

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 15, 2004**

The Town Board Meeting was held at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located on the corner of Market & Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties on December 15, 2004. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

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

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussions and matters relating to collective bargaining negotiations under the Taylor Law.

Vote: Adopted – 5 yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to exit Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. and resume Town Board Meeting.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Supervisor Helmsmoortel requested moment of silence for the passing of former Town Supervisor George Terpening who passed away on December 13, 2004.

Greg Chorvas approached the board to recommend fee increases on facility use for the year 2005.

### **PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

**Barbara Budik**, *Chairwoman of Economic Development Committee*: spoke on *Swamp Thing*, artificial wetlands. Would like board to consider this for Kings Highway infrastructure, not only to promote new business but keep the businesses that are already there.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Steve Hahn – resides at 216 Churchland Road and reiterated topic of assessment being equal for all residents.

### **SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:**

A reminder that town hall will be closed on Friday, December 24 for Christmas and also Friday, December 31 for New Year's – the transfer station will be open both of these days but will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

I would like to congratulate Animal Shelter Manager Marie Post on receiving 1250 pounds of Purina Cat Food for our shelter. Someone who adopted a cat from our shelter turned in a comment card from the Homeless Home adoption kits that are handed out when a cat is adopted from our shelter. The card was randomly chosen which awarded our shelter the cat food. Marie said the shipment arrived yesterday.

In the past week the Town has received its second state aid mortgage tax check which brings the total amount received at over \$668,000 – almost \$300,000 more than was budgeted – In addition, the town received another Ulster County Sales tax check of over \$78,000 which also is about \$27,000 more than we had budgeted for this year.

I would like to wish everyone here and throughout Saugerties a happy and joyous holiday season and wish you all the happiest of New Year's too.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to accept the minutes as presented of the Pre-board Meeting of December 1, 2004; Town Board Meeting of December 1, 2004; Public Hearing of December 1, 2004; Special Town board Meeting of December 3, 2004 and Bid Opening of December 7, 2004.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

General	\$53,843.99
General Outside Village	6,144.88
Highway Townwide	9,992.81
Highway Outside Village	32,985.66
Capital Projects	3,265.00
Lighting District	3,284.40
Barclay Heights Sewer	93.53
Glasco Sewer	2,987.55
Malden Sewer	3,796.98
Glasco Water	2,614.69
Malden Water	441.94

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to accept bills as presented.

Motion to amend made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Macarille to pull voucher #20043821 in the amount of \$7,168.00 and not pay at this time.

Vote to amend motion – 5 yes

Vote on motion as amended – Adopted 5 yes

#### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Macarille** – further investigation into accepting credit cards to pay taxes; received some information from tax payer in Florida on how they handle this. Demolition of a house in Glasco has been put on hold since owner's relative will be removing this structure.

**Councilwoman Thornton** – CAC meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 pm discussing large animal regulations. Positive feedback was received at the constructed wetland meeting. Public Cable Access Committee thanked Chuck Martin for his service over the past 11 months on the committee. Claudette Zinkow will keep us going while applicants are sought again.

**Councilman Costello** – Had the pleasure of serving on the Recreation Committee with George Terpening and he will be remembered and greatly missed.

**Councilman Tucker** – Diaz Open House will be December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4 – 9:00 pm – all are welcome to attend.

#### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve a Certificate of Registration for Frank Tiano, Tiano Excavation of Saugerties to install water and sewer hook-ups in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to accept the letter of resignation from Charles Martin from the Cable Access Operator position and from the Public Access Committee effective December 9, 2004.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to authorize the Town Clerk to schedule two (2) public hearings pertaining to a proposed re-zoning request by HITS for Tuesday, December 28, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. both held at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to allow Justice Court employee Rosemary Bach to carry over 10 days vacation remaining into 2005 as is allowable and defined in Article 14 line F of the CWA contract.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve the 2005 Facility Use Fee Schedule as submitted per the recommendation of the Parks and Building Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to pay all legal fees for representation for James Griffis and Alfonse Ferrara in regard to Koppenaal litigation.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Monday, December 20, 2004**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Local Law re: Signage 6:00 pm**

**Buley/Glasco Triangle 7:00 pm**

**Special Town Board Meeting**

**Immediately following Public Hearing**

**Tuesday, December 28, 2004**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**HITS re-zoning request 6:00 pm**

**Wednesday, December 29, 2004**

**Annual Audit Meeting 7:00 pm**

**Wednesday, January 5, 2005**

**Annual Re-organizational Meeting**

**7:00 pm**

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to adjourn the meeting, carried.

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Town Clerk