

Pre-Board Meeting – February 4, 2004

The Town Board of the Town of Saugerties held a pre-board meeting at 6:00 pm at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building at the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

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

The following was discussed:

Wayne Debrosky, Superintendent of Water & Sewer – requesting new employee to help out with water billing; preferably “dually-certified” with water and sewer. This is also recommended by the accountant. Would want this person located in Town Hall to help with questions and setting appointments.

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to go into executive session at 6:25 pm to discuss matters relating to proposed, pending or current litigation.

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to exit executive session at 7:15 pm.

Town Clerk

Town Board Meeting – February 4, 2004

A regular meeting of the Saugerties Town Board was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2004 at 7:00 pm at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

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

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: No request.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No request.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: As noted on the agenda hand out, town offices will be closed on Thursday, February 12 in observance of Lincoln's Birthday and on Monday, February 16 in observance of the President's Day Holiday.

In the absence of Highway Superintendent Bernie Ellsworth tonight, Bernie has asked me to acknowledge William Haines who has decided to leave his position with the town highway department. Bernie wanted me to make sure that William's 8 years of service to the town has been greatly appreciated and that he was an excellent employee who will be missed. We all wish William the best of luck in his future endeavors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting of January 21, 2004.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

	2003	2004
General Fund	\$55,982.29	\$82,913.98
General Outside Village	12,559.99	64,538.43
Highway Townwide	13,412.32	38,252.46
Highway Outside Village	195.00	38,482.22
Glasco Sewer	4,968.86	10,914.03
Barclay Heights Sewer		2,241.49
Malden Sewer	110.00	3,713.65
Glasco Water	177.93	7,650.28
Malden Water	251.88	741.14

A motion was made by Supervisor Helmoortel and seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the bills.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Hulbert – complete report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office

Marie Post – complete reports are on file in the Town Clerk's Office regarding Tire Remediation and Animal Shelter.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Macarille – The check machine is in at the Transfer Station. They will go to the use of bags; no cash at Transfer Station.

Councilwoman Thornton – Comprehensive Planning Committee met and they will see about Rebecca Lubin as staying on as consultant. Cable Access Committee met with Ken Bender to see new studio. Also, Conservation Advisory Committee will be meeting and will send resolution to board before end of month.

Councilman Costello – The Animal Shelters’ heater was replaced by Building and Grounds Department.

Councilman Tucker – Nothing to report.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to appoint Kathy Longyear as temporary Court Clerk effective immediately at a rate of \$9.00 per hour.

Discussion: Councilman Macarille reported that Kathy Longyear is a Court Clerk in another town and she will be able to help us without any training on a temporary basis.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Tucker to appoint Joseph Kochetta as substitute Court Officer when the two regular Court Officers are not available at a rate of \$10.00 per hour.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Tucker to authorize the Highway Superintendent to hire Jeff Lowe Plumbing & Heating to install air quality system as per quote dated February 2, 2004 and the hiring of John Wood to do electrical and oversee entire project.
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

The following resolution was made by Supervisor Helsmoortel and seconded by Councilwoman Thornton:

RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2004
DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 24, 2004 as “Spay Day USA”

WHEREAS, cats and dogs provide companionship to and share the homes of over 63 million individuals and families in the United States, and

WHEREAS, two unaltered cats and all their descendents can number 420,000 in seven years and two unaltered dogs and all their descendents can number 67,000 in six years, and

WHEREAS, humane societies and shelters have to kill approximately four million cats and dogs each year, although many of them are healthy and adoptable, simply because there are not enough good homes, and

WHEREAS, the problem of companion animal overpopulation costs the taxpayers of this country over a billion dollars annually through animal control programs aimed at coping with the millions of homeless cats and dogs, and

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering cats and dogs has been shown to drastically reduce cat and dog overpopulation, and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, humane societies, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens worked together to ensure the spaying or neutering of an estimated 225,000 companion animals through Spay Day USA in 2003, and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, humane societies, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens have joined together again to advocate the spaying and neutering of companion animals on Spay Day USA 2004,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Saugerties that February 24, 2004 is designated “Spay Day USA”. The Town Board is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of Saugerties to observe the day by having their own cats or dogs spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of another person’s cat or dog.

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

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

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to enter into executive session at 7:50 pm.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Tucker to exit executive session and resume regular meeting at 8:10 pm.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

**Wednesday, February 18, 2004 – Pre-Board 6:00 pm
Town Board 7:00 pm**

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to adjourn meeting at 8:10 pm.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Town Clerk