

Pre-Board Meeting – September 8, 2004

The Pre-Board Meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 2004 at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties. The following members were present:

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

The following topics were discussed:

Michael DeRuyter – Eagle Scout Project: handed out service project information on building a kiosk for the trail entrance and creating the first leg of a low impact hiking trail on Canoe Hill.

Diaz Ambulance – brought board up-to-date on improvements. Needs of the town are growing as well as needs of the ambulance district. Employs three full-time paramedics. Estimated cost of building project \$235,000.00.

Councilwoman Thornton – noted the committee is having one more workshop for Gateway/Waterfront amendments before the board will be voting on the local law.

General discussion on up-coming budget meetings; liaisons should be with their department heads during meeting with accountant.

Cable Access – Ken Bender has resigned; we will be looking for new person. Imperative has fixed equipment and is up and running.

Town Clerk

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The Town Board Meeting was held on September 8, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building 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 Tom Macarille
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.
Councilman Phil Tucker

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

A special presentation and certificate was given to T.J. Albright of Mt. Marion for being the 2004 Grand National Champion NBL/BMX Rookie. T.J. is 5 years old and the son of Joe Albright and Missy Maloney.

An award was given to Carolyn Maines in recognition of her hard work and excellence on the Section 8 Housing Assistance Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Bob Lippman – spoke last year about zoning for large animals and nothing has been done yet. Neighbors’ well is now contaminated. Something needs to be done about this problem.

Stacy Barth – neighborhood problem with young adults hanging out late at night and attempted burglaries.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

On Friday at 7pm here at the Senior Center, the Esopus Creek Conservancy will be meeting for a “Charette” to receive public input to their proposed mission statement. The public is invited.

On Saturday beginning at 8:30am, the 2nd Inter-municipal September 11-Patriot's Day Service will be held at Cantine Field next to the large pavilion. The service will again last one hour and promises to pay tribute to those who were lost that day as well as take the opportunity to recognize three local residents who go above and beyond for our community. The public is invited to attend.

On Sunday, the streets in the village again will be filled with music and art work for the annual Jazz and Arts in Saugerties Festival. The event kicks off at 1:30 and lasts throughout the day till 8pm. We are hoping that mother nature cooperates once again and I encourage everyone to get out on the streets and enjoy the day.

Yesterday, I attended the Ulster County Transportation Council meeting in the county building to receive instruction for funding requests on transportation issues

Today I attended the 75th Anniversary gathering of the Saugerties Garden Club at the Methodist Church. My mother was honored as being a 50 year member.

As chief financial officer of the town, I am happy to report that the town budget preparation process is going well ahead of schedule and moving along quite well. I would like to thank all department heads for their jump start on this year's budget and I look forward to meeting with many of you next week when we review the preliminary numbers with our accountant.

I would like to thank Dog shelter manager Marie Post and Officers Craft and K-9 Vega for their well-received participation at a children's summer luncheon program a few weeks ago. I also thank Chief Hulbert for his assistance in making this event possible, as our new K-9 unit was the star attraction and from what I am told a huge hit in her first demonstration appearance.

On behalf of the entire town board, I would like to extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery for Jack Keeley who, as you know was involved in a serious car accident over the holiday weekend.

I would like to thank Councilman Costello for assisting in the day to day happenings in my office while I was away on vacation last week. As the Councilman learned, there are many different issues that arise in our growing community and I thank him for following up on several concerns while I was out of town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of the Pre-board Meeting of August 18, 2004; Town Board Meeting of August 18, 2004 and Public Hearing on Local Law #6 on August 23, 2004.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General Fund	\$190,488.95
General Fund Outside	23,394.26
Special Revenue Fund	176.00
Highway Townwide	7,240.59
Highway Outside Village	75,793.78
Lighting District	3,254.02
Barclay Heights Sewer	175.01
Glasco Sewer	5,933.12
Malden Sewer	2,247.29
Glasco Water	201,800.99
Malden Water	23,133.80

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

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – The old tennis courts at Jaycee Field have been removed. Bulldozer broke down while trying to level the dirt mounds. Soccer electrical up-dates will be completed this week. Donations by Ken Benson and Scott Peterson have helped tremendously with female changing area. Ice is being made at the rink.

Wayne Debrosky – ordered another 100 meters for Glasco District; backhoe is not working. Complete report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Chief Hulbert – Has attended several meeting for the up-coming Garlic Festival; complete report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Macarille – gave Building Department monthly report and is accepting applications for building inspector position. Landfill has smaller bags for sale at \$1.50 each and is also advertising for two positions. Also, looking into having two days per year for residents to bring leaves, brush, etc. to dispose of at the landfill.

Councilwoman Thornton – problem with Cable Access equipment, which has now been repaired by Imperative. We now need replacement for person to run program as Ken Bender has resigned. Conservation Advisory Committee last months' meeting heard support of the Gateway/Waterfront amendments.

Councilman Costello – Barclay Heights community group held a block party, which was well-received. AYSO Soccer League will step off their season this Sunday with a parade at 11:30 a.m. Greg Chorvas will serve as Grand Marshall. Also, the fundraiser for Jeff Madelone was a great success.

Councilman Tucker – nothing to report.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to accept, with regret, the letter of resignation from part-time police dispatcher Matthew Cutler effective august 28, 2004.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to accept, with regret, the letter of resignation from Elizabeth Schafer from the Saugerties Historic Preservation Commission effective August 23, 2004.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Councilman Macarille to approve a Certificate of Registration for Linzey Plumbing & Heating of Saugerties to install sewer hook-ups in the Town of Saugerties Sewer District.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve Local Law No. 4 of 2004 rezoning request of Karin and Mark DeNat.

Discussion: Concerned of property location of this request because of the water study being done and that it would be taken off Sensitive Overlay Area.

Vote: Defeated - 5 No

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to authorize the Town Clerk to amend the enumeration of adopted Local Law No. 5 to be reflected as Local Law No. 4 for the purposes of filing with the NYS Department of State.

Discussion: This Local Law is Sewer Units to Usage.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Tucker to implement a policy that all town employees, except those who are elected officials, be required to use the time clock system.

Vote: Defeated – 3 No (Councilwoman Thornton, Supervisor Helmsmoortel, Councilman Costello voting No)

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to approve the purchase and installation of a credit/debit card system at the town's transfer station to be implemented as soon as possible, as per the recommendation of the Transfer Station Manager.

Discussion: Councilman Macarille was complimented on taking the initiative to implement this service.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to re-establish the position of Deputy Supervisor as allowed under Town Law Section 42.

Discussion: Councilman Tucker still does not feel the need for this position. Supervisor Helmsmoortel was concerned that if something happened to him, there would be a lapse in someone being able to take over. Councilwoman Thornton added that it should be someone that has been elected by the community; Supervisor Helmsmoortel said that was his intention.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilman Macarille and Councilman Tucker voting No.)

Supervisor Helsmoortel appointed Fred Costello, Jr. as Deputy Supervisor for the Town of Saugerties.

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Macarille to accept, with regret the letter of resignation of Ken Bender as Cable Access Coordinator effective September 8, 2004.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Tucker to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for a replacement for a Cable Access Coordinator effective immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve Eagle Scout Project of Michael DeRuyter to construct a hiking trail and kiosk at Cantine Field.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Tucker to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons regarding matters regarding the medical, financial, credit or employment history of such person or persons, carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to exit executive session and adjourn Town Board meeting at 9:15 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Pre-Board 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk