

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – JANUARY 3, 2007

The Reorganizational Meeting was held for the Saugerties Town Board on Wednesday, January 3, 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 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

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

Moment of silence was observed due to the passing of President Gerald Ford.

Town offices were closed on January 2, 2007 for the National Day of Mourning.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Jim Fowler – asking once again to have police patrol on Route 9W in Glenerie to the Town of Ulster town line; never see a police car in the area on a routine patrol.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Learned last week that the NYS Department of State granted Town of Saugerties a \$23,388.00 grant to study Quality Communities. Also, today we received a grant for \$37,800.00 to study the Police and Department of Public Works sharing municipal services between the town and village.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board Meeting on December 20, 2006; minutes of Town Board Meeting on December 20, 2006; minutes of Special Town Board Workshop on December 20, 2006; and minutes of Public Hearing on December 20, 2006, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$34,750.37
General Outside Village	1,705.74
Recreational Capital	251.72

Highway Townwide	883.49
Highway Outside Village	3,731.55
Barclay Heights Sewer	82.65
Glasco Sewer	3,747.69
Malden Sewer	710.44
Glasco Water	145.75
Malden Water	82.62

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to designate the Saugerties Times for the year 2007, as the official newspaper of the Town of Saugerties pursuant to Section 64(1) of the Town Law and to designate the Kingston Daily Freeman and Saugerties Post Star as additional newspapers for the publication of such notices, resolutions and ordinances at the option of the Town Board.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following as official banks for the year 2007, for the Town of Saugerties: M & T Bank, Key Bank and Fleet Bank.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to approve and for the Town of Saugerties Supervisor, Greg Helsmoortel sign the Hold Harmless Agreement between Marist College and the Town of Saugerties pertaining to bleachers.

Discussion: Councilman Costello explained that through John Mullen, Marist College is donating the bleachers to the Town of Saugerties Cantine Field and this agreement will limit the liability to the college.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint George Redder as an attorney for the Town of Saugerties, for the year 2007, to handle all legal work for the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board to handle all actions in which the Saugerties Town Board is an involved agency for SEQR purposes and will be responsible for motions and resolutions required by the Saugerties Town Board at an hourly rate of \$125.00.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint John Greco as an attorney for the Town of Saugerties, for the year 2007, to handle prosecution for Animal Control, Building Inspector, Police Department, HUD, and to be responsible for working with the Assessor's Office in all tax cases and will be responsible for all legal work required in the Water & Sewer Department at an hourly rate of \$125.00.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Gary Newkirk as the Town of Saugerties Accountant for the year 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint Karlyn Elia as the Town of Saugerties Historian for the year 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the company of Brinnier and Larios as the Town of Saugerties Engineers for the year 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint The Chazen Companies as the Town of Saugerties Planners for the year 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made the Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Lisa A. Stanley, Saugerties Town Clerk, as Registrar of Vital Statistics for the year 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Marie Post as Manager of the Town of Saugerties Animal Control Shelter at a salary of \$6,700.00 for the year 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve Trident Insurance Company through Marshall & Sterling Upstate, LD as the new property and casualty insurance carrier for the Town of Saugerties, effective January 1, 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the appointment of Kerensa Demarest as full time Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar for the year 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to carry over two unused vacation days for Wayne Debrosky, Town of Saugerties Water & Sewer Department employee from 2006 to be used in 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to carry over two unused vacation days for Mark Resso, Town of Saugerties Water & Sewer Department employee from 2006 to be used in 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint the following as custodians for voting machines for 2007: Donald Baker, Michael Snyder, Raymond Wilson and Richard Snyder.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the mileage and tolls compensation for the Town of Saugerties officers and employees at the prevailing federal rate.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell that the monthly expense vouchers be submitted for auditing to the Town of Saugerties bookkeeper by the Friday prior to the scheduled Town Board meeting and that all claims or vouchers must be accompanied with purchase bills or receipts of purchased items and initialed/signed by department heads where applicable.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to have the Saugerties Town Board meetings start at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center on Market Street in Saugerties, New York on January 17, February 7 and 21, March 7 and 21, April 4 and 18, May 2 and 16, June 6 and 20, July 18, August 15, September 5 and 19, October 10 and 24, November 7 and 28 and December 19, 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following Town Board Members to serve as liaisons:

