

PRE-BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 3, 2014

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 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 William Schirmer
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilman James Bruno
Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel

Supervisor Helsmoortel would like to move forward two motions:

1. Pending town attorney approval, a motion regarding NY Rising money for community development
2. Greenway Conservancy Trail grant. It is a matching grant of \$20,000.00 with the town portion to be in-kind. Councilman Schirmer questioned which trail this would enhance. Also, doesn't feel comfortable with voting on this since just received the info. Supervisor Helsmoortel explained that it is to continue trail system on the ridge with blue, orange, yellow and red signage, a kiosk, trail markers and handicap installation.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 3, 2014

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 3, 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 was called to order 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:

Darren Moret, Bishop’s Gate – committee has been successful in buying 40 signs and a knock-on-door campaign. Five locations have been deemed necessary for stop signs. Police are present. All 40 signs were stolen and the police have been notified.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Kim Hines held a golf tournament for the animal shelter and raised \$1,100.00 for supplies, thank you! Vernon Benjamin explained NY Rising and Greenway Conservancy that culvert and stormwater improvements would be done, Esopus Creek water improvements, generators and Town and Village would work on a second water source in Veteran.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Special Meeting on August 5, 2014, Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of August 13, 2014, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$177,717.37
General Outside Village	10,315.09
Highway	65,048.36
Capital Projects	16,317.19
Ambulance District	47,472.50
Barclay Heights Sewer	532.46
Glasco Sewer	3,466.19
Malden Sewer	3,160.84
Glasco Water	2,443.20
Malden Water	177.49
Trust & Agency	17,895.00

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Schirmer – Water & Sewer will resume meeting next month. Historic Preservation Commission is almost complete with guidelines and vacancy filled.

Councilwoman Thornton – CPC meeting held regarding noise ordinance, density issue should be addressed. TV23 is starting to digitize next week.

Councilman Costello – Ice Rink is open and time slots are filling up. Hopefully, we will be able to complete the trail system soon. Jonathan Tiernan is the new SRO.

Councilman Bruno – nothing to report

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the resolution, as on file, authorizing the Town of Saugerties to enter into the required sub-recipient agreement with the housing trust fund corporation as required in the implementation of the NYS Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program; and, to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign any and all documents (pending the town attorney approval) required in the implementation of the program.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to authorize the Town Supervisor to submit a Trail Grant Program application in the amount of \$40,000.00 for improvements to the Cantine Ridge Trail component of the Town Recreational Trail System to the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said this is a matching grant, which will be in-kind services. We need to meet the deadline for submittal. Councilman Schirmer said he just found out about this and is not prepared to vote on it.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Schirmer voting no)

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to approve changing the October 15, 2014 town board meeting to October 22, 2014.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to approve hiring Officer Larissa M. Winkler as a full time officer with a salary of \$21.59 per hour and effective September 3, 2014 (contingent on her passing her medical exam).

Discussion: Councilman Costello said she has been a part time employee and is a valuable asset, she is filling a retirees vacancy.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve hiring Timothy D. Stewart as a part time dispatcher with a salary of \$16.20 per hour and effective September 3, 2014.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said that he will help fill-in the dispatching staff.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to accept the resignation of Barry Kerr from the TV23/Cable Access Committee.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton added that this is due to personal and professional obligations, can't commit to monthly meetings. We thank Barry for his time on committee.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve a mass gathering permit for Catskill Animal Sanctuary 316 Old Stage Road for October 11, 2104 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Schirmer to allow Travelers Insurance Company (town’s insurance company) to attend on behalf of the town, a General Municipal Law Section 50-h hearing regarding Brandon Rifenburg.

Discussion: Supervisor Helsmoortel explained that the town was served with a lawsuit of a high speed police chase driving through the town but we do not see any liability.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Schirmer, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Stefan Yarabek to the Historic Preservation Commission to fulfill the term of Josh Randall which expires on March 31, 2018.

Discussion: Councilman Schirmer added that Stefan attended the last meeting and he is a landscape architect – we are happy to have him.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:20 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Pre-Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk