

TOWN BOARD MEETING – January 21, 2015

The Town Board Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 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 William Schirmer
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilman James Bruno
Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Sue Rosenberg, regarding Pilgrim Pipeline – very concerned about the pipeline and asking the town board to pass a resolution, which was forwarded previously. Would like to hear from Pilgrim Pipeline. Over 100 residents have signed a petition.

Supervisor Helsmoortel said that we are considering this heavily. We will not do a motion/resolution this evening. We would also like to hold an informational meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Suzanne LeBlanc – spoke regarding 6% raise for the police department. The main objective to combine town and village police departments was to keep the cost down. Don't understand why there is a Chief, Captain, and Lieutenant sitting in offices. We are a small town, we can not afford this. We do appreciate the police, they do their job well. Supervisor Helsmoortel clarified that the sole purpose of consolidation was not to save money, it was for efficiency also. Information meeting was held and all these questions could have been answered then. Councilman Costello added that the Chief is always available to sit down and talk. We have volunteers that give their time. Part time staff may be paid by event coordinators and not out of town budget.

John Schoonmaker – against the pipeline because of environmental effect. This will be crossing right under the Plattekill Creek and Sawyerkill Creek. Clean air will be affected and endangered species. Also, economic and safety issues.

William Barr – against the pipeline. Ruptures happen every other day, which is something to be concerned about.

Shelley Green – talked to several people from the pipeline, most recently just a few days ago. Do not want a pipeline in this town. This company will not be around when problems start happening.

Janet Asiavi – against pipeline.

Vivian Beatrice – pipeline spill happened in March 2013 in Arkansas with oil running down driveway. There is still a smell evident. We need to inform yourselves more.

Stephen Shafer – US oil production from 2006 has doubled; should be going much more cautiously.

Mary McNamara – would like to share sentiment against the pipeline. Water is very precious and this will be a permanent structure.

Marc Arthur – urge the town board to pass the resolution against the pipeline. Unclear of products to be transferred; need opportunity to lessen addiction to oil.

Beth Loven – part time resident, appreciate the work being done.

Mary Wawro – UC Legislature will be voting against the pipeline at their February 17th meeting, #38 Resolution.

Arielle Herman – resident in Catskill but the pipeline has contacted her and neighbors. They say they have power of eminent domain, which is untrue.

Ronald Frank – haven't heard anyone speaking for pipeline. Air and water are the most precious commodities. Not obligated to back this private business. Also, what is spread on the roads for the storms? Doug Myer responded that town highway spreads salt and brine mixture. Greg Chorvas added that his department uses a molasses base at town buildings.

Iris Bloom – would like you to pass the resolution against the pipeline. Total number of spills in 10 years is almost two per day. When leaks happen, can seep 30 feet in the ground. Take preventive action, joining together would send a message to Pilgrim.

Chris Allen – attended meeting with Mary Wawro with good information available. This pipeline will not reduce railroads running. Pilgrim will still need DEP, DOT, NYS thruway, Senate and Assembly approvals. Legislators are working together.

Arthur Green – issue with this going next to thruway. What is our reward for allowing the pipeline? Also, we have a great police department.

Jennifer Allen – lives right on thruway basically and Sauer Farm and would completely lose livelihood if a spill happened. Has received letters from three different companies to go on properties.

Larry Ulfik – just looking at what travels on railroad make him cringe, let alone next to oil.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to approve the minutes of Special Town Board Meeting on January 7, 2015 and Organizational Meeting on January 7, 2015, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$234,295.25
General Outside Village	12,148.84
Highway	188,115.93
Ambulance District	49,846.09
Lighting District	288.40
Barclay Heights Sewer	284.00
Glasco Sewer	2,333.00
Malden Sewer	1,702.00
Glasco Water	1,482.00
Malden Water	274.00
Trust & Agency	6,313.52

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – the ice rink had 2,441 people between December 26 and January 4, which brought in \$28,000.00 and \$9,000.00 in ice time. Dasher boards have been donated. Three new volunteers have started at the rink. Relay for Life kick off will be January 31 and will be hosting the Chamber mixer. Looking into solar farm in the north parking lot.

Chief Sinagra – next month will provide stats for 2014

Doug Myer – will have report next month.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Schirmer – gave November's Water & Sewer report. Ethics Committee meets January 22 at 7 pm at Library. Historical Preservation will meet to up-date historical properties.

Councilwoman Thornton – Saugerties Open Space Plan will meet on how to conserve land. TV23 has new shows airing. CPC meets January 22 at town hall.

Councilman Costello – nothing to report

Councilman Bruno – attended meeting today on 3-D printers. Supervisor Helsmoortel added that SUNY New Paltz is becoming an Engineering College.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Greg Helsmoortel and Bill Schirmer as liaisons to the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) for 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint James “Spider” Barbour as a Honorary Member of the Conservation Advisory Commission (CAC).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint John Livermore to the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee for 2015.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer added that John is from Kings Highway Water District and he will be a great asset.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint Jeffrey A. Jayson as a Reserve Volunteer Police Office, effective December 12, 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by councilman Schirmer to increase Summer Recreation Program Registration fees, per the Summer Recreation Fee Schedule on file, as per the recommendation of the Summer Recreation Director and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas explained that unfortunately we receive less funding and required counselors ratio is up.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to hire Donna Shultis as a full-time Deputy Receiver of Taxes at a rate of \$13.00 per hour, effective immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Bruno to allow Michele Haines, Water & Sewer Department employee, to carry over 11.5 hours personal time to be used in 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Bruno to allow Kyle Hummer, Water & Sewer Department employee, to carry over 16 hours personal time to be used in 2015.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the Complete Streets Policy & Transportation Advisory Council.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve Local Law #1 of 2015 Amending Chapter 232 of the Town of Saugerties Municipal Code “Vehicles & Traffic”, which designates a Stop Sign at the intersection of Band Camp Road and Old Route 212.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Councilwoman Thornton thanked Brian Sawchuk for being Chairman of the CAC and Gerry Marzek for being Secretary, their help was greatly appreciated.

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to enter into Executive Session regarding matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation and regarding discussions pertaining to proposed, pending or current litigation and/or matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed at 8:40 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to exit Executive Session and adjourn town board meeting at 9:00 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, February 4, 2015	Pre-Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk