

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING – MAY 17, 2006

A Special Town Board Meeting was held on May 17, 2006 at 4:00 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:

Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel
Councilman Bruce Leighton
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.
Councilwoman Nancy Campbell
Town Attorney George Redder

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Leighton to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 4:10 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to exit Executive Session at 5:30 p.m., carried.

Town Clerk

PRE-BOARD MEETING – MAY 17, 2006

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on May 17, 2006 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:

Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel
Councilman Bruce Leighton
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.
Councilwoman Nancy Campbell

The following topics were discussed:

Barry Benepe – spoke regarding Winston Farm Historical Designation – Mr. Benepe indicated that rumors have been circulating that the commission is harsh and restrictive. Mark Colligan, owner of Wynkoop House stated that the commission has not been overbearing but helpful and willing to work together. Barry continued in saying they held several Public Hearings with all positive remarks. Karlyn Elia added that this property is eligible for both state and local level designations. Barry said they are not trying to stop

development. Snyder Farm is already designated and it makes sense to keep farms together that are historic. Presented several letters and pictures to support statements. Josh Randall talked about 200 acres that was considered used as “till-able land” but there are 843.45 acres of farmland.

Terry Gilbride, Esq., represents Schaller Family, and stated that comments at the Public Hearings were not all positive. Owners have consistently said they do not support this, they do not want this landmark designation. Believes facts are incomplete. Property does have history but not historical. We do not want people walking around property. It would take over \$6 million to bring building up to a habitable state. Only reason to designate land is to stop development – Development Moratorium against the Schaller Family.

Marti Randall stated any history is never finished or complete, something always comes to light at later time. Only wants to add a layer of protection, not take land.

Michael Catalinotto, Esq. added that we are a country of laws – not men. Assessment \$6 million; if government is going to take property, where is compensation coming from? Commission is taking land. Town will be involved in litigation, this endeavor is faulty.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – MAY 17, 2006

The Town Board Meeting was held on May 17, 2006 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 Helmoortel
Councilman Bruce Leighton
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.
Councilwoman Nancy Campbell

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: none

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Supervisor Helsmoortel informed the audience that concerning the approval or disapproval of the Winston Farm Historical Designation will not be addressed at tonight's meeting but at a future Special Town Board Meeting to be announced shortly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the minutes as prepared for Bid Opening on April 28, 2006; Town Board Workshop on May 1, 2006; Pre-Board Meeting of May 3, 2006; Town Board Meeting of May 3, 2006; and Special Town Board Meeting of May 11, 2006, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General Fund	\$69,382.91
General Outside Village	15,140.83
Highway Townwide	55,533.94
Highway Outside Village	5,731.72
Capital Projects	19,225.30
Lighting District	3,607.90
Glasco Sewer	6,403.16
Malden Sewer	974.73
Glasco Water	2,207.87
Malden Water	30.27

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – TV 23 Jam on Public Access from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2006, the schedule will be in Post Star and Saugerties Times. The Library held a transportation meeting last Tuesday with almost 100 in attendance. CAC meeting will be held tomorrow evening and CPC meets next Thursday.

Councilman Costello – this weekend we are hosting the Relay for Life; sign-ups for Summer Day Camp will begin; met with contractors this morning for Glasco Mini Park and looking forward to moving on with that project. Barclay Heights dedication of playground equipment, thank you to all the volunteers. It's great to see this park come back to life and in use for younger generation.

Councilwoman Campbell – May 23rd there is a special meeting of the Planning Board with SAMA at 5:00 p.m. above the large pavilion

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to add the following individuals, Kim Ivino and Jennifer Sparling to the staff waiting list for camp

counselors for the Summer Day Camp Project per Greg Chorvas, Superintendent of Parks & Buildings for the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve going to bid for equipment, new dump bodies and plows, for the Town of Saugerties Highway Department per Bernard Ellsworth, Highway Superintendent for the Town of Saugerties.

Discussion: the Supervisor read a letter from Mr. Ellsworth stating that CHIPS has been increased to \$156,000.00 this year. Also, Highway Department has refurbished and repainted two dump trucks saving the town five years on the plan to replace highway equipment.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to remove Officer Sanford from the 90-day temp position immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to return Officer Sanford to a part time police officer at a rate of \$14.00 per hour effective May 12, 2006.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint James Mullen as a 90-day temp effective May 15, 2006 at a starting salary of \$32,768.00 per year.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to enter into Executive Session for discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation and/or collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (Taylor Law), carried.

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

JUNE 7, 2006

Pre-Board Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk