

TOWN BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 14, 2005

The Town Board Meeting was held on September 14, 2005 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 at 7:20 with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel
Councilman Tom Macarille
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.
Councilman Phil Tucker

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Elinor Trumpbour – Tax Reform Task Force report demands that state assumes all costs of basic quality education and that real property tax be eliminated as a source of funding education. Sal Mauro collected three pages of signatures for petition. Notices will be in the newspapers for scheduling of next meeting.

Patti Kelly – spoke in support of hiring attorney to fight Casino – hire the best.

Gary Bischoff – also asking for support of motion to hire attorney. Right thing to support and work together.

Gil Hales – Hurricane Katrina made him think of few things, should put reinforcements in before its too late. Prepare ahead of time, don't wait until disaster hits – that's the way we should treat the casino. Also, on Saturday, 09/17/05 at 10:30 a.m. we will be honoring people who refurbished the mural.

Lanny Walter – thanked Town Board for taking the time to interview attorneys; voted unanimously to oppose Casino. Casino reps put out “glossy” and misrepresentation of information recently. Meeting on 09/26/05 to see if Winston Farm should be designated historic.

Darrin Moret – new resident, purchased condo that is on private road – would like information and guidance on how to make it town road. Councilman Macarille spoke to the resident and will meet with him.

Supervisor Helsmoortel stated that the motion regarding the hiring of an attorney to fight the casino will be tabled tonight. Councilwoman Thornton explained that the proposal was just received last night – not enough time to be reviewed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes for Joint Town/Village Board Meeting of August 10, 2005; Public Hearing regarding senior tax exemption law of August 17, 2005; Pre Board Meeting of August 17, 2005; Town Board Meeting of August 17, 2005; Bid Opening of August 24, 2005; Public Hearing regarding Local Law #5 of August 24, 2005; Public Hearing regarding Local Law #6 of August 24, 2005; Public Hearing regarding Local Law #7 of August 24, 2005; and Special Joint Village/Town Board Meeting of August 30, 2005, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General	\$ 95,787.66
General Outside Village	35,545.42
Recreational Capital	5,600.50
Highway Townwide	35,828.74
Highway Outside Village	157,086.87
Capital Projects	650.00
Ambulance District	31,167.00
Lighting District	3,726.61
Barclay Heights Sewer	2,449.33
Glasco Sewer	16,025.86
Malden Sewer	4,859.12
Glasco Water	216,884.20
Malden Water	28,904.39

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – warehouse expansion and key swipes are on track and will be ready to go out for RFP soon; footings completed for pavilion at soccerfield; field 5 is complete and field 7 almost at completion; ice rink open last week of September; and Barclay Heights Neighborhood block party has raised \$5,000.00 of \$9,000.00 needed for new playground.

Wayne Debrosky – flushing of village water will be week of October 3rd; Glasco the week of October 10th. Time Warner will run an internet service down at Glasco office thanks to Mark Resso and Andy McBride for working with cable company to get costs reduced to basically zero and monthly service fee less.

Chief Greg Hulbert – complete report on file in the Town Clerk’s Office. Sgt. Tucker requested ATV detail, which resulted in three taken in custody and impoundment of ATV’s. Officers Swart and Gambino have volunteered to go down to Mississippi and help with Hurricane relief.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Macarille – yellow landfill bags are running out, new bags will have drawstring. Paul Andreassen will be out for a while, may need to bring in some part time help.

Councilwoman Thornton – grant secured to complete study on traffic corridor from Greene County to Town of Ulster. *Library* – congratulations to Peg Wilsey for serving the library for 27 years and to Eleanor Redder for 10 years of service. The ramp is in need of repair. Senator Bonacic gave the library a \$5,000.00 grant, which will be used to purchase new computers. *CAC* – meeting on September 15th, here at the Senior Center. *CPC* – meeting on September 22, 2005 at 7 pm. *Historic Preservation Meeting* – will be looking at Snyder Farm and Winston Farms for historic designation. *Public Access* – met with Architect Jan Welton about needs for studio, also the school media class will be getting involved with videotaping.

Councilman Costello – Boys & Girls Club building is coming along nicely; new soccer pavilion will be an asset to community. Ernie Fick Memorial will be held on September 17, 2005 at noon on field #5 at Cantines; thank you to Officer Tucker for taking the lead in tracking down ATV problems.

Councilman Tucker – great job to Andy and Mark for saving the town money with Time Warner. Thank you to Officer Swart and Officer Gambino for their efforts down south.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve a Certificate of Registration for Thomas Sperl of Saugerties to install water and sewer hook-ups in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to accept the low bid of \$130,990.00 from Leo Boice & Sons, Inc. for drainage, black top and related parking lot work at the Town Hall facility, as per the recommendation of the town engineers Brinnier and Larios. The town intends to finance this project through the issuance of a BAN or bond. Prior to the issuance of said BAN or bond, the Town may utilize other general funds money available for this purpose and replenish said general funds with proceeds of any future BAN or bond issued for this project.

Discussion: Councilman Macarille asked if board will be able to add more improvements to this BAN, Councilman Costello answered yes.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Councilman Macarille to appoint Vera White a full time provisional dispatcher, effective September 22, 2005 at a rate of \$18,000.00 per year, as per the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Laurie Hutter to the position of part-time animal shelter laborer at a rate of \$9.00 per hour, effective September 14, 2005, as per the recommendation of the Animal Shelter Manager.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Tucker to authorize the Saxton Fire Department to purchase motor vehicle fuel at the Town of Saugerties Highway Department at State bid prices.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the contract by and between the Communication Workers of American Local 1120 and the Town of Saugerties for the years beginning January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM TO AUTHORIZE
THE SALE OF TWO PARCELS OWNED BY THE TOWN OF SAUGERTIES TO
BE HELD AT THE FRANK D. GRECO SENIOR CENTER IN THE
TOWN OF SAUGERTIES, ULSTER COUNTY, STATE OF NEW YORK ON
SEPTEMBER 14, 2005

WHEREAS the Town of Saugerties is the rightful owner of two vacant land parcels located within the Town of Saugerties, one located on High Street and North Street of approximately 2 acres and the second located on Mike Krout Road of approximately 11.9 acres; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties has agreed that these two parcels serve of no use, present or in the future for the Town of Saugerties; and

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties in its preparation and subsequent adoption of the 2005 Budget for the Town of Saugerties appropriated estimated revenues from the sale of these two and other such parcels that the Town of Saugerties owns as found in line item A2770; and

WHEREAS the Town of Saugerties retained the service of a Professional Appraiser in June 2005 to ascertain the market value of these aforementioned properties; and

WHEREAS the Town of Saugerties placed both of the properties in the hands of a Licensed Real Estate Broker who listed both properties on the Multiple Listing Service; and

WHEREAS the Town of Saugerties has listed the property on North and High Street at an asking price of \$25,000.00 and the property on Mike Krout Road at an asking price of \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS the Town of Saugerties has been informed that each of these properties received offers for their full asking price and binders have been secured by each respective purchaser or his/her agent; and

WHEREAS the Town of Saugerties Attorney George Redder has prepared the Contract of Sale for each respective purchase of these two parcels which under Town Law Section 64 (2) requires a resolution from Town Board to convey real property of the Town; and so

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Supervisor of the Town of Saugerties is authorized to enter into the contracts for sale as presented to and approved by the Town Board and to subsequently sign a Deed transferring the properties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Section 90 of the Town Law and a copy of this resolution shall be posted and published in full in the designated official newspaper(s) of the Town for such purpose, together with a notice of the Clerk of the Town in substantially for form provided by the Law, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof within 10 days after the adoption of this Resolution by the Town Board; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that should this resolution receive no objections pursuant to Section 91 of the Town Law within 30 days after the adopted of the Resolution set forth in Section 90, said Resolution will take effect 30 days after the date of its adoption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Greg Helmsmoortel	voting	Yes
Councilman Fred Costello	voting	Yes
Councilman Phil Tucker	voting	Yes
Councilman Tom Macarille	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Leanne Thornton	voting	Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE THE MALDEN MINI-PARK
IN THE TOWN OF SAUGERTIES
IN THE NAME OF THE LATE GEORGE TERPENING, SR.
SEPTEMBER 14, 2005

WHEREAS, George Terpening, Sr., was a lifelong resident of the Town of Saugerties even having been born in Malden; and

WHEREAS George Terpening, Sr., having graduated from Saugerties High School Class of 1946 went on to serve our country in the Korean conflict with the United States Army; and

WHEREAS George Terpening, Sr., returned to his hometown of Saugerties opening several businesses in Saugerties until his retirement; and

WHEREAS George Terpening, Sr., went on to serve his community in the capacity of Town Board member in the 1980's for four years and then went on to be elected Town Supervisor in 1992; and

WHEREAS George Terepening, Sr., was a 50 year member of the Snyder Hose Fire Company, member of the Blue Kats Men's Club, Catskill Glee Club and was enshrined into the Saugerties Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS George Terpening, Sr., was a daily visitor to the Malden Mini-Park with his wife of 56 years Katherine, often speaking of the friendships he gained as a result of his visits and how much he enjoyed the camaraderie found from others who also frequent the Malden Mini-Park; and

WHEREAS sadly the Town of Saugerties lost its friend and former civil servant George Terpening, Sr., in December 2004, losing a man who had touched so many lives along the way and whose smile will always be remembered; so

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties desires to acknowledge and commemorate the life of George Terpening, Sr., in a way that reflects his devotion to his community;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties hereby eclares and proclaims that the town park known as the Malden Mini-Park shall forever and from here on out be dedicated and known by all as the George Terpening, Sr., Park.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel	voting	Yes
Councilman Tom Macarille	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton	voting	Yes
Councilman Fred Costello	voting	Yes
Councilman Phil Tucker	voting	Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the inventory list for the Town Highway Department, as per Highway Law and per the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve Jan Welton, architect, to work on plans to modify the current cable access room space to expand the width of the room and raise the ceiling level in the current building location.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint Michael Koegel to the Parks and Buildings part-time call out list at a rate of \$7.75 per hour effective immediately as per the recommendation of the Parks and Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Tucker to accept with regret the letters of resignation from part time police officers Owen O'Connell and Sean McMahon effective immediately and to appoint both as part time dispatchers effective September 15, 2005 at the rates of \$9.50 and \$10.50 per hour respectively, as per the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Dispatch Deborah Rosa as a 90-day temp to fill a vacancy effective September 14, 2005 at her current rate of \$12.00 per hour as per the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to adopt Local Law #8 of 2005 entitled Granting Partial Tax Exemptions of Real Property owned by certain persons with limited income of 65 years of age or older.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to enter into Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Tucker to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:20 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

**Pre Board Meeting
Town Board Meeting**

**6:00 pm
7:00 pm**

Town Clerk