

PRE-BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 5, 2007

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on September 5, 2007 at 6:30 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 Helmsmoortel

The following topics were discussed:

- proposal from Clough Harbour regarding code consulting services at Kiwanis Ice Rink
- Greg Chorvas spoke of low bids in recent bid opening for Glasco Mini Park, which was a nice surprise. Leo Boice and Richers Electric have worked with the town on previous projects and they are both excellent to deal with; should be a smooth project. Central Hudson will extend lighting district with two more poles; this will project light further and will be lit all night for security.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 5, 2007

The Town Board Meeting was held on September 5, 2007 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 Helmsmoortel

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Barbara Bravo from Saugerties Artist Studio Tour – on behalf of artists’ extend thank to town board for their support especially the Supervisor and Councilwoman Campbell who started this event five years ago. Twenty Five artists were involved with 1,500 studio visits over a two day period, along with 400 visitors to the website.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Vickie VanEtten – very disturbed about evacuation with recent emergency on thruway; residents were told to go to town hall. There should have been an evacuation plan in place and mailed to residents. Town Board should consider mailing the plan in with residents’ tax bills. Also, the bathroom at the senior citizen building is not handicap accessible.

Noreen Mower – evacuated at 6:45 a.m. and would have liked senior center opened earlier. Felt abandoned by town officials. Lucky that it was not worse.

Randy Ricks, Chief at Centerville/Cedar Grove – no one was told to go to town hall, residents were instructed to go to senior center and wait for someone to open up. A good plan takes time, emergency shelter can not be set up immediately. Praise firemen for doing a great job.

Councilman Costello added that the town is fortunate to have a plan with cooperation of fire, police and Diaz Ambulance, but it is difficult to plan for every instance that may happen.

Jim Cranston – mining activities on Joseph’s Blvd, met with CPC and they are in agreement and appreciates the town board for being available and working together in this problem.

Gil Hartrum, Jr. and Michael MacIsaac – problem with wells on Old Kings Highway; possibly from golf course. Wells are running dry; neighbors have had to dig a new well.

Patti Braden – lived in house for 55 years and never a problem with water before. Dug new well and had to go down 600 feet, which cost \$12,000.00.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board on August 15, 2007; Public Hearings on August 15, 2007 regarding Aquifer Protection Overlay District, Sensitive Area District, Office/Light Industrial District and Stormwater MS4; Special Town Board Meeting on August 30, 2007; Public Hearings on August 30, 2007 regarding Aquifer Protection Overlay District, Sensitive Area District, Office/Light Industrial District; and Bid Opening of September 4, 2007, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General	\$131,465.75
General Outside Village	41,615.56
Recreational Capital	1,000.00

Highway Townwide	8,175.85
Highway Outside Village	35,716.44
Capital Projects	15,049.97
Ambulance District	37,833.33
Lighting District	4,406.42
Barclay Heights Sewer	801.85
Glasco Sewer	9,543.75
Malden Sewer	1,900.63
Glasco Water	1,718.69
Malden Water	215.97

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Wayne Debrosky – complete report is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office. Discussions on purchase of new work truck for department.

Chief Hulbert – complete report on file in the Town Clerk’s Office. Also, supports Chief Ricks with recent evacuation – a time consuming situation. There is always room for improvement.

Greg Chorvas – court clerk’s addition has all concrete completed. AYSO opens with Sunday with renovated and expanded concession building. Received favorable notice from FEMA for Malden Park. John Mullen and Al Riozzi have scheduled “block party” for September 8, 2007 to lay concrete block for off-ice training/wrestling room.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – water and sewer department may purchase used police vehicle.

Councilwoman Thornton – Historic Preservation will meet on 09/17/07, a public hearing regarding designation on Anchorage Farm property. TV 23 meets 09/13/07 and the Garden Tour will be shown on public access. CPC continues workshops, regular meeting will be held 09/20/07.

Councilman Costello – compliments once again to emergency services. Glasco Mini Park is being used more frequently and will award bids tonight to start Phase II.

Councilwoman Campbell – on September 4th there was a successful meeting of Green Task Force and would like to meet with town board at pre-board on November 7th. EDC will meet on September 24th. Congratulate Jeremy Kane who was married on Sunday and will come back to a full time position.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to authorize the town justices to apply for grant funds through the Justice Court Assistance Program not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to hire Mario Tagliafierro as a part time police officer for the Town of Saugerties Police Department at a rate of pay of \$14.50 per hour, effective Thursday, September 6, 2007.

Discussion: Councilman Costello stated that Mario is his cousin and he is proud of him as well as Chris Schneider for completion of Phase I of the Academy.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to hire Christopher Schneider as a part time police officer for the Town of Saugerties Police Department at a rate of pay of \$14.50 per hour, effective Thursday, September 6, 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the 2007 Highway Inventory of Equipment for the Town of Saugerties Highway Department per the Superintendent of Highways, Bernie Ellsworth.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the settlement agreement between the Town of Saugerties vs. Mary Schultz regarding a two inch sewer force main and as drawn up by the Town Attorney, John Greco.

Discussion: Supervisor mentioned that this is the first step in providing service on other side of thruway.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to allow the Supervisor, Greg Helsmoortel, to sign the Street Lighting Authority Order with Central Hudson to add two lights to the Glasco Park lighting district to provide security lighting on the south end of the parking area at the Glasco Riverfront Park.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to accept the low bids from Leo Boice & Sons, Inc. for \$54,162.25 for the general construction and from Richers Electric for \$35,157.00 for the electrical construction for the Glasco Park Improvements/Beautification.

Discussion: Tom Resso is here tonight and would like to thank him for being Clerk of the Works on this project, he has done a tremendous job. This project is being funded by grant money.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to enter into Executive Session for discussion relating to the financial history of a particular person and also matters relating to collective negotiations under the Taylor Law, carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:35 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, September 19, 2007	Pre-Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 20, 2007	Public Information Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Re: Zoning Changes	
Monday, October 8, 2007	Public Hearing on Zoning	7:00 p.m.
	(TENTATIVE)	
Thursday, October 18, 2007	Public Information on Zoning	7:00 p.m.
	(TENTATIVE)	
Tuesday, October 23, 2007	Public Hearing on Zoning	7:00 p.m.

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