HUD – Leanne Thornton
Parks & Recreation – Fred Costello
Transfer Station – Greg Helmsmoortel
Justice Court – Greg Helmsmoortel
Buildings & Zoning Codes – Nancy Campbell
Planning Board – Nancy Campbell
Zoning Board of Appeals – Nancy Campbell
Police – Fred Costello
Assessors – Greg Helmsmoortel
Buildings & Grounds – Fred Costello
Water & Sewer – Bruce Leighton
Dog Control – Greg Helmsmoortel
Public Cable Access – Leanne Thornton
Historian – Leanne Thornton
CAC – Leanne Thornton
Economic Development Committee – Nancy Campbell
Library – Leanne Thornton

Diaz – Bruce Leighton
Comprehensive Planning Committee – Leeanne Thornton
Boys & Girls Club – Bruce Leighton
Ethics Committee – Nancy Campbell
Historic Preservation Commission – Leeanne Thornton
Property Assessment Committee – Greg Helmsmoortel & Nancy Campbell

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Nancy Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Planning Board Committee: William Creen with a 7 year term to expire on December 31, 2013 and Tom Francello with a 2 year term to expire on December 31, 2008.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Nancy Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals Committee: Joe Roberti, Sr., who is the Chairman, with a 3 year term to expire on December 31, 2009 and Joe Mayone to fill the term of Bill Geick who resigned as of November 2006, which term will expire on December 31, 2008.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee: Gladys Hutton, Dean Fabiano (Honorary Member), Pat Fisco, Gina Kiniry, Priscilla Orr, Richard Teitter, Mike Tiano, Ron LeBlanc, Kevin Pendergast, Joseph Quirk, Faith Dickson, Joe Gavner and William Creen, Jr.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Conservation Advisory Committee: Clifford Tienken, Sandra Thorpe, Brian Sawchuck, James Barbour, Josh Randall, Elisabeth Kolb, Elizabeth Shafer and Alvah Weeks.

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to amend the motion to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Conservation Advisory Committee: Clifford Tienken, Sandra Thorpe, Brian Sawchuck, James Barbour, Josh Randall, Elisabeth Kolb, Elizabeth Shafer, Alvah Weeks and Ralph Bogart.

Vote on amendment: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilwoman Campbell and Supervisor Helmsmoortel voting No)

Vote on Motion as amended: Adopted - 3 Yes (Councilwoman Campbell and Supervisor Helmsmoortel voting No)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee: Fred

Costello Sr., Joe Roberti Sr., Werner Hegner, Rocco Pietrofessa, John Poll, Mike Maxwell, Sandra Pietrofessa, William Ashmore, Pat Lambert and Doug Pettit.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Cable Access Committee: Kendall Stanley, Paul VanSchaack, Bill Curtis and Ernest Mortuzans.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Economic Development Committee with 1, 2 and 3 year terms to be determined after the committees' first meeting of 2007: Barbara Budik, Alicia McCaig, Marion Vail, Cindy Saporito, Jerry Schackne, Beth Murphy, Finley Schaef, David Radovanovic and Richard Rosen.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Comprehensive Planning Board Committee: Patrick Fitzsimmons, Jim Bruno, Ellie Henkel, Ed Kovac, Doug Engel, Josepha Gutelius, Barry Benepe, Carmine Gramolgia, David VanBenschoten, Samantha Dederick, Susan Weeks, Robert Dederick, Naomi Rothberg, Lanny Walter and Jim Uhl.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the 2006 Budget Amendments per the Town of Saugerties Accountant, Gary Newkirk.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Tom Brennan as the Civil Defense Director for the Town of Saugerties for the year 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello that the following dates are set for town offices to be closed in the year 2007:

January 1	New Year's Day
January 15	Martin Luther King Day
February 12	Lincoln's Birthday
February 19	Washington's Birthday
April 6	Good Friday
May 28	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 3	Labor Day
October 8	Columbus Day
November 12	Veteran's Day (observed)
November 22	Thanksgiving Day
November 23	day after Thanksgiving

December 24 Christmas Eve
December 25 Christmas Day

Discussion: Supervisor Helsmoortel noted that usually the town is closed on Election Day, but instead will have Christmas Eve off.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to re-adopt Resolution #94-241 dated December 21, 1994 modified on February 13, 2002, which approves the Town of Saugerties Procurement Policy as required by General Municipal Law Section 104b.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to re-adopt Resolution #94-241 dated December 21, 1994 modified on February 4, 2004, which approves the Town of Saugerties Investment Policy as conforms with the General Municipal Law Section 39.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint the list, as read of 2007 part-time Police Officers, as per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Chief of Police: David Drescher; Wayne Ferrine; Philip Fredenburg; Patrick Hastings; Sean McMahon; James Mullen; Owen O'Connell; Joseph Sanford; Joseph Sciutto.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint the list, as read of 2007 part-time Police Dispatchers, as per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Chief of Police: Kathy Maclary; Deborah Rosa; Brian Woltman.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint the list, as read of 2007 School Crossing Guards, as per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Chief of Police: Jay Gakenheimer; Charles Gambino; Robert Gilmore; Ann Ward.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to approve a charge of \$20.00 on each check tendered for payment and returned for insufficient funds, according to Section 85 of the General Municipal Law.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to authorize the Town of Saugerties Supervisor to designate use of his signature stamp where deemed necessary according to Town Law Section 29(3).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to reaffirm the Town of Saugerties position, as read, in the following Resolution on “No Casino” in the Town of Saugerties.

TOWN OF SAUGERTIES
RESOLUTION OPPOSING CASINO GAMBLING

WHEREAS, the New York State Constitution prohibits casino gambling; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Saugerties is a Greenway community dedicated to protecting its rich environmental and historic assets and protecting and preserving its quality of life for its inhabitants and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Saugerties has been proposed as the site for a gambling casino on the Winston Farm that will change the nature of our community and will create negative socio-economic conditions that will place undo burden on the town, it’s residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Saugerties is determined to prevent the siting of a gambling casino within its borders, including those of our school district, and is resolute in conveying this determination to our elected county, state and federal representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Saugerties Town Board adopted a resolution on June 8, 2005 opposing the establishment of a casino in our community and now wishes to re-affirm its opposition for the benefit of the new Governor and State Legislature; it is hereby

RESOLVED that on this date, January 3, 2007, the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties opposes the sighting of a gambling casino in Saugerties or its environs and asks the Governor of New York State and the State Legislature to decline to enter into any agreement that would allow the acquisition of property in this Town for the purpose of building a gambling casino; and it is further

RESOLVED that this Resolution be forwarded immediately by the Town Clerk to NYS Governor Eliot Spitzer and to all Legislative leaders considering expansion of casino gambling into the Town of Saugerties and to our elected representatives on the federal, state, county and local levels.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to carry over one unused holiday for Mary Monaco, Town of Saugerties Police Department employee from 2006 to be used in 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve Order Accepting Dedication of a portion of Camelot Court, Bishop's Gate by the Town of Saugerties per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Highway Superintendent, Bernie Ellsworth.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

SUPERVISOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

To appoint Fred Costello, Jr., as the Town of Saugerties Deputy Supervisor for the year 2007.

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Leighton to adjourn Reorganizational Meeting, carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 17, 2007	Public Hearings	6:00 p.m.
	Pre-Board Meeting	to follow P.H.
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk