

TOWN BOARD REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – JANUARY 6, 2010

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 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 Helmsmoortel

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS: would like to welcome new Councilman James Bruno to the Town Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of December 16, 2009 and Public Hearing (GEIS) of December 16, 2009, carried (Councilman Bruno abstained).

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$174,713.76
General Outside Village	38,749.92
Highway	50,208.63
Capital Projects	230,214.89
Ambulance District	44,120.00
Barclay Heights Sewer	250.72
Glasco Sewer	5,415.82
Malden Sewer	5,666.06
Glasco Water	1,407.44
Malden Water	414.72

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to designate the Saugerties Times 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 for 2010.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Bruno voting No)

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following as official banks for the Town of Saugerties: M & T Bank, Key Bank and Fleet Bank for 2010.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint George Redder as an attorney for the Town of Saugerties to handle all legal work for the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board, actions in which the Saugerties Town Board is an involved agency, SEQR purposes and will be responsible for motions and resolutions required by the Saugerties Town Board at an hourly rate of \$125.00 for 2010.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint John Greco as an attorney for the Town of Saugerties for the purpose of handling prosecution for Animal Control, Building Inspector, Police Department, HUD, will 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 and Sewer District at an hourly rate of \$125.00 for 2010.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Lanny Walter as an attorney for the Town of Saugerties to be used on an as needed basis at a hourly rate of \$125.00 for 2010.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Bruno voting No)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Gary Newkirk as the Town of Saugerties Accountant for the year 2010.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Audrey Klinkenberg as the Town of Saugerties Historian for the year 2010.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint Brinnier & Larios, P.C. as the Town of Saugerties Engineers for 2010.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint The Chazen Companies as the Town of Saugerties Consulting Planners for the year 2010.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint Randy Ricks as the Civil Defense Director for the Town of Saugerties for the year 2010.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Lisa Stanley, Saugerties Town Clerk, as Registrar of Vital Statistics for 2010.

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 \$7,850.00 for 2010.

Discussion: Supervisor Helsmoortel added that in 2009 Marie Post took more responsibility on with the Town of Woodstock and City of Kingston.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Marie Post as Manager of the Town of Saugerties Transfer Station at the yearly salary of \$15,950.00 for 2010.

Discussion: Supervisor Helsmoortel added that Marie is handling a lot of problems and is also started composting and selling the compost.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to carry over 38.25 hours of unused vacation time from 2009 to 2010 for Rosemary Bach.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to carry over 8.25 hours of unused vacation time from 2009 to 2010 for Cindy Murphy.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to carry over 40 hours of unused vacation time from 2009 to 2010 for Mark Resso.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the renewal of Trident Insurance Company through Marshall & Sterling Upstate LD as the property and casualty insurance carrier for the Town of Saugerties for 2010.

Discussion: Supervisor Helsmoortel stated that Marshall & Sterling quoted premiums through four different companies and Trident was the best with premiums increased 8%.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following as custodians of Voting Machines for 2010: Donald Baker, Michael Snyder, Raymond Scott Wilson and Richard Snyder.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve 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 Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to have the Saugerties Town Board meetings start at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center on Market St. in Saugerties, NY for 2010 on:

January 6 & 20, February 3 & 17, March 3 & 17, April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19, June 16, July 14, August 18, September 1 & 15, October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17 and December 1 & 15.

Discussion: Supervisor Helsmoortel affirmed that Pre-Board will start at 6:30 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the following dates for the Town offices to be closed in 2010:

January 1, New Year's Day; January 18, Martin Luther King Day; February 12, Lincoln's Birthday; February 15, Washington's Birthday; April 2, Good Friday; May 31, Memorial Day; July 5, Independence Day (Observed); September 6, Labor Day; October 11, Columbus Day; November 2, Election Day; November 11, Veteran's Day; November 25, Thanksgiving Day; November 26, Day after Thanksgiving, December 24, Christmas Day (Observed) and December 31, New Year's Day 2011 (Observed).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to authorize the Town of Saugerties Supervisor to designate use of his signature stamp where deemed necessary according to Town Law Section 29(30).

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel abstain)

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello 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 Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve raising the hourly rate for Part-time Police Officers, bringing them from \$15.50 an hour to \$18.00 an hour, per the recommendation of the Chief of Police, effective January 1, 2010.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that this should make better use of part time schedule and be more competitive.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to approve a 3% increase in salary for the Police Chief for 2010 effective January 1, 2010.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that the Chief is relatively the lowest paid Chief in Ulster County.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve after working more than 200 hours per calendar year, a \$200 clothing allowance for part-time police officers, per the recommendation of the Chief of Police, effective January 1, 2010.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve after working more than 200 hours per calendar year, the part-time police officer will be compensated one (1) additional hour for each eight (8) hours of work, per the recommendation of the Chief of Police, effective January 1, 2010.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

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

HUD-Leeanne Thornton

Parks & Recreation-Fred Costello

Transfer Station-Greg Helmsmoortel

Justice Court-Bruce Leighton

Building & Zoning Codes-Bruce Leighton

Planning Board-Bruce Leighton

Zoning Board of Appeals-Bruce Leighton

Police-Fred Costello

Assessors-Greg Helmsmoortel

Buildings & Grounds-Fred Costello

Water & Sewer-Jim Bruno

Dog Control-Greg Helmsmoortel

Public Cable Access-Leeanne Thornton

Historian-Leeanne Thornton

Conservation Advisory Committee-Leeanne Thornton

Economic Development Committee-Greg Helmsmoortel & Jim Bruno

Library-Leeanne Thornton

Diaz Ambulance-Jim Bruno

Comprehensive Planning Committee-Leeanne Thornton

Boys & Girls Club-Jim Bruno

Ethics Committee-Bruce Leighton

Historic Preservation Commission-Jim Bruno

Property Assessment Advisory Committee-Greg Helmsmoortel & Bruce Leighton

Biodiversity Assessment Team-Leeanne Thornton

Green Energy Task Force-Greg Helsmoortel

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

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

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint the list, as on file, of 2010 Part-time Police Officers, as per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Chief of Police.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint the list, as on file, of 2010 Part-time Police Dispatchers, as per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Chief of Police.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint the list, as on file, of 2010 School Crossing Guards, as per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Chief of Police.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individual to serve on the Planning Board: Paul Andreassen with a seven (7) year term that expires on December 31, 2016.

Discussion: Supervisor Helsmoortel added that Paul was the Building Inspector for the Town of Saugerties for many years and we are happy to him on board.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint the following individual to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals: Henry Rua with a five (5) year term that expires on December 31, 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Costello voting No)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint Joe Roberti, Sr. as chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2010.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to appoint Jeanne Goldberg as vice-chair of the ZBA for 2010.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee for 2010: Gladys Hutton, Priscilla Orr, Mike Tiano, Ron LeBlanc, Kevin Pendergast, Joseph Quirk, Joe Gavner, William Creen, Jr. and Dean Fabiano (Honorary Member).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Conservation Advisory Committee for 2010: Sandra Thorpe, Brian Sawchuk, James Barbour, Josh Randall, Gerry Marzec, Mary Anne Wrolsen and Elizabeth Shafer.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee for 2010: Fred Costello Sr., Werner Hegner, Rocco Pietrofessa, John Poll, Sandra Pietrofessa, William Ashmore, Pat Lambert and Doug Petit.

Discussion: Councilman Bruno added that Mark DeCicco would not be able to attend meetings because of work, but thanked the board for the offer to serve.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Cable Access Committee for 2010: Kendall Stanley, Paul VanSchaack, Ernie Mortuzans and Matthew Phillips.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Economic Development Committee for 2010: John Bassler, Alicia McCaig, Marion Vail, Cindy Saporito, Jerry Schackne, Kevin Michaels and Barbara Budik.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Comprehensive Planning Committee for 2010: Patrick Fitzsimmons, Josepha Gutelius, Barry Benepe, Carmine Gramolgia, Samantha Dederick, Susan Weeks, Robert Dederick and Naomi Rothberg.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Blanche Duffy to the Ethics Committee with a 5 (five) year term to expire on December 31, 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Green Energy Task Force for 2010: Patti Kelly, Janus Welton and Michael Harkavy.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Biodiversity Assessment Team for 2010: Gerry Marzec, Sarah Mecklem, Dan Weeks, William Trumbour, Mark Knaust, Vernon Benjamin and Diana Harris.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Property Assessment Advisory Committee for 2010: Jamie Fine, Nelson Burhans and Ron LeBlanc.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Senior Education Committee (Lifespring) for 2010: Susan Poretz, Meyer Rothberg, Barbara Kaisik, Richard Phillips, Bob Saturn, Manu Malkani, Arzi McKeown, Marjory Greenberg-Vaughn, Marv Beach, Roberta Gavner, Sandy Ostoyich, Matt Ostoyich, Myrna Sameth and Joe Churnetski.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton added that there are 99 members from the community and Supervisor Helsmoortel added that they are doing a wonderful job.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the standard IRS allowance for mileage reimbursement at a rate of 50 cents per mile, a decrease from 55 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2010.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to allow the following Town /Highway employees to carry over unused time from 2009 to 2010: Mary Louise Dengler (6 hours vacation), Alvah Weeks (6.5 hours vacation), Stephen Gakenheimer (1 hour vacation), Richard Pesce (6 hours vacation) and Stephen Sasso (4.5 hours of birthday time).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow Police Dispatcher, Christopher Craft, to carry over 1 unused personal day from 2009 to 2010, per the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Leighton to accept the resignation of Thomas (Sonny) Solitto of the HUD Department, effective January 8, 2010.

Discussion: Supervisor Helmsmoortel added that Sonny was a long time employee, went part time and now is retiring.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve a \$.50 (fifty cent) raise from \$11.00 per hour to \$11.50 per hour for employee Kathleen Blundell effective January 1, 2010.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Kathleen Blundell as the Zoning Board of Appeals secretary for 2010 at a monthly rate of \$200.00.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Juanita Wilsey as the Planning Board secretary for 2010 at a hourly rate of \$14.00.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint Officer Patrick Hastings as a 90-day temp in the Town Police Department to fill a vacancy due to an illness at a rate of \$19.00 per hour, effective December 23, 2009.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said prayers go out to Officer Castagnola and wishing him a speedy recovery.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Howie Post as chair for the Planning Board for 2010.

Discussion: Supervisor Helmsmoortel thanked Bill Creen for many years of service as chair.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to appoint Carole Furman as vice-chair for the Planning Board for 2010.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Susan Puretzt to the Historic Preservation Commission for a 2 year term to expire in March of 2011, effective March 2009.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to set a public hearing date of February 3, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. regarding the overnight parking law.

Discussion: Supervisor Helmsmoortel said the law has been in effect but need to correct hours.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the White Pines Lane Road Dedication, as on file, from James Thorsen to Gil Trnka.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the Resolution, as on file, regarding appointment(s) to the Ulster County Planning Board.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

SUPERVISOR’S APPOINTMENTS:

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint Fred Costello Jr. as the Town of Saugerties Deputy Supervisor for 2010.

Discussion: Councilman Costello extends thank you for confidence.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Costello abstain)

Supervisor Helmsmoortel extended thanks and appreciation to all who serve on committees and give of their time. Saugerties has a wonderful reputation for its volunteerism.

Councilwoman Thornton read good advice for people to follow in 2010.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 20, 2010	Public Hearing (Open Space)	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 20, 2010	Pre-Board Meeting Town Board Meeting	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk