

## **PRE-BOARD MEETING – MARCH 4, 2009**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 6:30 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:

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

Jeremy Kane, Town Planner – spoke regarding a meeting, which was held last week with Mike Hein on how to improve Zoning Board and Planning Board issues. Other towns are looking into hiring a town planner. Also, meetings with UC Transportation and DOT mentioned a tree planting program to include the Route 9W area.

Jeremy would also like to decrease his work week to 35 hours with \$2,350.00 savings to the town.

Councilwoman Thornton will add a motion to accept the resignation of Doug Engel on CPC.

Supervisor Helsmoortel will move a motion forward regarding replacing the highway truck which was completely destroyed by a fire, this is covered by insurance.

Councilman Leighton is looking into using Pro-Printers since it is a local business. Will check on shipping and handling fees.

Supervisor Helsmoortel discussed moving a motion forward regarding LeRoy Holding and LoDolce with Elna Magnetics hooking into a sewer line; town should take this line over since it has three or more users.

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## **TOWN BOARD MEETING – MARCH 4, 2009**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 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  
Councilwoman Nancy Campbell  
Supervisor Greg Helmsmoortel

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

Bonnie Benjamin, NYS Department of Health Cancer Society – spoke of free screenings available with no health insurance or some benefits. Residents should call for more information.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Nelson Burhans – told by tax department that credit cards will not be taken as a form of payment next year in the tax department; asking board to look into this matter. Town Board is unsure; Supervisor said M & T is trying to work something out.

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

On March 2, 2009 a press conference was held with Precision Flow. Kevin Brady, President announced they will be looking for 60-70 people to hire for new jobs. Congressman Hinchey will be releasing \$3.2 million for solar energy consortium.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of February 18, 2009, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$120,769.36
General Outside Village	71,860.37
Highway	59,095.46
Capital Projects	375.00
Ambulance District	40,916.67
Barclay Heights Sewer	322.62
Glasco Sewer	4,877.77
Malden Sewer	1,206.20
Glasco Water	1,661.70
Malden Water	420.30

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** None

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Leighton – Diaz Ambulance reported 162 calls in January 2009 with 100% compliance. Boys & Girls Club will hold their Spring Fling Auction on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. DEC sent a letter that Malden Wastewater Plant was in satisfactory condition.

Councilwoman Thornton – Reality Check spoke at the last board meeting and in April they will do a live show on TV23. Marjory Block filmed the Village Candidate Night last night, which will show shortly. Time Warner has \$2,000.00 scholarship available. Chief Barbaria attended the SAMA meeting to discuss traffic flow. CPC working on land use disturbance. Bio-diversity working on map for Hudsonia.

Councilman Costello – our police department has highest rate in county for arrests for DWI, compliments to the department. The Recreation Department is replacing the sign on Market Street to Cantine Field and looking into relocating police impound area. Recently, family had a structure fire and wanted to thank the fire department with utmost gratitude for their efforts. Library Board will be paying for renovations to the town hall warehouse for their use while construction is going on. There is a draft of the diagram for Bishops Gate Lighting District.

Councilwoman Campbell – thanked Patti Kelly and the Green Energy Task Force for holding forum. Results of the survey on Winston Farm had a 86% positive response. There were over 377 surveys returned. Dan Schuster met with GEIS and will have the first draft by the end of April. Building Department revenues are down; one building inspector has been laid off and Jeremy Kane will be decreasing his hours. The Greg & Bob Show will be live on Saturday.

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel that Be It Resolved that the Town Board would like to enter into the minutes the approval of the resolution, as on file, adopting Local Law #2 of 2009 regarding the “Appointment of Alternate Members to the Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals.”

Discussion: Councilwoman Campbell added that two public hearings were held and this allows the chairperson to use own discretion.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell that Be It Resolved that the town board would like to enter into the minutes the approval of the resolution, as on file, and per the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, regarding the placement of stop signs at the intersections of Village Drive and Stevens Court and Village Drive and Jeffrey Court.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello that Be It Resolved that the town board would like to enter into the minutes the approval of the resolution, as on file, regarding streamlining New York State Department of Transportation permits for work done in their right-of-ways.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the 2009 contract, as on file, for DWI Task Force Patrols in the Town of Saugerties between the Town of Saugerties Police Department and the County of Ulster.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve an easement of LeRoy Holdings and others with the Town of Saugerties and Malden Water and Sewer District, as on file.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to accept the resignation of Doug Engel on the Comprehensive Plan Committee effective March 4, 2009.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to authorize the Historic Preservation Commission to charge a fee for the Saugerties Stone House Tour on May 16, 2009 that will cover the expenses incurred by the commission.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to allow Bernie Ellsworth, Highway Superintendent to forgo competitive bidding to replace a totally damaged highway vehicle due to an insurance covered fire per General Municipal Law, Article 5-A, Section 103 paragraph 4.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

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

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, March 18, 2009**

**Pre-Board Meeting**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Town Board Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.**

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Town Clerk