

TOWN BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 4, 2015

The Town Board Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 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 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:

Audrey Klinkenburg – gave the Town Historian Report and added that she gave two presentations this past year to SHS teachers and Lifespring. Also, beginning to transcribe scrapbooks that were saved from a fire. A new group is just starting, Friends of Historic Saugerties.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Lanny Walter – spoke regarding Niagara Bottling and they will be going through scoping stage. Hope the town will get involved with that stage and any issue having to do with Esopus Creek. This town should take this seriously, it's a step in the process that can stop it from going further. Supervisor Helsmoortel said that Planner Dan Schuster is keeping track of this.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

There has been a concern about motions added to the agenda at the last meeting. The board was under the impression that we were doing it properly and we were. No secrets, we have a right to add late motions but will move motions forward publicly in the future. Thank you to Jim Bruno for investigating this. Councilman Costello added that as a practice, we don't add last minute motions. Councilwoman Thornton said that one of the motions that was moved forward, the Village passed the same one and wanted to stay in time frame.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of January 21, 2015 and Public Hearing of January 212, 2015 regarding Stop Sign, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$771,949.62
General Outside Village	39,348.42
Highway	228,961.66
Barclay Heights Sewer	2,281.60
Glasco Sewer	21,284.49
Malden Sewer	13,045.87
Kings Highway Sewer	6.45
Glasco Water	8,064.52
Malden Water	1,453.10
Kings Highway Water	100.11
Trust & Agency	251.92

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Schirmer – blizzard cancelled the Water & Sewer Meeting. Ethics Committee met on January 22 and is collecting disclosures.

Councilwoman Thornton – TV23 held their 11th certification class and on February 7 at 9 am there will be a brainstorming session with SHS people to come up with storyboards and new ideas. Transportation meeting will be held on February 5 at 7 pm in the building department conference room.

Councilman Costello – police department now has two all-wheel drive vehicles. Building & Grounds is working on bathroom project back by Building/Assessors. It has been a wonderful season at the ice rink. Would like to extend condolences to police department employee, Mary Monaco in the loss of her husband.

Councilman Bruno – Greg Chorvas hosted the Chamber mixer and did a great job.

Doug Myer – gave the 2014 year end report for highway, which is on file. Supervisor Helsmoortel said this was a professional report, thank you. We are the first town in NYS to get a NY Rising Grant.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Douglas F. Myer to solicit bids and award said bid to the lowest qualified vendor meeting all provided specifications for one 2016 Heavy Duty Tandem Truck chassis.

Discussion: Supervisor Helsmoortel said that this will be paid out of savings.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer authorizing Superintendent of Highways, Douglas F. Myer to solicit bids and award said bid to the lowest qualified vendor meeting all provided specifications for one dump body, one front nose plow, one patrol wing snow plow and all related components and accessories contained within bid package.

Discussion: Councilman Costello congratulated Doug Myer, wonderful year in 2014 and running the highway department like it's his own business.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to appoint the following individual, Robert Gehring, to the Conservation Advisory Commission for 2015 for a one year term.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton said that positions are posted when vacancy occurs.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:35 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

**Pre- Board Meeting
Town Board Meeting**

**6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.**

Town Clerk