

PRE-BOARD MEETING – APRIL 4, 2007

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 4, 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:

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

The following topics were discussed:

Councilwoman Thornton discussed the proposed Local Law to enact real property tax exemption for historic property. A Public Hearing will be scheduled tonight.

Discussion on expendable trust concerning library. John Vaganelis attended as well as Councilwoman Thornton and stated that library board wants to go after grants and would like the town and village to enact a fee similar to the recreation trust fund fee already in place.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – APRIL 4, 2007

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 4, 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 called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

James Fowler – has been at town board meetings since December 2006 and has asked continually for code enforcement and police patrols. Last town board meeting received phone call that house was set on fire. Wants resignations of Supervisor, Police Chief and Building Inspector.

Phyllis Silvers – spoke regarding moratorium, attended meeting ten years ago regarding build-out plan within a valley. We are creating a bottle-neck.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

April 21 and 22 we will be observing Earth Day. Register at Town Hall and pick up garbage bags to clean up our roads. Our Highway Department will be picking up the garbage. Together with Councilwoman Campbell they will be attending a seminar at the Sloop in Harriman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve minutes of Pre-Board Meeting of March 21, 2007, Town Board Meeting of March 21, 2007 and Public Hearing of March 21, 2007, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$60,062.54
General Outside Village	62,888.47
Highway Townwide	12,294.49
Highway Outside Village	11,531.60
Ambulance District	37,833.33
Barclay Heights Sewer	55.16
Glasco Sewer	534.16
Malden Sewer	5,804.39
Glasco Water	3,902.42
Malden Water	489.96

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Hulbert – complete report is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office. Three sergeants and chief went to a three day NIMS training and passed and was certified. Regarding Mr. Fowler’s statement about police coverage: in the Glen Erie area there is more coverage than other areas of the town with State and Sheriff patrolling. Also, during his 911 call the night of the fire bomb, he requested that town police **not** show up.

Greg Chorvas – TV 23 work near completion. Malden boat docks will go in next week. April 15 – 18 Glasco boat docks should be installed. Ice Rink will close April 22nd. Summer Day Camp registrations are being accepted at Town Clerk’s Office. August 6 – 10 will be the Mets Academy Camp. Thanks and appreciation to police officers who helped during the last snowstorm.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – gave report from Water & Sewer Department, which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. Will be setting up informational meetings for public regarding MS-4.

Councilwoman Thornton – TV 23 committee met with town and village police officers to get emergency information out to the residents. The plan is to link together to get information out immediately. CPC met with Chazen representatives recently and committee has been working tirelessly to finish zoning law. Historic Preservation will meet on the 3rd Monday continuing the Winston Farm Public Hearings. Library Board met to discuss expendable trust. CAC is doing an open space inventory. Bio-diversity group is working very hard; ten month project.

Councilman Costello – ordered lap tops for police cars and scanner with help of Officer Fallon in securing \$90,000.00 plus for department.

Councilwoman Campbell – Ethics committee has completed first draft for April meeting, has been a good working group. Planning Board will meet April 17, 2007. ECD, Vernon Benjamin and self will be liaisons with CPC. Building Department is doing what they should with regard to property of Mr. Fowler on Route 9W. Councilwoman Campbell read a letter from Department of State dated March 25, 2007 verifying the job by the building department.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve a stipend adjustment of \$0.60/hour to Terry Valk and Kevin Brown effective immediately.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve a Certificate of Registration for KC & Sons Construction, LLC for sewer hook-ups in the Town of Saugerties per the Water & Sewer Department.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the following resolution, as read, to request designation of the Esopus Creek Conservancy trails as part of the Hudson River Greenway Trail System.

REQUEST FOR GREENWAY TRAIL DESIGNATION OF THE ESOPUS CREEK CONSERVANCY TRAIL BY THE TOWN OF SAUGERTIES

WHEREAS, Article 44 of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) directs the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc. to designate a Hudson River Greenway Trail, and

WHEREAS, the Esopus Creek Conservancy manages, owns or holds an easement for a community trail which will enhance the opportunity the public has to appreciate and

support the preservation of the historic, scenic, cultural, recreational and natural resources along the Greenway Trail, and

WHEREAS, the Esopus Creek Conservancy requests that five miles of the Esopus Creek Conservancy Trail be designated as a riverside/countryside corridor/connector trail as part of the Hudson River Greenway Trail System,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Town Board of the Town of Saugerties requests designation of the Esopus Creek Conservancy Trails as part of the Hudson River Greenway Trail System.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the following resolution, as read, to allow the Town Supervisor, Greg Helmsmoortel, to enter into an agreement with Ulster County for the purpose of implementing Phase II Stormwater Requirements (MS4).

WHEREAS, the town is located in an area of Ulster County that is subject to Stormwater Phase II Implementation (MS4) requirement; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has developed a cooperative model that will allow participating municipalities to meet the minimum requirements for MS 4 compliance; and

WHEREAS, the town is highly desirous of utilizing cooperative approach to improve water quality and meet MS4 compliance.

RESOLVED, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with Ulster County for MS4 compliance and water quality improvement when approved as to form by the town attorney.

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 Councilwoman Campbell seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to set two Public Hearings to amend the Town of Saugerties Zoning Law, Article Section 8 Planning Board, Site Plan Review, Special Use Permit for May 16, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. and June 6, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion: Councilwoman Campbell explained that the Planning Department has asked that we pull this out and vote on it so it can be enacted upon and give the Planning Department specific instructions.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to allow the Town Supervisor, Greg Helsmoortel, to sign and submit the engagement letter/contract between the Town of Saugerties and the accounting firm of Pattison, Koskey, Howe and Bucci for the town's annual audit.

Discussion: Supervisor Helsmoortel explained that since we have a HUD office in our town, we need to have an audit every year.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Leighton to set Public Hearing for May 16, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. for the proposed local law enacting Real Property Tax Exemption for Historic Property that is altered or rehabilitated in accordance with local Historic Preservation Laws.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Leighton to hire Anastasia Redman as Public Access Coordinator at the rate of \$15,000.00 per year effective April 15, 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, April 18, 2007	Pre-Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 24, 2007	Public Hearing	5:30 p.m.
	Residential Moratorium	

Town Clerk