

PRE-BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 16, 2006

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 16, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi Purpose Building located on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel
Councilman Bruce Leighton
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilwoman Nancy Campbell

ABSENT: Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.

Gary Bischoff and Mary Ann Collins spoke regarding Ulster County Charter Overview. It would bring 33 legislatures down to 23 and would have a stronger financial oversight. There will be a Public Hearing on August 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the charter. It will be a proposition on the General Election ballot, which must pass in the City of Kingston as well as the county. There are 16 counties in the state that have already become a charter county.

Other topics board will move forward to tonight's agenda:

1. approve financing on highway trucks
2. to allow John Greco to pursue legal action against Schultz regarding sewer line
3. resignation of Katie Greaves from Public Access

Susan Poretz and Carl Betke from No Casino Group gave the board an up-date that the Town of Rosendale passed a resolution opposing a casino. Now 14 out of 24 towns in the County have passed Resolutions. They have been attending other towns' meetings and giving presentations to ask for their support to pass similar resolutions. Asking for town board members to encourage other town board members from neighboring towns to do the same.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 16, 2006

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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, Jr.
Councilwoman Nancy Campbell

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Eric Tietjen – wanted to remind the board that Keith Gardens will be built.

Patti Kelly – concerned about Aqua-fir Overlay Map, over a year ago Steve Winkley gave presentation, wondering about the status. Also, Gateway District is a law and zoning and planning need to enforce this law. Complimented Building Inspector’s Office for being helpful and kind during recent telephone conversation.

Susan Puretz – up-dated community of the towns that are signing up against the Casino.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Attended a meeting concerning Tissal Road, a report will be forthcoming. Also, a meeting with Art Snyder and the Chief concerning dam failures and went over emergency evacuation plan. Met with UC Health Department and will have a meeting in September on how to prepare for a pandemic.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board Meeting of July 12, 2006; Town Board Meeting of July 12, 2006; Bid Opening of July 26, 2006; and Special Town Board Meeting of August 1, 2006, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General Fund	\$117,273.41
General Outside Village	26,522.61
Public Housing	71.98
Recreational Capital	1,793.65
Highway Townwide	37,271.98
Highway Outside Village	28,002.43
Capital Projects	18,136.50
Glasco Sewer	2,239.91
Malden Sewer	478.64
Glasco Water	119.24

Malden Water	15.00
General Outside Village	640.00

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Hulbert – complete report on file at the Town Clerk’s Office. Also, two new full time officers have been hired from the part time list, they are Jeremy Rushkoskie and John Muller and Chris Helsmoortel has been moved to detective.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – community is encouraged to send any comments regarding the library site to Sherrie Haluska and two positions will be open on the Library Board for election in September. CAC had Robert McKeen present concept of purchasing farm land for conservation easement. Historic Preservation meeting Monday night and four people have expressed interest as being the new secretary. We wish Kelli Gilmore well and thanked her for her time as secretary. CPC meet on a weekly basis going over zoning book.

Councilman Costello – warehouse project approximately 80% complete. Drainage project on Lorenz Field is underway. Summer Day Camp and Mets Academy Camp went well and very successful. Ice Rink will be opening the end of the month. Would like to congratulate the 12 year old All Stars which finished 4th in the State. Also, at the Glasco Mini Park the rip rap has been installed.

Councilwoman Campbell – PACT committee going well; went to UC Real Property and will apply for grant for tax payers to access information. Economic Development hopes to work to get grant money. On August 24th there will be a meeting on GIS needs assessment at 9:00 a.m. We are starting to install the mural in the warehouse. Also, the Artist Tour was a huge success and thank you to the town and village for all the support.

Supervisor Helsmoortel added that the Artist Soapbox Derby will be held on Sunday, August 20, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in Kingston

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve Certificate of Registration for Frederick A. Edwards III for sewer hook-ups in the Town of Saugerties per Town of Saugerties Water & Sewer Department.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve Dispatcher Christopher Schneider, Town of Saugerties Police Department for the 90 day temp position, this vacancy was created by the resignation of Kathy Schedffel, at the starting salary of \$22,500.00, effective August 19, 2006.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve Order Accepting Dedication of Fortune Valley Lane by the Town of Saugerties per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Highway Superintendent, Bernie Ellsworth, as read:

TOWN BOARD CONSENT TO DEDICATION OF FORTUNE VALLEY LANE
FROM RONALD F. FISCHER AND ELIZABETH A. FISCHER, MICHAEL F.
VETERE, JR. AND MARK J. TIANO, DAVID WARNER AND THE ANDERSON
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.

Upon reading the deeds in the above entitled matter from Ronald F. Fischer and Elizabeth A. Fischer dated the 6th day of March, 2006, from Michael F. Vetere, Jr. and Mark J. Tiano dated the 27th day of February, 2006, from David Warner dated the 19th day of July, 2006 and from The Anderson Educational Foundation, Inc. dated the 26th day of March, 2006, wherein the owners of lands described therein have released the same to the Town of Saugerties for highway purposes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that consent be and the same hereby is given to the Town Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Saugerties to make an order laying out the lands described in said dedications for highway purposes, in accordance with the provisions of the Highway Law and other statutes applicable thereto.

Upon a roll call vote, the vote is as follows:

Supervisor Helsmoortel	voting	Yes
Councilman Leighton	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Thornton	voting	Yes
Councilman Costello	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Campbell	voting	Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Costello to accept Alvah Weeks, Town of Saugerties Building Department Code Enforcement Officer effective immediately, to a position with a Permanent status, in the Town of Saugerties Building Department having the title of Municipal Code Officer/Building Inspector II at his current annual salary of \$42,000.00.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Leighton to authorize John J. Greco, Esq. as attorney for the Town of Saugerties to commence a legal action in Ulster County Supreme Court against Mary Schultz and/or Amarada Hess Corporation to

obtain a declaratory judgment determining the legal rights and responsibilities appertaining to the two inch (2") force main sewer located on New York State Route 212 and under the New York State Thruway overpass bridge in the Town of Saugerties and a permanent injunction prohibiting the defendants from blocking or interfering with the use of the two inch (2") force main sewer line or the existing six inch (6") force main in the above stated location by other proposed users along New York State Routes 32 and 212.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to accept the resignation, with regret, of Katie Greaves as Lighthouse 23 coordinator effective August 18, 2006.

Discussion: Katie has only been on board for a short time, but has been offered a wonderful assignment in Rome and we wish her well in her new endeavor.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve financing through M & T Bank for three International Cab and Chassis, year 2007 purchased at state bid through International Engine Corp. of Albany at a cost of \$58,732.79 a piece which was approved by the town board on February 15, 2006 and the dump bodies, snow plows and related attachments for same three trucks at a cost of \$124,240.00 in a bid approved and awarded to trucks of Amthor Incorporated of Walden, New York approved in the month of July, 2006.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to enter into Executive Session for discussions regarding the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation and Executive Session for discussions regarding matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to exit Executive Session and resume Town Board Meeting, carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to amend the current PBA Contract concerning Section P, paragraph 3 - for the full time employees who have at least 15 years of full time service for the town, and who retire from the town with a pension, the town shall pay 60% of the retiree's health insurance (single or family) until the retiree reaches the regular Medicare eligible age (currently 65).
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 8:20 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

September 6, 2006

**Pre-Board Meeting
Town Board Meeting**

**6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.**

Town Clerk