

PRE-BOARD MEETING JUNE 18, 2008

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 6:15 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 Helsmoortel

The following topics were discussed:

- Thank you received from Gladys and John Hutton for the Town Board's participation in dedication ceremony.
- Supervisor Helsmoortel discussed library reimbursement, which Councilwoman Thornton will check into.
- Fishkill is going to a four-day work week, but Gary Newkirk and John Vaganelis to not believe it is feasible for our town.
- Not advertising for new Chief of Police yet, will remain status quo, two Sergeants are fine with this arrangement and have declined taking a stipend for additional services. All filings with the state, background checks and paperwork are being taken care of by different officers and sergeants – everyone is pitching in.
- ECC has been notified of a diseased tree hanging over a residents' property, pool, playground, etc and will be liable.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING JUNE 18, 2008

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 18, 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 Helsmoortel

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: none

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on June 4, 2008; Bid Opening of June 12, 2008; Bid Opening of June 16, 2008 and Town Board Workshop of June 16, 2008, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$109,954.36
General Outside Village	34,245.00
Highway	64,211.36
Capital Projects	6,024.73
Lighting District	4,489.06
Barclay Heights Sewer	1,341.13
Glasco Sewer	5,894.46
Malden Sewer	4,991.68
Glasco Water	1,609.21
Malden Water	301.00

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – hydrants are being flushed and will be checking out illegal connections to sewer in Barclay Heights.

Councilwoman Thornton – TV23 first live production will happen on July 5, 2008, the Greg and Bob Show. Would like to congratulate 30 local residents who have completed two field and two studio classes. Thank you to all committee persons. We will also be sending out letters to Time Warner users for in-put. Farmer's Market opened last Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. CPC finished draft of noise ordinance. Historic Preservation meets next Monday and CAC meets on June 19, 2008. Kiersted House has a display of photos of Dick Smith through the month of August.

Councilman Costello – landscaping done at Town Hall and a floating fishing dock for Glasco Mini Park is on the agenda tonight. Mr. Resso added that the bid opening went well.

Councilwoman Campbell – first draft for ECD with good recommendations; Quadrecentennial information will have press conference on Friday at 5:00 p.m. Anderson School for Autism will be using the building on Route 9W, formerly the Flamingo, with students 21 and over during the day.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to approve a donation of \$1,500.00 to the 2008 Saugerties Artist Studio Tour.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve Town Councilman Bruce Leighton as liaison for the Justice Court.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve, from now and forever, that the first Saturday in June will be recognized as Gladys Hutton Day in the Town of Saugerties.

Discussion: Councilman Costello complimented Greg Chorvas and Greg DeCelle for organizing an excellent ceremony.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to hire Behan Planning of Saratoga Springs to act as the consulting firm to produce the Open Space Inventory and Plan to complete the zoning updates.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton added that this project was started two years ago and will continue working on this for the next nine months.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to authorize the Supervisor to sign a letter of support for the Saugerties Public Library Board's application for a New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation grant to pay for a major expansion and renovation project on the Carnegie Library on Washington Avenue, Saugerties, New York

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton said that this is a Shippo Grant that they are applying for and if successful, will bring the cost down.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the recommendation by the Public Access Committee to increase the size of the committee to ten individuals, one additional town rep and one additional village rep for 2009 to help with implementing the expanded program activities, effective term of service to be January 1, 2009.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to approve the resolution, as on file, for the TEP (Transportation Enhancement Program) application for funds to be used for the Multi-Use Community Connector Trail.

Discussion: Councilman Costello stated that his also includes sidewalks down Washington Avenue.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to approve the resolution, as on file, allowing EZ Dock Mid-Hudson, Inc. of Rosendale, New York low bidder, to install the floating fishing dock at the Glasco Riverfront Park in the amount of \$32,600.00.

Discussion: Councilman Costello noted that this is a reputable group to work with and this is all part of grant money.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to award the bid to Sawyer Motors of Saugerties, NY per the Highway Superintendent for one 2008 Dodge Model 3500 one-ton four wheel drive 4x4 dump truck for the price of \$39,500.00.

Discussion: Supervisor Helmsmoortel said this truck is fully covered through NYS CHIPS money and in the future we will look into bio-diesel.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the resolution, as on file with the Town Clerk, to allow the Supervisor to submit an application for funds from the NYS DEC Hudson River Estuary Program for the Blueway Trail in an amount not to exceed \$63,945.00.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to support NYS Assembly Bill A11146, which provides for net energy metering for commercial solar electric generating, as read:

WHEREAS, Senate bill number S7171-B, sponsored by Senator Johnson, passed the New York State Senate with a vote of 61-0, and

WHEREAS, a "same as" bill number A11146, sponsored by Assemblyman Englebright, is currently before the New York State Assembly, and

WHEREAS bill A11146 will provide for net energy metering for non-residential solar electric generating systems and will increase the limits on residential and farm waster electric systems than can be net metered, and

WHEREAS current law only permits residential net-metering for solar and wind technologies as well as wind and farm waste net-metering for agricultural properties, and

WHEREAS generating electricity on site through renewable means is becoming a more attractive option for large commercial utility customers and that New York's restrictive net metering law has been an impediment to widespread use of solar technologies, and

WHEREAS, in addition to energy cost savings for the customer-generator, widespread use of net-metered solar technologies will have a positive impact on the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with fossil fuels used to general electricity, and

WHEREAS the members of the Saugerties Town Board believe that independence from reliance on fossil fuels is key to our continued prosperity as a community and as a nation, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties strongly supports New York State Assembly Bill A11146.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

**Pre-Board Meeting
Town Board Meeting**

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

Town Clerk