

TOWN BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 15, 2010

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 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 Bruce Leighton
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilman James Bruno

Absent: Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Glenn Forman – from Ethics Committee – annual disclosure form should be returned by January 31st or new hires within 30 days from date of hire. There are penalties for not doing so. Town Board needs to get more actively involved; the forms are general and non-offensive. Up-dated cover letter and minor changes to disclosure have been done and given to the Town Clerk for dispersal. A resident had a complaint against the Assessor, but findings showed no unethical doing. Campaign Treasurer questioned their role and committee verified with attorney John Greco.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Nelson Burhans – concerned about condition of parking lot at Town Hall, it needs a guardrail. Wondering about an up-date on Winston Farm. Asking Town Board to give serious consideration of Opus 40 to not purchase it, very high expense. How does the town plan to pay for pay back of Social Services bill?

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Councilman Costello (Deputy Supervisor) reported that Supervisor Helsmoortel is at a forum tonight regarding shared services. Yesterday we swore-in five Village Police Officers to start January 1st with the town. Relay for Life held a tree lighting ceremony at the ice rink, which was very thoughtful.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of December 1, 2010 and Public Hearing regarding Dogs on December 1, 2010, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$77,666.81
General Outside Village	14,157.25
Highway	42,468.97
Capital Projects	138,495.57
Lighting District	5,518.02
Barclay Heights Sewer	582.50
Glasco Sewer	4,729.95
Malden Sewer	7,566.27
Glasco Water	5,246.59
Malden Water	1,227.85

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – regard Building Report, which is on file at the Town Clerk’s office.

Councilwoman Thornton – CPC meets on Tuesdays; Lifespring will take spring registration soon. A Gala at the Lazy Swan and other events will take place for the town anniversary.

Councilman Bruno – Barclay Heights tank was cleaned and in good shape. Route 32 by Stephens Drive had a water break, thank you to everyone who helped.

Councilman Costello – to answer Mr. Burhan’s questions, we estimate welfare payments in the budget process but there is still a short fall. Guardrail will be looked into and the Winston Farm has applied to grants but has been turned down.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to set a public hearing date for January 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. regarding the Historic Preservation Law.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint Terri Wood as Deputy Welfare Officer for the Town of Saugerties.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that when Carolyn Maines retired, the Supervisor’s office took back the responsibility.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to authorize an increase in pay for Town of Saugerties part time employees for 2011 not represented in

any labor management agreement, up to 50 cents per hour subject to department head approval.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the Memorandum of Agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and Civil Service Department Heads.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve a 3% raise for 2011 for the following employees, Greg Chorvas, Alvah Weeks and Alice Mumper, who are covered by the Memorandum of Agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and the Civil Service Department heads.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve a 3% raise for 2011 for the following employees who are not covered under any town agreements: Terri Wood, Terri Bartosik, Deborah Martino, Kate Blundell and Frank Orlando.

Vote: adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the following salaries for elected officials for 2011: Supervisor \$35,000.00, Town Clerk \$39,599.00, Town Highway Superintendent \$53,258.00, Town Board Members (4) \$10,000.00 each, Receiver of Taxes \$37,758.00 and Town Justices (2) \$26,250.00 each.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that elected officials will not receive raises this year.

Vote: adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the Proclamation, as on file, designating December 2010 as CLARE THORNTON MONTH in recognition of her 100th Birthday.

Vote: adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the support of the continued removal of PCBs in the Hudson River.

Vote: adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve entering into contract, as on file, with Ulster County for 2011 for DWI/DWAI dispositions in the Town of Saugerties, per the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Vote: adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the Planning Services Proposal, as on file, from Dan Shuster with Shuster Associates.

Discussion: Councilman Leighton added that Jeremy Kane resigned and we will hire Dan on an as needed basis.

Vote: adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the hiring of the following Village of Saugerties Police Officers: Sgt. Stephen W. Filak, Sr., Officer Mark O. Freligh, Officer Sydney C. Mills, Officer Bret S. Rell, Officer Corey M. Tome and Officer Travis J. Winchell, as a result of the consolidation of the Town of Saugerties and Village of Saugerties Police Departments on a part-time basis effective December 14, 2010 through December 31, 2010 and then on a full time basis effective January 1, 2011.

Discussion: Councilman Leighton questioned the village police cars and Councilman Costello said we will take a few and depends how the grant money goes for re-striping.

Vote: adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Councilwoman Thornton read the SAGE Awards, which were presented at the Village Board Meeting. The following were the recipients: Patricia Marullo, Kaina Gil, Jennifer Suttmeier and Corey Bradford.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 5, 2011	Public Hearing	6:30 p.m.
	Sign Law	
	Organizational Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 19, 2011	Public Hearing	6:30 p.m.
	Historic Preservation Law	
	Pre-Board Meeting	
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 2, 2011	Public Hearing	6:00 p.m.
	Sign Law	
	Pre-Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Town Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk