

PRE-BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 14, 2011

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi Purpose Building located at the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

Councilman Bruce Leighton
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Fred Costello
Councilman James Bruno
Absent: Supervisor Greg Helmsmoortel

Discussion by Councilman Costello to pull Bonded Concrete check #092126 in the amount of \$996.15. This is for work to be done at the Animal Shelter and Marie Post is paying for this separately.

Town Clerk

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The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi Purpose Building located at 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 Helmsmoortel

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: (30 MINUTES) none

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Deputy Supervisor Fred Costello complimented Relay for Life on their tree lighting at the Ice Rink for a job well done. The Glasco Fire Department did a wonderful job with holding a benefit for flood victims – thank you to all who had a part in great things in Saugerties.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of November 16, 2011; Public Hearing of November 16, 2011; two Special Town Board Meetings of November 21, 2011; Special Town Board Meeting of November 30, 2011; and Special Town Board Meeting of December 6, 2011, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$59,946.40
General Outside Village	4,971.77
Highway	47,857.53
Capital Projects	2,737.50

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – read Building Department’s report for November 2011.

Councilwoman Thornton – Town and Village Comprehensive Committee met and is looking into digital pictures for topographical/up-grade plan. TV23 is working with SHS to up-grade their equipment.

Councilman Bruno – nothing to report but would like to thank Bernie Ellsworth, who is here tonight, for a job well done as Highway Superintendent. Bernie then spoke to the audience and thanked the Town Board and previous boards for their help and cooperation in the last 12 years – had a wonderful tenure.

Councilman Costello – Deputy Chief Sinagra will be sworn in on Friday, December 16, 2011.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the Assessor’s salary of \$66,500.00 for 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to authorize an increase in pay for Town of Saugerties part time employees for 2012 not represented in any labor management agreement, up to 25 cents per hour and subject to department head approval.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve a 2.25% raise for 2102 for the following employees who are not covered under any Town

agreements-Deborah Martino, Terri Wood, Margaret (Terri) Bartosik, Kate Blundell and Marie Post.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the following salaries for Elected Officials for 2012-Town 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 these salaries are in the 2012 Budget, just being recognized.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to allow the Supervisor, Greg Helsmoortel, to keep his cell phone and the contents there within and the number, 706-0181, associated with the phone.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that Supervisor Helsmoortel is getting his own plan, but keeping the same number.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve hiring George Augustine as a temporary laborer for the Water & Sewer Department at a pay rate of \$9.00 per hour, effective immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to allow Mark Resso, Water & Sewer Department employee, to carry over 2 weeks vacation from 2011 to be used in 2012.

Discussion: Councilman Bruno added that Mark ran out of time to take since another employee is on light duty.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to hire Douglas F. Myer as a part time laborer for the Highway Department at a pay rate of \$19.16 per hour, effective December 5, 2011.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that this will make the transition much smoother.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to hire Stephen Gakenheimer as Deputy Highway Superintendent at a pay rate of \$24.62 per hour, effective January 1, 2012.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said that Steve has been a long time employee.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the Step Down Document, as on file, regarding Stephen Gakenheimer.

Discussion: Councilman Costello clarified that this document is similar to previous agreement and will protect Steve if needed.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve hiring Gay Grey as a part time animal shelter worker on an “on call basis” at a pay rate of \$10.00 per hour, effective December 14, 2011.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the Transfer Station Fee Schedule, as on file, effective November 17, 2011.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the contract, as on file, with Diaz Memorial Ambulance Service, Inc.

Discussion: Councilman Bruno said that the contract was never signed but will be good through 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the resolution, as on file, regarding the Manorville Road bridge repair project.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said that the scope of the damage was much more and a bigger project than anticipated.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to enter into contract, as on file, with Hess Corporation for the purchase of electricity and natural gas, effective January 1, 2012 for two years and ending on December 31, 2013, as per the recommendation of the Town Accountant, Town Attorney George Redder and the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Greg Chorvas was asked to elaborate on this and he added that he has seen an increase in the facility usage but use consumption was the same or lower. Based upon results from the village, the town could see savings of \$20,000.00.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the update Facility Fee Structure, as on file, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent, effective January 1, 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the updated Parks & Buildings Department Standards of Operating Procedures, as on file, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said that this has not been done since 2007.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to add Sandra M. Dengler to the part time call out list for cashier at a pay rate of \$10.50 per hour as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to allow the Supervisor to sign the letter of support, as on file, regarding the Comments on the Proposed Interim Ashokan Release Protocol.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton added that the letter sent to the Commissioner, which presents the towns position said that things need to be done correctly.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the MOA, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and the CWA.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton added that this is the Contract with dispatchers, court clerks and has been settled after 2 ½ years.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the MOA, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and the UPSEU.

Discussion: Councilman Leighton added that they have a new benefit plan which is better for the employees and the town saves money.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the MOA, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and the Non-Represented Employees pending the final approval of the Town Attorney.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said that these three agreements have a raise of 2.25% and is good through the end of 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the agreement, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and Brinnier and Larios, P.C. Engineers regarding the Professional Engineering Services related to 10 projects that are required as a result of Hurricane Irene.

Discussion: Councilman Bruno added that Brinnier and Larios has been working without a contract.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to allow the Highway Superintendent to go to bid for Rock Salt as per the letter of request on file.

Discussion: Bernie Ellsworth clarified that the state and county went with a bid to an Albany company so its not just a quick trip to get a load of salt; our shed is very small so at times salt is outside exposed to elements. Hopefully, the bid will be matched by a local company.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to allow the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new One Ton Dump Truck with Plow and Sander as per the letter of request on file.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve paying \$6,434.46 to Clough Harbour Associates for a project regarding the Kiwanis Ice Arena as per the letter of request on file.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that we tried to get a zoning change for the Ice Rink, which was unsuccessful, decreased amount.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Helsmoortel absent)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to adjourn Town Board Meeting, carried.

We wish everyone a Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

Organizational Meeting

7:00 pm

Town Clerk