

PRE-BOARD MEETING – APRIL 6, 2011

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 6:45 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
Councilman James Bruno
Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel

Councilman Costello discussed Bishop's Lighting District and having a simulation done to show how it would look to the residents.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – APRIL 6, 2011

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 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
Councilman James Bruno
Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Frank Orlando, Assessor – annual assessment program completed with analysis of residential property down 3% and vacant/commercial property down 5% overall view of town. Change of assessment notices will go out first week of May.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Lisa Cornell – would like the support of the town board to keep Golden Hill. Open to Ulster County residents regardless of ability to pay. Also, operated as an enterprise.

Vince Hackett – attended school board meeting regarding discussion of School Resource Officer (SRO). If the school has to pay, they may have to out-source. Past it has been absorbed by the town, why is it being put on the school? Why would be consider Opus 40 and take away the SRO? We need Officer Rushkoskie to stay as SRO.

Supervisor Helsmoortel responded that about 7 or 8 years ago the federal government paid on a sliding scale with the NYS Police and the County. Last year we asked the school to pay half and they couldn't, so the town paid the full amount. Don't feel that this is a town expense.

Councilman Costello added that this is valuable position but we need help from the school. This is not in anyway "pay-back" for Partition Street project rejection.

Gil Hales – in favor of Opus 40 – unique, no state park like it – remarkable.

Tom Resso – project on Route 32 approved in 2006 with extensions and 51 units, affordable, low-income housing. Surrounding neighbors were not notified of changes.

Pete Petramale – grant money should be questioned and tax base needs to be expanded. Have schools been notified? Will it affect other houses' values?

John Stole – just before own subdivision started a moratorium was in place. How can this project on Route 32, which was approved before the moratorium, go through extensions and other set of rules and regulations? Project should follow rules just like other projects.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Supervisor read the Green Energy Task Force report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on March 16, 2011, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General fund	\$180,047.43
General Outside Village	7,203.65
Highway	61,659.53
Ambulance District	45,126.25
Barclay Heights Sewer	706.52
Glasco Sewer	1,425.94
Malden Sewer	1,052.20
Glasco Water	957.03
Malden Water	237.88

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – read Building Department report for March 2011. When Zoning Law was passed in 2008, we would continually look to make it better. Shortly will make amendment regarding Signs, which has been discussed. Would like to go back to 50 sq. ft. for signs because businesses need to be noticed.

Councilwoman Thornton – Peter Lang has joined TV23; CPC Village and Town met last night; CAC working on Open Space brochure. Lifespring starts April 12. 200th Anniversary was April 5, 1811 with several events in the future.

Councilman Costello – ice rink finished with the ice last weekend; Relay for Life will be held at the rink. Docks were installed at Glasco Mini Park and Malden will be done shortly. Met with a company regarding different cameras for the police cars.

Councilman Bruno – water main break fixed by Formisanos on Route 9W. Mark Resso saved the town a lot of money by going local for a part to fix the water/sewer equipment.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to accept the resignation of Michael Zinkow, Webmaster effective April 20, 2011.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton thanked Mike for a job well done, he has accepted a new position.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to authorize Creighton Manning to prepare the revised traffic analysis for Kings Highway per the recommendation of the Town Planner Dan Shuster.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to approve the “Use Agreement Application” for the Saugerties Anniversary 200 Kids Fest, on file, as per the recommendation of the Town Attorney George Redder and Parks & Buildings Superintendent Greg Chorvas.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that Tina Merced did this event in Catskill with success and wanted to do it for Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to allow Supervisor Greg Helmsmoortel to execute the local assistance contract, as on file, in connection with the Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc.

Discussion: Supervisor Helmsmoortel explained that from Canada to NYS there is an electrical line and Saugerties has now been mentioned and may go CSX line and down to river, has applied and approved for funding.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding an application for a grant under the Greenway Communities Grant Program for a project known as Joint Revision Comprehensive Plan.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to allow the Superintendent of Highways Bernie Ellsworth to execute the extension of the lease agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties Highway Department and Eveready Mgt. Co. regarding the garages to house the highway equipment.

Discussion: Supervisor Helmsmoortel explained that this is the lease on Malden property for large equipment.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoorel to approve Local Law #2 of 2011 Prohibiting Smoking Upon Certain Town-Owned Lands in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve Local Law #3 of 2011 for Codification of the Town Laws of the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello allowing Glasco Fire Company to put an antennae on the existing Glasco water tower tank on Barclay Lane pending receipt of a proper insurance certificate.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk