

PRE-BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 16, 2016

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 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 William Schirmer
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilman James Bruno
Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel

Councilman Schirmer questioned the motion on partnership between Woidt and Town of Saugerties that there is no match. Supervisor Helsmoortel confirmed that is correct.

Accountant Gary Newkirk received up-dated retirement number and has adjusted the healthcare line in the 2017 Budget.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 16, 2016

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 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 William Schirmer
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilman James Bruno
Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Robert Lippman, Valk Road – taxes are getting out of control and all you get for it is snowplowing. The town doesn't feel so friendly anymore. There is a whole new influx of people coming in, especially with Section 8 housing. Police budget is a concern; it's a large

department and very top heavy, a lot of over-time and it keeps going up. Amount of crime seems more abundant in the village. Budget could be cut more.

Michelle Numssen, West Saugerties – employee benefits has a 29% increase in budget. Personally pays 37%. Appreciate that the mandated expenses go up but can be trimmed more. We should grow gracefully, not recklessly.

George Heidcamp, Route 32 – in opposition of budget. In 2015 the town board entered negotiations with all unions and in the middle of negotiations, department heads were given hefty raises. This gives the impression that there is money for raises, sets a precedent.

Joe Roberti – integrity is doing the right thing when no one is looking. People are stressed out and don't have time to go over 175 page budget. Property taxes far outweigh any cost of living. Thank you for taking into consideration some cuts.

Angie Minew, Barclay Heights – it should not be a surprise that healthcare and contract negotiations could go up. Taxpayers do not get a vote. We need real numbers with a real plan. All entrusted with town money for taxpayers. Please come back with more adjustments.

Gaetana Ciarlante, Glasco – attended the meeting when voted to pierce the tax cap, not responsible. Never hear of any cuts, only pet projects of different departments spending money. It's a shame this is the budget that is presented.

Ted Covert, Hudson Street – it makes no sense to do the Hudson Street project. Water has been washing this way for years. Culverts have not been cleaned out and should be done, the catch basins are full. Does not care if the water comes down driveway; its better than going in the river. The water does not lay idle long. The river is filling up with stone, rock and dirt. It is a waste of money to put in the pipe.

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 on November 2, 2016 and Public Hearing on 2017 Budget on November 2, 2016, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund

\$76,342.01

General Outside Village	727.06
Highway	46,357.14
Lighting District	6,253.93
Glasco Sewer	1,973.75
Malden Sewer	1,007.73
Glasco Water	100.48
Malden Water	43.82
Kings Highway Water	35.53
Bluestone Park Water	92.46

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Schirmer – Ethics will meet again in the new year. Open position on the committee, if anyone is interested. Congratulations to Youth Football for being undefeated and champions in their division.

Councilwoman Thornton – CPC workshops are being held.

Councilman Costello – extend congratulations to the Youth Football. We are converting the generator to propane at town hall. A lighting project is being done at Cantine by SAA.

Councilman Bruno – nothing to report

Chief Sinagra – gave a report for the first 10 months of the year. Two and half years through five year accreditation and have been checked and informed that we passed.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve adopting the 2017 Budget.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer applauded the board for making cuts. Councilwoman Thornton added that due diligence was done, it’s the reality of cost of government.

Councilman Bruno said that cutting the Boys & Girls Club goes against everything he believes in but when we looked at everything, we cut as much as possible.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Schirmer voting No)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to approve the salaries, as approved in the budget, as listed for 2017 for elected officials: Supervisor at \$35,000.00, Town Board members (4) at \$10,000.00 each, Receiver of Taxes at \$37,758.24, Town Clerk at \$42,000.00, Highway Superintendent at \$65,000.00 and Court Justices (2) at \$28,250.00 each.

Discussion: Councilman Costello clarified that no raises were given on these salaries.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to hire Philip H. Timbrouck as a full time dispatcher, effective November 16, 2016 at a rate of \$14.94 per hour and per the recommendation of the Police Chief.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said this position has been open for a while. It's a tedious job and having trouble keeping dispatchers.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to hire Dylan Eusepi as a part time dispatcher, effective November 16, 2016 at the rate of \$16.89 per hour and per the recommendation of the Police Chief.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to correct previously approved board motion of October 5, 2016 regarding Patricia Wilbur to now read as follows: to approve adding to the parks and buildings part time list Patricia McKay at a rate of \$12.00 per hour per the recommendation of the parks and buildings superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, to approve Brinnier & Larios, PC as the engineer firm for the CDBG- Disaster Recovery NY Rising Community Reconstruction Project, "Mt. Marion Dam Project".

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, authorizing the Town of Saugerties Highway Superintendent to enter into temporary twenty (20) foot construction easements for the Hudson Street drainage repair project.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, authorizing the Town of Saugerties Supervisor to enter into permanent drainage easements for Hudson Street.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, to list certain town roads as part of the local highway inventory in the Town of Saugerties.

Discussion: Doug Myer added that there were 8 or 9 roads that CHIPS and Town of Saugerties recognize as town roads but another department did not.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, to support a partnership between the Town of Saugerties and Woidt Engineering & Consulting (WEC) to submit a response to the Hudson River Estuary Program and

the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission request for proposals (as described in the attachment) to conduct a local flood analysis in the Plattekill and Lower Esopus watershed from the Plattekill confluence to the Hudson River.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton added that a presentation was made at the last meeting and there is no match or expense to the town.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and Central Hudson regarding natural gas on Kings Highway.

Discussion: Supervisor Helmoortel added that the line starts at Fehr Bros. and goes to the Army Reserve and there is no cost to the town.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and Ulster County Economic Development Alliance for infrastructure enhancement.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to adjourn town board meeting at 8:00 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk