

TOWN BOARD MEETING – JULY 18, 2007

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 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 called to order at 7:15 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and the following members were present:

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

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Chief Hulbert, Mary Monaco and the Town Board recognized Police Officers who have gone above and beyond. Those receiving awards were: Sgt. John J. Scheffel, Officer Kenneth J. Swart, Jr., Officer Derek Fallon, Officer Robert Haberski, Dispatcher Vera White, Officer Paul Gambino, Officer Jorge Castagnola, Officer John Mullen, and Officer Joseph W. Sciutto, Jr. Civilian Service Awards were presented to: Fireman Richard Jackson and Fireman Matthew J. Ferraro.

Mary Olson, Mayor Yerick, Chief Hulbert and the Town Board presented Saugerties Youth Awards to Kaylee Myers, Matthew Sauer, Brian Weaver, Jeremy Hughes and Brianna VanBuren.

Beth Murphy gave an informative presentation on voting by mail.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Josh Randall – spoke on the historic designation of Winston Farm. Mr. Randall's entire statement is on file at the Town Clerk's Office.

Marti Randall – been doing research on Winston Farm for two years. Compiled so much evidence to prove Winston Farm should be designated. Wynkoop House was saved and designated quick without extensive research, but now we know that it was the only fort. Designation does not infringe on property rights.

Frederick Cousin – lives on Claires Road near the Esopus Creek Road, which is a very narrow and winding road. Would like lines painted on the road for safety. Also, recreation vehicles on the creek are a concern; very noisy and would like ordinance to deter disturbance.

Rachel Drayer – presented the Town Board with a petition to ban smoking at sporting events at Cantine Field.

Barry Benepe – would like to complete historic designation at Winston Farm and the three parcels would be complete and protected. This is an opportunity to preserve history.

Stephen Shafer – hopes Town Board designates the Winston Farm tonight.

Terence Gilbride – represents Schaller Family. What has changed since last year to change the Town Board’s mind – nothing. There is not enough notoriety to designate. This was Mr. Winston’s home for a portion of his life. There would be a significant reduction in taxes that the town would receive if designated. Asking the Town Board to vote it down now – finally, forever.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

The Town Clerk informed the public that the office is sponsoring a Rabies Clinic on August 6, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the large pavilion at Cantine Field, complete information is on Channel 23 or contact the Clerk’s Office. The Town Clerk’s Office will also sponsor a Passport Night at Town Hall. People may come on August 21, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to process the paperwork and have passport pictures taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board Meeting of June 20, 2007; Town Board Meeting of June 20, 2007; Public Hearing of June 21, 2007 and Special Town Board Meeting of July 2, 2007, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$291,524.42
General Outside Village	68,028.23
Recreational Capital	775.00
Highway Townwide	11,999.87
Highway Outside Village	165,425.20
Capital Projects	21,168.13
Ambulance District	37,833.33
Lighting District	3,714.34
Barclay Heights Sewer	46,628.78
Glasco Sewer	20,548.63
Malden Sewer	2,401.36
Glasco Water	3,236.42

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – floats and docks are in at the Glasco Mini Park, Phase I is done. Spectator seating at the ice rink is complete with thanks going out to The Benson's at Benson Steel. Summer Day Camp for all day enrollment is at the highest. Thank you to Bill Curtis and Alex Nahow for their work to the upgrades on network. The training room off of the ice rink is being done with help from John Mullen and Al Riozzi.

Wayne Debrosky – complete report is on file at the Town Clerk's Office. Flushing of hydrants is taking place now. July 6th we responded to a sewer back-up at the Commons, owner will be billed.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – library is interviewing for new library position. July 24th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the library an event to honor Sherry Haluska. CAC will meet on July 19th at 7:00 p.m. CPC continues to meet weekly. Channel 23 filmed Secret Garden Tour by Anastasia Redman and her daughter; the new studio is 99.9% complete. Bio-diversity will be walking Bristol Beach. Historic Preservation discussed designation of the Anchorage Farm.

Councilman Costello – Glasco Bazaar is scheduled for this coming weekend. Congratulations to the 13 Year Old Babe Ruth team competing and Derek Stanley who earned the Eagle Scout Award and good luck at West Point Prep School

Councilwoman Campbell – Economic Development meeting with Empire Zone and several others working on plan and implementation.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve the following resolution, as red, concerning the Historic Designation of Wynkoop/Saugerties/Winston Farm.

RESOLUTION**BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SAUGERTIES CONCERNING THE
HISTORIC DESIGNATION OF WYNKOOP/SAUGERTIES/WINSTON FARM**

WHEREAS, certain resolutions were duly adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission of the Town of Saugerties and a first series of public hearings were held on September 5, 2005, and concluded on February 20, 2006 and a second series of public

hearings were held on October 16, 2006 and concluded on April 30, 2007 to hear all interested parties on a proposed historic designation of the Wynkoop/Saugerties/Winston Farm; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission previously unanimously voted in favor of a historic designation on April 17, 2006, and the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties voted to disapprove said historic designation without prejudice; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Resources Commission adopted Rules and Regulations for the Conduct of Business on September 18, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Resources Commission previously designated itself as Lead Agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and determined that the proposed historic designation of the Wynkoop/Saugerties/Winston Farm was a Type II Action under 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(32); and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission voted in favor a historic designation on June 18, 2007, for the Wynkoop/Saugerties/Winston Farm and the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties has forty five (45) days to disapprove or modify said historic designation pursuant to Section 4.C of the Town's Historic Preservation Ordinance (Local Law No. 3 of 2004) duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties on March 24, 2004, and filed on April 8, 2004 with the New York Department of State; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties received a copy of a historic designation letter (and copies of the supporting documentation attached thereto) dated June 28, 2007, written by Barry Benepe, Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission to Ralph F. Schaller, the representative of the Wynkoop/Saugerties/Winston Farm; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties reviewed said letter and the supporting documentation attached thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of said town to disapprove the June 18, 2007, historic designation of the Historic Preservation Commission concerning Wynkoop/Saugerties/Winston Farm.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Bruce Leighton	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Leanne Thornton	voting	No
Councilman Fred Costello	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Nancy Campbell	voting	No
Supervisor Greg Helmoortel	voting	Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to allow the Police Department to lease a 2008 Ford Expedition from Warnock Fleet per the request of the Chief of Police, Greg Hulbert.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helmoortel to accept the resignation of Officer Patrick Hastings from the Police Department, effective May 30, 2007.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to accept the resignation of Christopher Schneider, Jr., Full-time Dispatcher, from the Police Department which will take effect July 27, 2007 and allow him to work part-time as a Dispatcher when it is needed by the Police Department.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to authorize the Supervisor, Greg Helmoortel, to engage in a Cable TV Franchise Agreement with Computel Consultants for the purpose of reviewing the revenues of Time Warner.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve a Mass Gathering Permit for Tad Richards at Opus 40 at 50 Fite Rd. on August 2, 3, 4 & 5, 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve a Mass Gathering Permit for Dena Crane at the Woodstock Jewish Congregation at 1682 Glasco Turnpike on September 12, 13, 14, 21 & 22, 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to expend funds from the Recreation Capital Trust Fund in an amount NOT to exceed \$10,000.00 for Security/Communications/Internet per the request of the Superintendent of Parks & Buildings, Greg Chorvas.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve NO PARKING on the following roads, as read, per the request of the Superintendent of Highways, Bernie Ellsworth.

NO PARKING

1. Delaware Street, Glasco from # 101 Delaware Street East to Hudson Street.

2. Platte Clove Mountain Road from beginning at Becker Road to the town line, 6/10 of a mile.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the following Stop Intersections in Bishop’s Gate, as read, per the request of the Superintendent of Highways, Bernie Ellsworth.

STOP INTERSECTION 60.22

INTERSECTION OF:	WITH STOP SIGN ON:	ENTRANCE
Canterbury Drive	Lancelot Court	west
Carol Ann’s Way	Lancelot Court	east
Carol Ann’s Way	Canterbury Drive	east
Joseph’s Drive	Camelot Court	south

Vote: Adopted- 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to set Public Hearing dates for Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control for August 15, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to adopt Local Law #3 of 2007 Enacting Real Property Tax Exemption For Historic Property That Is Altered or Rehabilitated In Accordance With Local Historic Preservation Laws, pursuant to Section 444-a of the Real Property Tax Law, as read.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION BY
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SAUGERTIES
OF LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF THE YEAR 2007

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties for a public hearing to be held by the Town Board on May 16, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Senior Citizens Building on Market Street, in the Village of Saugerties, New York, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled “A Local Law Enacting Real Property Tax Exemption for Historic Property that is Altered or Rehabilitated in Accordance with Local Historic Preservation Laws, pursuant to Section 444-a of the Real Property Tax Law”, and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the Saugerties Times, the official newspaper of the Town of Saugerties on May 3, 2007, and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on May 16, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Senior Citizens Building, Market Street, Saugerties, New York and all parties

in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed local law, or any part thereof, and

WHEREAS, this local law would enact a real property tax exemption for historic property that is altered or rehabilitated within the Town of Saugerties, in accordance with Local Historic Preservation Laws, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties, after due deliberation, finds it is in the best interest of the Town of Saugerties to adopt said local law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties hereby adopts said Local Law No. 3, entitled “A Local Law Enacting Real Property Tax Exemption for Historic Property that is Altered or Rehabilitated in Accordance with Local Historic Preservation Laws, pursuant to Section 444-a of the Real Property Tax Law’, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Saugerties and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State of the State of New York. The Town Clerk shall also file a copy of the Local Law with the State Board of Assessment and with the Assessor of the Town of Saugerties.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Leighton	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Thornton	voting	Yes
Councilman Costello	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Campbell	voting	Yes
Supervisor Helsmoortel	voting	Yes

TOWN OF SAUGERTIES, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK
LOCAL LAW NO. 3 FOR THE YEAR 2007

“A Local Law Enacting Real Property Tax Exemption for Historic Property that is Altered or Rehabilitated in Accordance with Local Historic Preservation Laws, pursuant to Section 444-a of the Real Property Tax Law”

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the authorization of subdivision 1 of Section 444-a of the Real Property Tax Law, an exemption from real property taxation by the Town of Saugerties is granted for historic property that is altered or rehabilitated subsequent to the date of this local law, as described in Section 444-a of the Real Property Tax Law.

In accordance with the authorization of subdivision 2 (a) of Section 444-a of the Real Property Tax Law, historic property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of any increase in value attributable to such alteration or rehabilitation in accordance with the following schedule:

Year of Exemption	Percentage of Exemption
1	100%
2	100%
3	100%
4	100%
5	100%
6	80%
7	60%
8	40%
9	20%
10	0%

Section 3. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing and acceptance by the Secretary of State.

Passed, adopted and approved this 18th day of July, 2007.

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve a Firework Permit for Roger Albright on August 4, 2007 at 1998 Old Kings Highway.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to grant authorization to the using private entities of the Kiwanis Ice Arena to the High School Booster Club and the High School Wrestling Club as a joint venture to construct an off ice training/wrestling training room at no cost to the Town as per the drawings and specifications of Collins Engineering. All expenditures are to be paid directly by the aforementioned groups, as per the Recreation Committee and the Superintendent of Parks and Buildings.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the following resolution, as read:

RESOLUTION DATED JULY 18, 2007
FOR PROPOSITION AT BIENNIAL TOWN ELECTION TO
INCREASE THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK
FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS

WHEREAS, the term of office of the Town Clerk in the Town of Saugerties, Ulster County, New York is currently two years; and

WHEREAS, Town Law Section 24-a provides that the Town Board may adopt a resolution to provide that the term of office of any elective Town Official shall be four years, provided such resolution is submitted to the qualified electors of the town for their approval or disapproval at the next biennial town election; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to adopt and approve such a resolution to increase the term of office of the Town Clerk from two years to four years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following proposition be presented for consideration by the electors of the Town of Saugerties, pursuant to the provisions of the Town Law at the next biennial town election to be held on November 6, 2007 viz: "Shall the term of office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Saugerties be increased from two years to four years"; and it is further

RESOLVED, that if the foregoing proposition be adopted by a majority of the electors of the town, that the term of office of the Town Clerk shall be increased from two years to four years, to be effective to elections occurring subsequent to the approval by the voters of the proposition to increase the term; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall give notice of such proposition at the expense of the town at least ten days prior to the election, by the publication of a notice in the official newspaper of the town published in the Town of Saugerties and by the posting of such notice on the sign board of the town setting forth in full the proposition to be voted upon and specifying that the proposition will be submitted at the biennial town election to be held on November 6, 2007.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Leighton	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Thornton	voting	Yes
Councilman Costello	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Campbell	voting	Yes
Supervisor Helmsmoortel	voting	Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:50 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Public Hearing

6:00 p.m.

Planned Development Entertainment District

Wednesday, August 15, 2007

Public Hearing **6:00 p.m.**
Aquifer Protection Overlay District

Public Hearing
Office/Light Industrial District

Public Hearing
Sensitive Area Overlay District

Pre-Board Meeting following Public Hearings
Town Board Meeting **7:00 p.m.**

Town Clerk