

TOWN BOARD MEETING – JUNE 12, 2013

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. in the Frank D. Greco Multi Purpose Building located on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

Councilman Bruce Leighton
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilman James Bruno
Supervisor Kelly Myers

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

George Heidcamp & Seth Turner – there has been no sidewalk at SHS to cross Washington Avenue, which has been a long-standing issue. Contacted all parties concerned – Town Highway, Village Highway, Mayor, Supervisor, Greg Chorvas, Superintendent of Schools and Chief Sinagra. Everyone worked together and got the job done in record time. Thank you to everyone for their time and cooperation.

Steve Guerin, Chair of Economic Development – would like to see entire town labeled economic zone. This would be 85% growth for small businesses. New businesses would have a reduction in assessment for several years, with the exception of special districts. Hopefully, over the long-term this would hold tax increases for residents. NYS is the highest taxed, most regulated, which makes us the “least free”. Through volume, the tax base will increase. The committee would like to suggest to the Town Board to think about this and talk to the town attorney. The law has already been written.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Gaetana Ciarlante – one year ago we talked about Roger Donlon naming of Town Hall. I would like to know the progress with this project. Supervisor Myers said the sign is out to bid. Gaetana is also wondering about Water Resources Plan.

Mike Vallarella – (actually spoke after Doug Myer gave his report) – very positive meeting tonight. In 1973 parents asked the town board for help with Tissal Road. Would like to thank Doug Myer for quick work and caring about projects and putting money away.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT:

Doug Myer – reporting that we are awarding the Contract to Callahan Industries to finish Tissal Road and should be done by July 1, 2013. FEMA close-out meeting was held on Kate Yaeger Road Bridge. FEMA was impressed with paperwork and asked to use template as a training tool.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

There will be significant flooding in the next couple of days, an alert system will be in effect. 2013 Discover Saugerties brochure is out. Library Fair was this past weekend. Met with Congressman Gibson regarding watershed issues. There will be a special meeting regarding water meters on July 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Boys & Girls Club held their auction, which was a wonderful event. The Wacky Ramble will be held in August. St. Mary’s of the Snow school is closing its doors, a very sad time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on May 22, 2013 and Public Hearing on June 5, 2013 regarding the Comprehensive Plan, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the bills as presented, carried.

General Fund	\$67,736.57
General Outside Village	3,273.40
Highway	26,264.39
Lighting District	5,544.83
Barclay Heights Sewer	57,249.90
Glasco Sewer	6,721.67
Malden Sewer	10,461.29
Kings Highway Sewer	1,963.08
Glasco Water	115,629.38
Malden Water	16,272.28
Kings Highway Water	1,421.88

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – read Building Inspector report for month, which is on file at the Town Clerk’s Office. Thank you to Claudette, who has done a lot to help Alvie, who is having back surgery shortly.

Councilwoman Thornton – TV23 tomorrow night has a new monthly program with Chief Sinagra. Comprehensive Plan town and village meets on June 26 for a workshop/decisions. Town Board recommends putting the Water Resources Plan on hold. Town-wide yard sale will be July 20th. Lifespring has had their year-end celebration. On June 17th there will be an anti-fracking rally for NYS.

Councilman Costello – Greg Chorvas gave Parks & Rec report. There have been AC problems in the past in TV23 room and they will be fixed soon. Access road off Canoe Hill is complete. Thank Doug Myer for all assistance. Lighting grant at Cantine is going out to bid shortly. Day Camp registration is on-going. Relay for Life, Wing Fling and Library Fair were all successful events. Kiwanis donated \$7,500.00 to finish the room off the ice rink. Supervisor Myers added that the senior center will be painted, a bench has been installed outside and a phone has been installed in the lobby. Councilman Costello said that Greg's staff deserves credit for going above and beyond with work done at the fields and senior center. Ice Rink really suits the Library Fair. Diaz and Chief Sinagra handed out over 100 bicycle/skateboard helmets. Accreditation for Police Department scheduled for September. Police Department operates at highest standard. Arrest of four individuals for car/house break-ins. Second camera installed in the Village, which will be very useful. Graffiti throughout village, working on getting arrest.

Councilman Bruno – Boys & Girls Club raised \$23,000.00 at their auction, which was held at Diamond Mills. Water meter and belt press project moving along – contracts were signed yesterday.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to revise the motion of May 8, 2013 regarding hiring George Augustine as follows: to approve the hiring of George Augustine in the Water & Sewer Department as a full time permanent water/waste water maintenance worker at a rate of \$13.00 per hour for 8 hours per day at a total of 40 hours per week which will be effective May 8, 2013 and the request is made by Councilman Jim Bruno.

Discussion: Councilman Bruno explained that we needed the correct start date.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the Supervisor to sign an Extension Amendment, as on file, to the Solid Waste Management Agreement with the UCRRA.

Discussion: Supervisor Myers said that they went out to bid last year.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve a permit for Richard Pilatich of Misbehaven Fireworks to display fireworks on July 6, 2013 at 9:30 p.m. at the Cantine Veterans Memorial Field Complex for the 2013 Sawyer Car Show.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the resignation of Holly VanDerbeck from the part time position in the Town Clerk's Office, effective June 21, 2013 with regret.

Discussion: Supervisor Myers added that Holly isn't able to do any more, wish her well.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Costello to put Holly VanDerbeck on the part-time call out list to fill in where needed at a pay rate of \$11.00 per hour to be paid from the department where she is filling.

Discussion: Supervisor Myers said that to have fill-in clerical will be helpful.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 10:00 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

Pre-Board Meeting

7:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

8:00 p.m.

Town Clerk