

PRE-BOARD MEETING – October 6, 2004

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on October 6, 2004 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 in attendance:

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

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to enter into Executive Session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation to which the town in an official capacity is, or is likely to become a party, motion carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Tucker to exit Executive Session and resume pre-board meeting, motion carried.

The following was discussed in the Pre-Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Don Debrosky, Landfill Manager – manpower down; interviewed 40 people for two positions open at the landfill. Would like board to approve two full-time new hires. Behind on work load; a lot of jobs not getting done.

Greg Chorvas, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds – Dennis Larios has promised details for blacktop at town hall and drainage issues along with RFP to replace courtroom roof by next week. Warehouse offices “as built” almost ready. Councilwoman Thornton noted a repeater is needed to get weather info on cable access channel, or it should be moved closer to offices.

Town Clerk

The Town Board Meeting opened at 7:20 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance 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 in attendance:

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

Councilman Phil Tucker

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Karlyn Elia, Historian – NYS Archives Week is October 10th through October 17th. Memorabilia from Woodstock '94 is on display at the Town Hall and anyone wishing to stop by is welcome to do so. Also, would like to erect a commemorative plaque for largest mass gathering in Saugerties by the Woodstock '94 site.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Josh Randall – referred to article in Sunday Freeman as Saugerties being the fastest growing town in Ulster County. Still supports and encourages moratorium on large subdivisions. At least have moratorium until Comprehensive Plan and Water Study is complete.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

As you will note on your agendas, a reminder town offices will be closed this Monday, October 11th for the Columbus Day holiday observance.

I am happy to report the Garlic Festival held 2 weekends ago was again an overwhelming success. Although I have no official tally, attendance was certainly better than last year and with the weather cooperating I have no doubt this year will prove to be the best attended festival yet. Congratulations to the Kiwanis, and my thanks to Greg Chorvas and his staff, Bernie Ellsworth and the highway staff and Chief Hulbert and the police department for all their efforts before, during and after the event.

Again I would like to extend my congratulations to Danielle Hart who is this year's Mum Queen. I was on hand last Saturday at the high school for Danielle's crowning and to watch the Saugerties Sawyers football team in the annual Mum Bowl.

On behalf of the town, I would like to congratulate the Washington Hook and Ladder Fire Company on their 150th birthday. I was glad to be able to stop by their celebration last Saturday afternoon and learn more about the men and women who have served and still serve this fire company for a century and a half.

I personally received a phone call last week from State Senator John Bonacic to let me know that our Town Highway Superintendent Bernie Ellsworth had been awarded a \$20,000.00 member item for the purchase of a new generator for the town's highway garage. I know Bernie worked long and hard to obtaining the funding for this vital piece of equipment to ensure our town keeps running in the event of a power outage and my hats off to him for his perseverance. Bernie has asked me to read a letter...

Congratulations to the Saugerties Historical Society who was also awarded a \$10,000.00 member item from Senator Bonacic.

Last Sunday I attended the ground breaking ceremony for the Woodstock Jewish Congregation who are looking forward to constructing their new facility at the corner of Route 212 and Glasco Turnpike. I look forward to returning when their project is completed and set for its Grand Opening.

I would like to complement and thank our Town Historian Karlyn Elia on the beautiful display she has created in the lobby of town hall commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Woodstock festival held here in Saugerties. Not only are there photos but other mementos and souvenirs from the event ---- I encourage everyone to stop by and take a look. This display also brought about a rare photo opportunity for me and two of my predecessors, Jim Griffis and George Terpening, who were extremely involved in the festival- Karlyn very nicely arranged for the 3 of us to get together this week to have a look at her display. I believe the photos and a story will be in the Post Star and Saugerties Times this week as well.

I would like to extend 'get well quick wishes' to one of our police dispatchers Kate Scheffel who had an emergency appendectomy on Monday.

Finally, again I would like to publicly thank all the town's department heads for their hard work and assistance in preparing the coming year's budget. I would also like to thank our accountant Michael Torchia who aided in seeing our preliminary budget figures delivered on time. And although we still have a lot of work to do yet in fine tuning next year's final budget proposal this year we have experienced a far better and clearly fine tuned process in these budget preparations with again thanks to Michael's efforts in working with the town. I would also like to thank the members of the town board who worked hard with the departments to which they are liaisons and I believe have worked well with my office in seeing this year's budget process thus far result in a more unified effort.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board Meeting of September 22, 2004 and Town Board Meeting of September 22, 2004 and Highway Bid Opening of September 30, 2004.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille abstained)

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General Fund	\$210,395.92
General Outside Village	21,034.05
Special Revenue Fund	667.45
Highway Townwide	49,666.87
Highway Outside Village	37,408.82
Barclay Heights Sewer	108.76
Glasco Sewer	3,245.10

Malden Sewer	1,812.10
Glasco Water	1,794.58
Malden Water	1,979.75

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

Motion to amend made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Tucker to withdraw voucher #20042923.

Vote: 2 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton, Councilman Costello & Supervisor Helsmoortel voting No)

Vote on original motion: Adopted – 3 Yes (Councilman Macarille & Councilman Tucker voting No)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – Garlic Festival was an overwhelming success – thanks to all who made traffic flow smooth – Town Police, Town Highway, Village DPW, and State Police. Jeanine Dirie did a wonderful job in spear-heading this endeavor.

Glasco Mini-Park’s fence has been relocated.

Mike DeRuyter’s Eagle Project has started clearing brush.

Animal Control building’s roof has been repaired. Ice Rink is open and female changing areas are 50% complete.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Thornton – Comprehensive Planning Committee Special Meeting on October 12th at 7:00 pm for RFP review.

