

TOWN BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 13, 2014

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 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 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 Helsmoortel

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Gaetana Ciarlante – motion on the agenda is hiring for the Water & Sewer department, is this a new position and why is this needed? Supervisor Helsmoortel replied that it is a new position and when the superintendent left, it was never filled and he did a lot of the clerical work. Ms. Ciarlante is concerned that the appointee is VP of the GOP committee.

Darren Grant – up-date with Bishop’s Gate community. They have 10 on the committee and have taken advice and following up with more speed limit signs. This is a public awareness issue. Thank you to the town board for help. Supervisor Helsmoortel added that it is nice to see people working together to solve problems.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

We are changing the Town Board Meeting in October from the 15th to the 22nd. UCRRA is increasing fees they charge towns for trash removal from \$93.00/ton to \$103.00/ton; so to absorb the increase, some fees will be going up at the transfer station. We will try to keep the increase minimal.

Glad to have Jim Bruno back from surgery as well as Lisa Stanley and congratulations to Leeanne on her daughter’s wedding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board on July 16, 2014; Public Hearings of July 16, 2014 regarding Affordable Housing and General Business District, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Doug Myer, Highway Superintendent – final review of FEMA projects, report is on file at the Town Clerk’s Office. Supervisor Helsmoortel added that Doug’s handling of FEMA paperwork is being used as a model.

Councilman Schirmer – committees are on hiatus for the summer. Diaz Ambulance is very happy with the way things went with the Hudson Project. Historic Preservation Commission is working on guidelines.

Councilwoman Thornton – Lifespring is at full capacity for fall, unique community.

Councilman Costello – police department has been impacted by several things lately, all worked out with no complaints. The Ice Rink is open.

Councilman Bruno – read Building Inspector’s report, which is on file at the Town Clerk’s Office. Thank you to everyone for support during recent illness, especially Greg Helsmoortel and Alvie Weeks.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to adopt Local Law #1 of 2014, as on file, regarding General Business District registration.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to adopt Local Law #2 of 2014, as on file regarding Affordable Housing.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to transfer Dispatcher Mabelle Ferraro from full time to part time effective August 16, 2014 at a pay rate of \$16.20 per hour.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to hire Jordan Kilfoyle as a part time dispatcher effective August 18, 2014 at a pay rate of \$16.20 per hour.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to transfer Dispatcher Katie Fallon from part time to full time effective August 18, 2014 at a pay rate of \$16.61 per hour.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that she is fully trained and capable.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve a mass gathering permit for the Woodstock Jewish Congregation at 1682 Glasco Turnpike Saugerties for September 24, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., September 25, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., September 26, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., October 3, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and October 4, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to approve a mass gathering permit for Opus 40, Inc. at 50 Fite Road, Saugerties for August 30, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint Julie Dunn to fill the position of Receiver of Taxes until December 31, 2014 at the current Receiver of Taxes salary effective immediately.

Discussion: Supervisor Helmsmoortel added that Julie was the Village of Saugerties Treasurer and has worked part time in the town tax office and feels she has the experience. There will be a special election in November.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve a stipend of \$12,500.00 on a yearly basis for Julie Dunn to fulfill duties of the Finance Department in conjunction with Towns outside Accountants effective immediately.

Discussion: Supervisor Helmsmoortel said Julie feels she can do both.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to increase Samantha Wamsley part time rate of pay by \$1.50 per hour effective August 18, 2014.

Discussion: Supervisor Helmsmoortel added that Samantha has been in the office for four months and will be taking on more responsibility.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Bruno to hire Michelle Haines fulltime as Office Manager for Water & Sewer Department effective August 14, 2014 at a pay rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer added that George Augustine left leaving three in the department. Needed someone to do clerical/bookkeeping. Supervisor Helmsmoortel said when

Wayne Debrosky left four years ago, the board hoped to save money by not filling the position but now needs to have someone doing paperwork.

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint Cliff Tienken, Jr. to the CAC board effective immediately.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton said there was an opening and he expressed interest.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Suzanne Filak, Receiver of Taxes. Suzi passed away on July 20, 2014 and will be greatly missed.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk