

PRE-BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 1, 2004

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on December 1, 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. The following members were present:

Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel
Councilman Tom Macarille
Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.
Councilman Phil Tucker
Councilwoman Leanne Thornton, **Absent**

The following topics were discussed:

Michael Catalinotto, Sr. – addressed board about property on 9W owned by town for Glasco Water District. Inquired to see if board would entertain that property to be used for multi-purpose building and library.

Highway does not use that property and rarely does sewer department.

Board was in agreement that this would be favorable.

Mark Colligan – Wynkoop House owner – looking into own waste management. Wondered if town would bring tap out to Route 32 & 212. Right now he would have to go 400 feet down Route 212. Also, interested in constructed wetlands.

Councilman Tucker mentioned that Nextel came down to talk to Police Department about radio system up-grade.

Donna Cafaldo is heading “Pennies for Canines” to raise money to buy bullet-proof vest for Saugerties K9 Vega and another K9 in Alaska.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 1, 2004

The Town Board Meeting was held on December 1, 2004 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 was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

Supervisor Greg Helmoortel
Councilman Tom Macarille
Councilman Fred Costello, Jr.
Councilman Phil Tucker
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton, **Absent**

A moment of silence was observed for Town Highway Employee Gary Sperl who passed away suddenly on November 22, 2004.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Eric Tietjen – wants sewer extended down through Kings Highway and even down Old Stage Road.

Steve Hahn – 216 Churchland Road resident – representing SAGA (Saugertisians Against Government Abuse) organization against Saugerties assessment and assessor's office; laws are being broken.

Leonard Steinberg – owned property in Saugerties since 2002. Spot assessing is illegal in New York State. The Review Board is a disgrace.

Herve Senequiere – mentioned several addresses and how much they are assessed and that they were spot assessed.

Ms. Hirsch – lived in Ulster County since 1966 and Saugerties for 8 years; her basement and attic are assessed.

Josepha Gutelius – lived in Saugerties 23 years and her assessment has tripled but she can not double rent on those apartments.

Lois Freedman (Steve Hahn spoke on her behalf) – house re-assessed in 2003 while no renovation or construction being done. Inequity between neighbors immoral and illegal.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Highway Superintendent Bernie Ellsworth has notified me that the town has received its CHIPS money – the amount is \$132,760.73. The town board appreciates the tremendous amount of time and paper work required by Bernie to see this money returned to the town for our road work.

We received a letter from Senator Bonacic on November 19 regarding the redirecting of traffic court fines to the State. The Senate has reversed the provision in the budget and the bill now goes to the Governor to be made law. We were encouraged by Senator Bonacic and the Association of Towns to immediately send a letter requesting that the Governor now sign this bill and the Town of Saugerties has done so. As soon as we know what the Governor does we will let you know.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the minutes of Pre-Board Meeting of November 17, 2004 and Town Board Meeting of November 17, 2004.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General	\$100,345.45
General Outside Village	34,900.15
Special Revenue Fund	939.55
Highway Townwide	8,728.55
Highway Outside Village	32,402.61
Barclay Heights Sewer	455.41
Glasco Sewer	932.51
Malden Sewer	513.82
Glasco Water	3,050.35

Motion made by Supervisor Helmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the bills as presented.

Motion to amend made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Councilman Macarille to pull voucher #20043569 in the amount of \$1,500.00 for further investigation into payment.

Vote on amendment: Adopted – 3 Yes (Supervisor Helmoortel abstained; Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Vote on Motion as Amended: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – two Eagle Scout projects near completion. Michael Brawner did a nice job on sidewalks at Town Hall; thank you to Highway Department for clean-up. Michael DeRuyter completed original plan and now has expanded his project on trails.

Thanked Marilyn Daley for donating additional holiday decorations at the Ice Rink. Thank you also to Erica Guerin and her family for the donation of a scoreboard. Received NYSERTA check regarding energy efficiency.

Chief Hulbert – complete report on file at the Town Clerk’s Office.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Costello – Announced that Economic Development Committee conducted meeting on constructed wetlands at Sawyer Savings Bank and meeting was well attended. I would like to commend and compliment Michael Brawner for the work he has done in front of Town Hall as part of his Eagle Scout project - the sidewalk is beautiful and was very professionally done. Thank you to John Mullen who provided his excavation equipment and masonry skills and thanks to Bernie Ellsworth and the highway crew for their help with Michael’s project.

Greg Chorvas mentioned NYSERTA check that was received and a letter was also received commending Mr. Chorvas’ work with positive environmental issues.

Also I would like to extend early happy birthday wishes to our Supervisor Greg Helsmoortel who will celebrate his birthday this Saturday.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Tucker to appoint Charles Martin to the Cable Public Access Department to serve as cable access operator at a rate of \$10.00 per hour effective immediately.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Resolution made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel the following road dedication:

**TOWN BOARD CONSENT TO DEDICATION OF
EAST END OF CANTERBURY DRIVE AND
SOUTH END OF CAROL ANN’S WAY FROM TIMBEST, INC.**

Upon reading the deed in the above entitled matter, dated the 3rd day of November, 2004, wherein the owner of lands described therein have released the same to the Town of Saugerties for highway purposes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that consent be and the same hereby is given to the Town Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Saugerties to make an order laying out the lands described in said dedication, dated the 3rd day of November, 2004, for highway purposes, in accordance with the provisions of the Highway Law and other statutes applicable thereto.

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

Supervisor Helsmoortel voting Yes

Councilman Macarille	voting	Yes
Councilman Costello	voting	Yes
Councilman Tucker	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Thornton		ABSENT

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Costello to authorize Building Inspector Paul Andreassen to become a member of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s FEMA office on an as needed basis.

Discussion: Councilman Macarille stated any and all expenses will be picked up by government, no expense to the town.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Resolution made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Tucker a road dedication of Mary Ann Avenue as follows:

TOWN BOARD CONSENT TO DEDICATION OF MARY ANN AVENUE,
SUPREME COURT, WOODLAND FALLS ROAD AND THE WESTERLY
PORTION OF VAN BUSKIRK ROAD FROM THOMAS A. SPERL
AND VALERIE SPERL

Upon reading the deed in the above entitled matter, dated the 1st day of December, 2004, wherein the owners of lands described therein have released the same to the Town of Saugerties for highway purposes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that consent be and the same hereby is given to the Town Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Saugerties to make an order laying out the lands described in said dedication, dated the 1st day of December, 2004, for highway purposes, in accordance with the provisions of the Highway Law and other statutes applicable thereto.

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

Supervisor Helmsmoortel	voting	Yes
Councilman Macarille	voting	Yes
Councilman Costello	voting	Yes
Councilman Tucker	voting	Yes
Councilwoman Thornton		ABSENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to adjourn the Town Board Meeting.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Friday, December 3, 2004

Executive Session 5:00 p.m. @ Town Hall

Wednesday, December 15, 2004

Pre-Board 6:00 p.m.

Town Board 7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk