

PRE-BOARD MEETING – JUNE 13, 2012

The Pre-Board Meeting was held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 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:

Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilman James Bruno
Supervisor Kelly Myers

Absent: Councilman Bruce Leighton

Supervisor Myers informed the board that Highway Superintendent Doug Myer has two easements to be added to the agenda.

Saugerties Emergency Services Association wants to put in broad band and asking for \$200.00 from the town to help with the cost.

Town Clerk

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Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilman James Bruno
Supervisor Kelly Myers

Absent: Councilman Bruce Leighton

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Vincent Hackett – first, would like to thank Gaetana Ciarlante, Bill Scala, Tom Macarille and Bob Chappelle for helping to bring everyone together to this meeting and getting the information out about the naming of Town Hall. The second highest award given is the Silver Star, which was bestowed to Artie Russell, Jr. Roger Donlon deserves any and all honors given to him. Wondering why wasn't something done when the motion passed in

2001. The town board should make a motion to de-commission the motion of Greg Helsmoortel and name the Town Hall after Roger and all veterans – do the right thing.

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Bruno to amend the motion of April 18, 2012 regarding naming the Saugerties Town Hall the Gregory L. Helsmoortel Town Hall by keeping Town Hall named after Colonel Roger Donlon (as was done by motion in 2001) and to name the renovated space that houses the new combined Police Department addition, Building Inspector office (the North Wing) the Gregory L. Helsmoortel wing at Town Hall

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton attended the Memorial Day Service at the Legion and talked to Veterans about this; wanted to be respectful to each individual. Everyone on the town board is patriotic. Jim Gage made a plea that Donlon Park needs work and Councilwoman Thornton personally feels that the town board should appropriate funds for that project. Councilman Costello said that Greg Helsmoortel always has been a supporter of the Veterans and he is proud of this town. He thought everyone should be honored when they come home with the Americade led by Al Bruno. Greg never looked for this honor.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Leighton absent)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

John Barese and committee for the Sports Complex started discussions in January 2010 and gave a time line up to the present on all meetings that took place. Also, received a Memorandum of Understanding recently for Town of Saugerties. Still has not received a response to the letter of June 5, 2012. Gave the Town Board more petitions in favor of the complex, which is now over 800 signatures. Supervisor Myers added that Mr. Barese is requesting a special permit on town property and the board will be discussing this tonight in Executive Session.

Beth Murphy – the board voted for the motion “out of order” and people may want to speak on that. Facing the public is not easy and Greg Helsmoortel faced it for 12 years – there are different ways of serving. Roger Donlon is a great hero. Regarding the Sports Complex – if they are having trouble getting land for the last two years maybe they should consider private land. Not feasible for use during school hours. Should pay property taxes at the going rate. I think it’s a great idea but should be on private land.

Tom Macarille – it is not right to pull a motion out of order. There is the legality of the original motion, should rescind the second motion. Should have named Dutchmen baseball field after Greg Helsmoortel.

Gaetana Ciarlante – where is the funding coming from for the Sports Complex and has the town board thought about bonding. The town board should put on a fundraiser for the Legion to fix the park.

Mike Valarrella – speaking on Tissal Road, people may think its only three houses and one guy making a lot of noise but its actually five houses and 16 residents with two more houses in planning stages. Supervisor Myers said that Doug Myer is cleaning up after the hurricanes still and there is not enough money in the budget. There have been meetings with Solite, they are working on it. Mr. Valarrella said that this issue was dropped for a couple of years – the road is a joke. The last administration has done work on the road but coming up on four years’ use. Teenage and elderly drive on this road, we need a safe ingress and egress. Solite is still operating illegal vehicles. This is not just a question of money the road already belongs to the town, residents deserve a safe ride to their home.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

- Met with Central Hudson emergency plan
- Saugerties Community Garden, up and running with 10 x 10 plots
- BMX Freestyle group is moving ahead; going after a grant
- Thank Vernon Benjamin for working on grants along with Greg Chorvas
- Trying to get natural gas on west side of Kings Highway
- DEP issued consent order, public hearing scheduled for 06/19 @ SUNY Ulster
- RUPCO offering help with mortgage foreclosures
- Girl Scouts buried a time capsule at Seamon Park
- Joe Martino earned his Eagle Scout
- Hosted a group from India that toured the Transfer Station
- EDC working on a slogan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of May 16, 2012, Special Town Board Meeting of June 7, 2012 and Bid Opening of June 7, 2012, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the bills as presented, carried.

General Fund	\$80,814.92
General Outside Village	3,599.90
Highway	36,625.73
Capital Projects	183,109.35
Glasco Sewer	2,360.86
Malden Sewer	2,688.38
Glasco Water	114,789.87
Malden Water	16,780.43

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Thornton – CPC will hold a meeting on June 28th at 7 pm at the Senior Center with two presenters regarding wetlands; CAC is working on Bristol Beach and TV23 has an opening in the class of Avid Studio Class.

Councilman Costello – Congratulate Chief Sinagra on getting a 98 on his Civil Service Exam and Det. KJ Swart finished his Masters Certificate. Officer Mike Dodig's son was drafted to the Atlanta Braves. We are able to issue motor vehicle titles to impound vehicles which it will make it easier to liquidate. Sad news to report that canine Vega has passed away recently.

Councilman Bruno – Congratulate Derek Stanley on graduating from West Point and extend congratulations to Mike Dodig.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Bruno to accept the resignation of Peg Nau, Receiver of Taxes, effective June 29, 2012.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said there are not enough good words to say about Peg, she has done an outstanding job and wish her well in her retirement. Councilwoman Thornton added that she really didn't understand her job until recently and she is gracious and wish her congratulations!

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Leighton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to accept the resignation of Sharon Waters, part time Deputy Town Clerk, per the Town Clerk and effective June 15, 2012.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said that Sharon will be missed and Supervisor Myers added that she is always pleasant and wish her well.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Leighton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the salary for part time Deputy Town Clerk Leslie Duffy at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, effective June 18, 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Leighton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve raising the water rates to pass along the Village of Saugerties water rate increases of 50 cents per 1,000 gallons effective July 1, 2012.

Discussion: Councilman Costello is looking for an explanation of why the rates are being raised and Councilman Bruno said that the rate increase affects the village also. Supervisor Myers said these are maintenance costs and town and village departments should be combined.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Leighton absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to accept the resignation of Sandra Thorpe from the Conservation Advisory Commission, effective immediately.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton added that Sandra has been a very active member – a great asset.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Leighton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Bruno to authorize the Highway Superintendent to develop a Request for Proposal and solicit competitive bids for a municipal fuel control system.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said that this can not be taken lightly, it helps a number of agencies with a cost savings to the town. Supervisor Myers added that we buy fuel from the County but our machine is giving incorrect bills and it needs to be replaced.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Leighton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Costello to increase the fees of the Building Department, Town Planning Board, Town Zoning Board of Appeals, Highway Department and Town Board (Zoning changes) in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Leighton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve that Mrs. Kelly A. Myers, as Supervisor of the Town of Saugerties, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for **Park Acquisition, Development and Planning Program** funds from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, in an amount not to exceed **\$300,000.00** and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the state for such financial assistance to the Town of Saugerties for the **Cantine/Veteran Memorial Field Complex Park Improvements Project**, and, if appropriate, a conversation easement/preservation covenant to the deed of the assisted property.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas was asked to clarify, saying, it identifies six projects and had requests for these, Small World playground is nearing the end of its life.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Leighton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve that Mrs. Kelly A. Myers, as Supervisor of the Town of Saugerties, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for **Park Acquisition, Development and Planning Program** funds from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, in an amount not to exceed **\$165,000.00** and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the state for such financial assistance to the Town of Saugerties for the **Cantine/Veteran Memorial Field Complex Communications**

Network Systems Upgrade, and, if appropriate, a conversation easement/preservation covenant to the deed of the assisted property.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas said that this communications data is antiquated but has paid for itself by getting criminal mischief acts on tape for prosecution.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Leighton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve that Mrs. Kelly A. Myers, as Supervisor of the Town of Saugerties, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for **Park Acquisition, Development and Planning Program** funds from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, in an amount not to exceed **\$10,000.00** and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the state for such financial assistance to the Town of Saugerties for the **Town Hall Handicapped Access Improvement Project**, and, if appropriate, a conversation easement/preservation covenant to the deed of the assisted property.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas said this will give direct access to the south wing at Town Hall and Councilman Costello would like to compliment Greg's staff.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Leighton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the Supervisor to sign the contract, as on file, with the Saugerties Central School District for the School Resource Officer.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said the school has agreed to pay the town \$67,000.00 for this year, the contract is good for two years. Officer Rushkoski has a great relationship with the students.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Leighton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve hiring Thomas Rea, Sr. as a part time police officer at a rate of \$18.25 per hour, as per the recommendation of the Chief of Police, effective immediately.

Discussion: Councilman Costello since this is a festival town, we need extra help. Supervisor Myers is delighted Mr. Rea is coming to the department.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Leighton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Myers to approve hiring Courtney Loertscher as a part time police officer at a rate of \$18.25 per hour, as per the recommendation of the Chief of Police, effective immediately.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said she just finished the academy and will be a valuable asset; Supervisor Myers is excited to have a female police officer.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Leighton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Myers to approve hiring William Kimble as a part time police officer at a rate of \$18.25 per hour, as per the recommendation of the Chief of Police, effective immediately.

Discussion: Supervisor Myers is delighted that he is coming back to serve.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilman Leighton absent; Councilman Costello voting No)

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Costello to schedule a Special Town Board Meeting on June 28, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Leighton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Costello to make a resolution authorizing the Town of Saugerties Supervisor to enter into a permanent road easement for access to Band Camp Road under Contract TSA-125; FEMA 4020.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Leighton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Bruno to make a resolution authorizing the Town of Saugerties Highway Superintendent to enter into a temporary construction easements for road repair and replacement of the Band Camp Road Culvert under Contract TSA-125; FEMA 4020.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Leighton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Costello to contribute \$200.00 to the Town of Saugerties Emergency Service.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Leighton absent)

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Bruno to enter into Executive Session for discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation, carried.

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 11:53 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Thursday, June 28, 2012 Special Town Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 18, 2012 Pre-Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Town Clerk