

TOWN BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 17, 2014

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in 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:

Councilman William Schirmer
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilman James Bruno
Supervisor Greg Helmsmoortel

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Recognition Awards were given out to students in the Jr & Sr High for "Stomp out Cancer"

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Sue Rosenberg, West Saugerties Road – represents Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipeline, which carries crude oil from Albany to New Jersey. Other towns have passed legislation to prohibit this and is asking this town board to do the same.

Mary Finneran, Cairo, NY – more towns that sign against the pipeline, the better. We need to voice our concerns.

Gaetana Ciarlante – would like the previous salaries regarding the enhanced salaries on agenda tonight. Supervisor Helmsmoortel stated that he does not have that information available but the budget is on the web-site.

Morgan Montano, Malden Turnpike – knows someone who was asked by Pilgrim Pipeline to lease her land and strong-armed into signing a contract. She is trying to rescind this contract. Residents should beware!

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Marie Post has had very successful fundraisers for the animal shelter, she does a wonderful job!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on November 19, 2014 and Special Emergency Meeting on December 8, 2014, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$233,929.24
General Outside Village	7,898.00
Highway	81,812.47
Capital Projects	22,705.05
Ambulance District	47,472.50
Lighting District	6,486.48
Barclay Heights Sewer	55,624.70
Glasco Sewer	7,564.81
Malden Sewer	11,031.20
Kings Highway Sewer	3,465.30
Glasco Water	125,744.35
Malden Water	75,612.04
Kings Highway Water	2,028.92
Trust & Agency	3,985.77

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Schirmer – would like to wish everyone a Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! Thank you to the board members for getting me through the first year.

Councilwoman Thornton – TV23 now on ROWCU and up-graded the policy. Thank you to all producers and new programs. SHS went live last week and has a morning news program. Also, thank you to the organizers for Holiday in the Village.

Councilman Costello – Happy Holidays to all! Mike Tiano, Priscilla Orr and Gladys Hutton are not coming back to the Recreation Committee and will be greatly missed. They have been a tremendous help to the community and thank you for all your time. The Chief will be restructuring and will hold an informational meeting for the public in early January.

Councilman Bruno – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Chief Sinagra – would like to thank the town board for the raise in salary but will respectfully decline since officers have not received a raise. Has a Contract and it states when a raise will be given.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the salaries, as approved in the budget, as listed for 2015 for elected officials: Supervisor at

\$35,000.00 (unchanged), Town Board Members (4) at \$10,000.00 each (unchanged), Receiver of Taxes at \$37,758.24, Town Clerk at \$42,000.00 (position has not received a raise in four years), Highway Superintendent at \$65,000.00 and Court Justices (2) at \$28,250.00 each.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the salary, as approved in the budget for 2015 of \$70,000.00 for the Assessor.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer said the Assessor has foregone a raise for a couple of years.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the salary, as approved in the budget for 2015 of \$65,321.88 for the Superintendent of Parks & Buildings.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to approve the salary, as approved in the budget for 2015 of \$60,283.00 for the Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the salary, as approved in the budget for 2015 of \$54,872.00 for the HUD Section 8 Program Supervisor.

Discussion: Supervisor Helsmoortel added that this is provided by the federal government and is reimbursed.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the pay rate of \$12.50 per hour for Samantha Wamsley as part time per diem Clerk per the Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel abstained)

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Bruno to hire Donna Shultis as clerk for Receiver of Taxes at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective December 17, 2014 per the Tax Receiver.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve Kevin Brown as an assistant building inspector, part-time on an as needed basis at his current rate of pay, effective immediately.

Discussion: Councilman Bruno said that Kevin went for training and will be an asset.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the resignation of part time police officer John Larrabee, effective December 1, 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the resignation of volunteer part time reserve police officer Thomas Tulimero, effective December 10, 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the health insurance eligibility policy, as on file, effective February 1, 2015.

Discussion: Supervisor Helmoortel added that this is clearing up some language and raising hours to be able to receive benefit. Also, if two spouses are employed and one receives health benefits for the family, the other will not receive a buy-out.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to approve the contract, as on file, for care and boarding of canines between the Town of Saugerties and the Town of Kingston.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and Diaz Memorial Ambulance Service.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer added that the district contracts with Diaz to provide service. Councilman Costello stated that we are very fortunate to have the ambulance district.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the 2015 DWI Task Force Agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and Ulster County.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to hire Martin Monaco as a part time school crossing guard in the absence of Ann Ward, effective December 10, 2014 at the rate of \$12.25 an hour.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to promote Lieutenant Stephen Filak to Captain (no overtime) will receive an additional \$3,500.00 and will no longer be in the CBA or Union member.

Discussion: Councilman Costello explained that Mr. Filak will become salary and compliment the Chief. This also saves a lot of money in overtime.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to set a public hearing of 6:30 p.m. on January 21, 2015 pertaining to Old Route 212 Stop Sign.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Bruno to enter Executive Session regarding matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation at 8:15 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:30 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

Organizational Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk