeBrosky, Water & Sewer Administrator, to carry over 64 hours vacation time from 2007 to 2008.

Discussion: Councilman Leighton explained that Wayne will be taking a trip to South America in the spring and wanted to roll over the time.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to allow Rosemary Bach, Court Clerk, to roll over 21 hours of vacation time from 2007 to 2008.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to increase the water rates in the Glasco & Malden Water Districts, effective January 1, 2008 and to be included in the June 2008 water bills, as follows:

(Increase the water rate from \$4.74 to \$5.75/1000 gallons in the Glasco Water District and Increase the water rate from \$4.46 to \$5.25/1000 gallons in the Malden Water District)

Discussion: Councilman Leighton explained that the increase reflects the increase we received from the Village and new labor contract. Several surrounding districts have higher minimum charge.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint the following as custodians of Voting Machines for 2008:

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

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, 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 Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell 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 2008 on:

January 9 & 23, February 6 & 20, March 5 & 19, April 2 & 16, May 7 & 21, June 4 & 18, July 16, August 13, September 3 & 17, October 8 & 22, November 5 & 19 and December 3 & 17.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve the following dates for the Town offices to be closed in 2008:

January 1, New Year's Day; January 21, Martin Luther King Day; February 12, Lincoln's Birthday; February 18, Washington's Birthday; March 21, Good Friday; May 26, Memorial Day; July 4, Independence Day; September 1, Labor Day; October 13, Columbus Day; November 4, Election Day; November 11, Veteran's Day (Observed); November 27, Thanksgiving Day; November 28, Day after Thanksgiving and December 25, Christmas Day.

Discussion: Supervisor noted that last year we tried to give employees a four-day weekend for Christmas, but the unions refused – could have been the same this year.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell 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 Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell 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 Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Leighton 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-Greg Helsmoortel
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 Committee-Greg Helsmoortel & Nancy Campbell

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, 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 Councilwoman Campbell, 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 Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint the list, as read, of 2008 Part-time Police Officers, as per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Chief of Police.

Wayne Ferrine	Philip Fredenburg	Sean McMahon	James Mullen
Owen O'Connell	Joseph Sciutto	Mario Tagliafierro	Christopher Schneider

Discussion: Councilman Costello will abstain since Mario is a relative.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Costello abstain)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint the list, as read, of 2008 Part-time Police Dispatchers, as per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Chief of Police.

Kathy Maclary Deborah Rosa Stephen Tuomey Brian Woltman

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint the list, as read, of 2008 School Crossing Guards, as per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Chief of Police.

Jay Gakenheimer Charles Gambino Robert Gilmore Ann Ward

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

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

Ken Goldberg with a term that expires on December 31, 2014 and Ian Leaning with a term that expires on December 31, 2008.

Discussion: Councilwoman Campbell would like to create new positions as alternates on the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint the following individual to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals Committee: Jeanne Goldberg with a five (5) year term that expires on December 31, 2012.

Discussion: Councilwoman Campbell added that Jeanne has been an invaluable member for past 10 years, glad to have her back. Supervisor Helsmoortel added that this was the first year that we held interviews for these positions.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee for 2008:

Gladys Hutton, Gina Kiniry, Priscilla Orr, Richard Teitter, Mike Tiano, Ron LeBlanc, Kevin Pendergast, Joseph Quirk, Faith Dickson, Joe Gavner, William Creen Jr. and Dean Fabiano (Honorary Member).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Conservation Advisory Committee for 2008: Sandra Thorpe, Brian Sawchuk, James Barbour, Josh Randall, Gerry Marzec, Mary Anne Wrolsen, Elizabeth Shafer and Alvah Weeks.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton added that \$25,000.00 grant has been approved for Open Space Inventory – this committee will be busy.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Supervisor Helmoortel to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee for 2008: Fred Costello Sr., Werner Hegner, Rocco Pietrofessa, John Poll, Mike Maxwell, Sandra Pietrofessa, William Ashmore, Pat Lambert and Doug Petit.

Discussion: Councilman Leighton thanked the committee for the hard work in 2007; tremendous participation. Councilman Costello stated he will abstain since his father serves on the committee, but would like to thank all who serve on committees – tremendous volunteers in this town.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Costello abstain)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Cable Access Committee for 2008: Kendall Stanley, Paul VanSchaack, Bill Curtis and Ernest Mortuzans.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton said these gentlemen have created a miracle – a studio that is a showcase.

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 2008: Barbara Budik, as chairperson, 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 2008: 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.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton gave special recognition to Ellie Henkel who has given 10 years of service and dedication.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint Michaela Graham to the Board of Ethics Committee with a 5 (five) year term to expire on December 31, 2012.

Discussion: Councilwoman Campbell thanked David VanBenschoten for his year of service.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

SUPERVISOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

Supervisor Helsmoortel appoints Fred Costello Jr. as the Town of Saugerties Deputy Supervisor for 2008.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to adjourn Town Board Meeting, carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

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

Town Clerk