

## **Pre-Board Meeting April 21, 2004**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on April 21, 2004 at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building at the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties. The meeting was opened at 6:15 pm with the following in attendance:

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

The following topics were discussed:

### **Steve Aaron - Managing Partner of Birches Associates**

- in process of seeking funding from Albany for affordable senior housing
- project pending for Saugerties
- \$323-\$593/month with utilities 1 to 2 bedroom units
- same process for funding as The Mill
- would give Saugerties seniors priority for renting

Supervisor mentioned that he has spoken to the Town Board and the board is in favor but pilot needs to be discussed in more detail. Concerned about school tax issue. Town Board requests a formal pilot proposal.

### **Robert Canino - Northeastern Development of NY**

- looking for access to village property through town hall property
- housing project for 55+ citizens/1100 sq ft/ 65 units

### **Phil Tucker -**

- server is being borrowed from Curt Fleck; one should be bought by town. This would enable department heads to view budget.
- Would like to hire part-time police officer, Robert Haberski for 90-day temporary status.
- Not moving motion forward regarding units/usage, but will in two weeks.

### **Tom Macarille -**

- time clocks - CWA union has no problem with all employees clocking-in in the morning, in and out for lunch and out at the end of the day. Supervisor Helsmoortel asked for this opinion in writing.

### **Greg Chorvas -**

- offices in warehouse in Town Hall have not been approved/authorized yet to go to BOND; estimate of \$200,000.00
- figures should be sent up to BOND counsel as soon as possible

Pre-Board ended at 7:15 p.m.

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Town Clerk

## TOWN BOARD MEETING - APRIL 21, 2004

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

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:25 pm.

### PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

**Greg Chorvas** - in favor of a new library, but not the location. The Washington Avenue property has been used by groups for camping, as a helicopter landing zone and the circus. The town purchased this piece of land, it was not donated by Mr. Cantine. Thought Library Board was positive about property by town hall.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

**Michael Catilinotto** - reason land was purchased was for parkland; wrong place for a library. Piece of property on 9W should be considered.

**Gladys Hutton** - opposition to development other than recreation; submitted petitions in opposition of location of new library.

**Joe Quirk** - representative of Babe Ruth League; hopes to host World Series which draws 10,000-15,000 people and would need all available space.

**Michael Tiano** - serves on recreation committee, opposed to location of library. Taxpayers should vote on cost of new library.

**Melanie Gardner** - not in favor of library at Cantine's especially if sidewalks are not on Washington Avenue; save most money by keeping library as is.

**Richard Frisbie** - former Trustee for the library; we have a good basis for a library now but should not be moved. Maybe homeowners next door should be approached to expand that way.

**Peg Wilsey** - Library Board spoke to Kiwanis, Greg Chorvas and Recreation Committee, but they didn't get feed-back from the Recreation Committee. Thanked 300 signors to the petitions in favor of the library. Would like to see building come to fruition on Washington Avenue Ext. site.

**Fritz Beckert** - asked library board if taxpayers would support a new library and at that location; it should be put up for referendum.

**Bernard Bolitzer** - spoke to Supervisor about Grand Union property for library; not afraid to pay for new library but not at the wrong place.

**David Radovanovic** - existing library is under-utilized because of the technology age. Improvements need to be done inside.

**Tom Whitaker** - placement of library is bothersome; library would take away valuable area for future use.

**John Haluska** - support site of new library; wants to build affordable library. Please continue support for library, youth and community.

### SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

The town has received \$46,151.36 in franchise fees it is due from Time Warner Cable - this amount is for the second half of 2003 and represents 3% of the total taxable receipts the cable company has taken in from Saugerties residential customers

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Carl Lezette owner of Lezette Bus Company. Carl has donated two 10 adult passenger buses to the town to be used as shuttles. Both buses are in fairly good shape and I have spoken to two local body shops that are willing to paint and fix up the buses for us at a minimal cost. Although this will be experimental at first, I believe that it will work as yet another service we can offer the residents and visitors of Saugerties.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

General Fund	\$90,512.55
General Outside Village	27,679.84
Highway Townwide	14,757.41
Highway Outside Village	7,449.85
Barclay Heights Sewer	35.00
Glasco Sewer	3,179.49
Malden Sewer	113.02
Glasco Water	60.00
Malden Water	15.00

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

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Macarille to approve the minutes of Pre-Board Meeting of April 7, 2004 and Town Board Meeting of April 7, 2004.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Macarille - Nothing to report.

Councilwoman Thornton - Historic Preservation Committee met and had volunteers out. May 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at American Legion there will be a plaque dedication.

Councilman Costello - met with 4M Contemporaries to hold high-end craft festival next summer.

Councilman Tucker - Police Department may enact Quality of Life Officer, would like input from community.

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING  
THE WEEK OF MAY 2 THROUGH MAY 8, 2004  
AS MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, the office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and

**WHEREAS**, the office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and

**WHEREAS**, the office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all, and

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops, and the annual meetings of their State, province, county, town and international professional organizations, and

**WHEREAS**, it is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the office of the Municipal Clerk.

**NOW THEREFORE** the town board of the Town of Saugerties does recognize the week of May 2 through May 8, 2004, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend our appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, Lisa Stanley, her deputies Kerensa Demarest and Eileen Pistoia, and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

**Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel.**  
Upon a roll call vote:

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

Supervisor Helsmoortel noted that his office nominated Lisa Stanley to the Municipal Clerks Honor Roll.

**RESOLUTION OF APRIL 21, 2004  
TOWN OF SAUGERTIES  
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND CONCURRENCE  
WITH THE KINGSTON/ULSTER EMPIRE ZONE  
(FORMERLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE)  
REVISION APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, New York State has created the Economic Development Zone program to encourage industrial and commercial development in selected municipalities across the State, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kingston (Ulster County), as an eligible municipality, received designation of an Economic Development Zone made up of sub-zones including portions of the City of Kingston, Town of Ulster, Town of Saugerties, Town of Wawarsing, Town of Lloyd, Town of Marlborough, Town of Olive, Village of Saugerties and Village of Ellenville, and

**WHEREAS**, New York State has amended the Zones program to increase benefits and allow additional sub-zones, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kingston (Ulster County) intends to revise the Economic Development Zone boundaries (now referred to as Empire Zones) to encourage industrial and commercial development and to allow for the creation of an additional sub-zone in the Town of Saugerties, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Saugerties is committed to the development of business within the proposed sub-zone, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Saugerties wishes to support and concur with the Kingston/Ulster Empire Zone revision application,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Town of Saugerties Board, in its capacity as governing body of the town/village, does hereby support and concur with the City of Kingston (Ulster County) Empire Zone revision application.

Resolution made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to authorize the Supervisor to send a letter to State Senator Bonacic and State Assemblyman Hooker to re-request the re-introduction of parkland alienation legislation for the purposes of constructing a new library facility at Cantine Field.

Discussion: Councilman Macarille noted that even though his wife is employed by the library, there is no conflict of interest in him voting for the library. There will be a referendum for a new library though. Councilman Tucker stated referendum should be put forth. Councilman Costello shares same sentiment as Recreation Committee. Councilwoman Thornton said it was a pleasure to serve as liaison and as a community we need to thank volunteers and staff at the library. Supervisor Helsmoortel stated he has always supported sports in Saugerties, so his vote is not meant to disrespect Recreation Committee.

Vote: Adopted 4 Yes, 1 No (Councilman Costello voting No)

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to create the position of Water/Wastewater treatment plant operator and senior billing accounts clerk, as per the recommendation of the Water/Wastewater Superintendent and Water/Sewer Advisory Board.

Discussion: Councilman Tucker noted that town is growing and the position is warranted and needed. Councilman Macarille said maybe we need a laborer and asked how this position will be posted because two of our present employees are planning on taking the test for this department. Councilman Tucker answered that position will do multiple tasks and position will be posted. Councilman Costello suggested this wait until employees take test and address labor position separately.

Vote: Adopted - 3 Yes (Councilmen Macarille & Costello abstained)

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Costello to adjust and amend the annual salary of Municipal Code Officer Alvah Weeks to be \$33,150.00 effective immediately and retroactive to January 1, 2004, as per the recommendation of the Town Building Inspector and the Town Supervisor.

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Tucker to table the motion.

Discussion: Councilman Costello is talking to non-union representative and wants more clarification. Councilman Tucker wondered why liaison to building department is not involved in this motion.

Vote on Motion to Table: 4 Yes, 1 No (Supervisor Helsmoortel voting No)

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint William Creen part-time building inspector at a rate of \$14.00 per hour, for a total not to exceed \$9,500.00 per year effective immediately, as per the recommendation to the Town Building Inspector.

Discussion: Councilman Macarille wanted to verify if conflict of interest since Bill Creen is Chairman of the Planning Board. Councilwoman Thornton spent

time with building inspector's office and should look at full-time position instead of part-time. Councilman Tucker added there is no question they need full-time inspector.

Vote: Motion Failed - 4 No, 1 Yes (Supervisor Helmsmoortel voting Yes)

Motion made by Supervisor Helmsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to compensate Building Department employee Claudette Zinkow for two weeks vacation she was entitled to for the years 2002 and 2003 as outlined payable immediately.

Motion made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Councilman Costello to table the motion. Councilman Macarille requested Executive Session to discuss this motion.

Vote on Motion to Table: 4 Yes, 1 No (Supervisor Helmsmoortel voting No)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Macarille to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Shingebiss Associates of New Paltz for work relating to 2004 NYS Parks grant funding application to support the development of a Skate Park.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Macarille to appoint Bert Kendall to the part-time security list at a rate of \$10.00 per hour, effective immediately, at the recommendation of the Parks and Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Tucker to appoint Clarke Johnson to the part-time security list at a rate of \$10.00 per hour, effective immediately, at the recommendation of the Parks and Building Superintendent.

Discussion: Councilman Macarille verified that one part-time security person would replace Jerry Daley and the other part-time security person would be on a call out basis.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helmsmoortel to declare two abandoned cars surplus, of no value to the Town of Saugerties, and to authorize advertising for price submittals of same, as per the recommendation of the Parks and Building Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to authorize Parks & Building Superintendent to re-advertise for price submittals for the sale of one (1) Toro Groundmaster 72, and one (1) green metal frame chair, with both previously being declared surplus, and of no value to the Town of Saugerties, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Building Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Tucker to authorize the Parks & Building Superintendent to dispose of surplus items remaining after the surplus warehouse sale, by the most effective cost means, and of which all have previously been declared surplus and no longer of value to the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve the proposal from EcoArch Design and Architectural Works for female changing area and other uses at the Kiwanis Ice Arena at a cost of \$11,800.00, as per the recommendation of the Parks & Building Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to authorize Tom Mortati of Phelan, Burke & Scolamiero to be of counsel to George Redder for the Town of Saugerties in a pending court matter.

Discussion: Councilman Costello asked for clarification that this attorney has helped before with bonded concrete. Supervisor Helsmoortel confirmed.

Motion to amend made by Councilman Macarille, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to add salary to not exceed \$125.00 per hour.

Vote of amendment: 5 Yes

Vote on Motion as Amended: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Councilman Macarille to accept with regret a letter of resignation from part-time police officer Eric VanAllen effective Friday, April 23, 2004.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Councilman Tucker noted that Mr. VanAllen is leaving to take a position in Kingston. He will be missed, he was a very good officer.

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Supervisor Helsmoortel to approve a Certification of Registration for Ulster Excavating and Trucking, Inc. of Kingston, to install water hook-ups in the Town of Saugerties Sewer District.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Tucker, seconded by Councilman Macarille to hire Robert Haberski as a 90-day temp Police Officer, for the Town of Saugerties at a rate of \$15.75 per hour effective April 26, 2004.

Vote: Adopted - 5 Yes

Request made by Councilman Tucker to go into Executive Session on a personnel matter. Request denied by Supervisor Helsmoortel.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETEINGS:**

**Wednesday, May 5, 2004 Pre-Board 6:00 pm**

**Regular Meeting 7:00 pm**

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Helsmoortel, seconded by Councilman Tucker at 9:10 pm.

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Town Clerk