Councilman Costello – Garlic Festival was a big success and thank you to Kiwanis. Lights will be installed at the Glasco Mini Park.

Councilman Tucker – Diaz Ambulance also did a great job at the Garlic Festival.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to authorize the Town Clerk to schedule a public hearing pertaining to the proposed town budget for the year 2005, on Tuesday, October 26, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Tucker to authorize the Town Clerk to schedule a public hearing pertaining to proposed Local Law #6

(Vehicle and Traffic Surcharge), on Monday, October 18, 2004 at 6:30 pm at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the local assistance agreement contract for the removal of scrap tires as was awarded by an assembly member item.

Discussion: This is from Assemblyman Hooker - \$10,000.00 on work already done.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

***RESOLUTION TO PROCEED FORWARD WITH A ROAD RE-NAMING REQUEST
ON BEHALF OF TOWER PRODUCTS LOCATED IN THE
TOWN OF SAUGERTIES***

DATED OCTOBER 6, 2004

WHEREAS, the town supervisor of the Town of Saugerties has received a letter requesting an existing town road be re-named, and

WHEREAS, the town road currently known as Sterling Road is located between Kings Highway and Glasco Turnpike in the Town of Saugerties also known as Road #1660 as filed on the New York State Department of Transportation Local Highway System for the Town of Saugerties, and

WHEREAS, on the road known as Sterling Road there exists no residential structures at this time, and

WHEREAS, on the road known as Sterling Road there currently exists a building whose primary tenant and owner is Tower Products and by which Tower Products owns 95% of both sides of Sterling Road, and

WHEREAS, a letter requesting the road re-naming has been received from the owner of Tower Products dated September 29, 2004, and

WHEREAS, the owner of Tower Products has requested that the town road known as Sterling Road be re-named Tower Drive, and

WHEREAS, the owner of Tower Products has indicated that the re-naming of Sterling Road to Tower Drive will not cause any undue harm to any other property owners on Sterling Road, and

WHEREAS, the owner of Tower Products has stated in his request that to re-name Sterling Road to Tower Drive will create a positive impact at his business' location, and

WHEREAS, the town supervisor has consulted and been so advised by the Town of Saugerties Superintendent of Highways as to the proper procedures for pursuing a road re-naming request, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Saugerties Superintendent of Highways has so advised that the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties must first pass a resolution to approve that the road re-naming request move forward according to procedure, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties upon passing such a resolution will forward the road re-naming request to the New York State Department of Transportation who will then assume the lead in notifying the necessary agencies required in a road re-naming request, and so

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties does not object to the request to proceed forward with the re-naming of Sterling Road to Tower Drive, finding no reason why this request should not be honored, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties agrees to forward a copy of this resolution certified by the Town Clerk, a cover letter and the letter from Tower Products to the New York State Department of Transportation in Poughkeepsie in order for the road re-naming request to proceed as required for Sterling Road to become known as Tower Drive.

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello
Upon a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Helsmoortel	voting	Yes
Councilman Costello	voting	Yes
Councilman Macarille	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Thornton	voting	Yes
Councilman Tucker	voting	Yes

TEEN READ WEEK – OCTOBER 17-23, 2004

WHEREAS, the ability to read and process information is a basic survival skill in our global information society; and

WHEREAS, the reading proficiency of teens has remained stagnant over the last thirty years; and

WHEREAS, the number of students who can read but choose not to do so is increasing; and

WHEREAS, the most effective way to improve reading skills is to read regularly and often; and

WHEREAS, too few teens think reading is a valuable tool for enjoyment and relaxation as well as for schoolwork; and

WHEREAS, regular daily reading for the fun of it creates the reading habit for life; and

WHEREAS, parents, teachers, librarians, and all concerned adults can serve as role models by reading for fun themselves;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Greg Helsmoortel, Town of Saugerties Supervisor, proclaim October 17 – 23, 2004, Teen Read Week in Saugerties, New York and encourage teens to read for the fun of it.

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Macarille.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to authorize the advertising of sealed bids for one (1) new Ice Resurfacing Unit, as per item #11 of Parks and Building Department “Capital Equipment Procurement” B.A.N., as per the recommendation of the Parks and Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Councilman Costello noted that purchase will be off-set by revenue at that facility.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Tucker to accept the low bid opened on September 30, 2004 and award the purchase as outlined for the standby generator for the Town Highway Complex to Peak Power Systems of Middletown totaling \$14,167.00, as per the recommendation of the Superintendent of Highways.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to change the regular town board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, 2004 to re-schedule to Monday, October 18, 2004.
Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Macarille voting No)

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Tucker to hire Joseph Hartrum to the Transfer Station full time at the rate of \$14.00 per hour.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to authorize George Redder, Esq. and Town Highway Superintendent Bernie Ellsworth to engage in negotiations of the town inquiring the right to the triangle piece in Glasco, New York, purportedly owned by Wesley and Gloria Buley, and to seek the eventual closure of Cross Street on the westerly side of the aforesaid Buley premises.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to enter into Executive Session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation to which the town in an official capacity is, or is likely to become a party.

Supervisor Helsmoortel recused himself from Executive Session.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to exit Executive Session and adjourn regular board meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Budget Workshops:

Tuesday, October 12, 2004 at 4:00 p.m., Courtroom at Town Hall

Thursday, October 14, 2004 at 5:00 p.m., Courtroom at Town Hall

Monday, October 18, 2004 – Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building

Pre-Board at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing: Local Law #6 at 6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk