

## **PRE-BOARD MEETING – MARCH 21, 2012**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi Purpose Building located on 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

Arriving late: Supervisor Kelly Myers

Councilwoman Thornton asked to move forward a 50 cent per hour raise for TV23 Coordinator, Anastasia Redman.

Discussion ensued as to when to schedule a Public Hearing / Informational Meeting to discuss the Sports Complex and alienation of parklands.

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## **TOWN BOARD MEETING – MARCH 21, 2012**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 8:15 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:

Councilman Bruce Leighton  
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton  
Councilman Fred Costello  
Councilman James Bruno  
Supervisor Kelly Myers

### **PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

Ted Miller and Stan Bodner, Land Developer – discussed residential and marina community in Glasco. They own 13.7 acres and possibly purchasing 27 additional acres from Central Hudson in the very near future. Hudson Harbor condominiums will be large, spacious up-scale units and will bring in millions of dollars to the tax base. Will entice new condo owners to bring new business to Saugerties. They are not required to

include affordable housing since it is condos. Also, rental housing will be built closer to Route 32.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Christine Sommers – speaking and supporting the proposed Drug Law. Lost her son to prescription drugs and spoke about methadone to have the law changed in NY. This warrants immediate action and concern.

Gaetano Ciarlante – commends the board for pursuing this new law, need to reduce addiction.

George Heidcamp – follow-up with police department retirement issues -- in 2005 a letter was sent to the town that Officer was in the wrong retirement system; gave the board a time line of retirement information. Councilman Costello would like to meet to discuss this matter.

Pat Reynolds – speaking regarding hydrofracking – only way to stop it is through an ordinance. Can pollute property up to ten miles away. Councilwoman Thornton added the CPC in Section 620 has addressed fracking and only two towns have been challenged and the court has up-held decision. Very complex issue to deal with from town to town.

Patti Kelly – asking about a town wide clean-up. Is this happening again this year?

Michael Vallarella – Tissal Road, what has transpired? Highway Superintendent Doug Myer has been out to grade the road but the property still remains. Still a very dangerous problem and over-sized vehicles. Supervisor Myers said that the beginning of Tissal Road looks great, in front of Solite needs work. Talked with the County and they estimate the amount of work to be done around \$155,000.00. Also, Mike said Attorney Jeff Kanan made a request and has had no response for a couple weeks from Attorney John Greco regarding Dickinson's Keep.

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

Saugerties is in the top ten travel destinations and is highlighted in an article from Hudson Valley Magazine. Read proclamation on Parkinsons Disease. Attended Girl Scouts 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ecumenical Service last Sunday. Ulster County Transportation wants to do a park and ride area by the thruway. Drummond Falls bridge is in danger since the water flow from Hurricane Irene. Congratulations to Greg Chorvas for being named Irishman of the Year. Received a letter from attorney confirming Dickinson's Keep deadline of 45 days is up and the PILOT is rescinded. Truth in Taxation Law is brought forward by the Town of Ulster and they would like itemized list on tax bills.

Dan Schuster, Town Planner – gave up-date for GEIS for Kings Highway. One significant impact would be traffic. Discussed different solutions and gave the board a

draft of the Final GEIS. Some bottlenecks occur between Kings Highway and Route 32. Next step will be to prepare the document for the final vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of March 7, 2012, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$225,095.80
General Outside Village	10,105.90
Highway	70,548.69
Capital Projects	24,894.45
Barclay Heights Sewer	1,582.86
Glasco Sewer	5,078.90
Malden Sewer	2,196.09
Glasco Water	2,230.94
Malden Water	474.91

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Leighton – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – CAC met last Thursday regarding fracking and Esopus Creek. CPC meets on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. TV23 spring classes are booked.

Councilman Costello – extends support on Parkinson’s Disease. Thank you to Ms. Sommers for coming forward and sharing your experiences. Police officers have been re-trained for evidence procedures. Improvements taking place at the Glasco Little League field.

Councilman Bruno – nothing to report

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to hire Elizabeth K. Robinson as a part time dispatcher at a rate of \$15.85 per hour, effective March 7, 2012 and per the request of the Chief of Police.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that he met her and she is energetic and looking forward to her working in the department.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Leighton to authorize the Highway Superintendent to enter into contract on behalf of the Town of Saugerties with the successful bidder on all aspects of the project known as "Hemlock Lane Drainage Project" providing that said bids are equal to or lower than the engineering estimates generated by Brinnier and Larios, PC for said project.

Discussion: Supervisor Myers is very pleased with the Highway Department.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Stephen Q. Shafer to the Historic Preservation Commission to fill the vacancy left by Myles Putnam with a term to expire on March 31, 2016.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve reimbursing Mike and Connie Catalinotto \$2,849.30 which they were over charged for regarding their water and sewer accounts.

Discussions: Councilman Leighton added that this is the first he has heard of this. Councilman Bruno said there are two accounts being charged for three buildings when there is only one building on each account. Councilman Costello said that this is on capital charges.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve a 50 cent per hour increase in salary for the position of Lighthouse TV23 Program/Director effective March 26, 2012.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton said that this never got on the agenda in December. This is a part time, non-union position and she does a lot of extra without being paid. Supervisor Myers is opposed to mid-year raises, but okay this time.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Myers abstained)

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Costello to schedule a Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #1 of 2012 for March 29, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the court room at Town Hall with a Special Town Board Meeting to follow.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to schedule a Public Hearing for proposed Parkland Alienation of a parcel of land of lands commonly known as Cantine Veterans Memorial Complex for April 4, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi Purpose Building.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

<b>Thursday, March 29, 2012</b>	<b>Public Hearing Synthetic Drug Law</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Special Town Board Meeting Following Public Hearing</b>	
<b>Wednesday, April 4, 2012</b>	<b>Pre-Board Meeting</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Town Board Meeting</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Public Hearing Parkland Alienation</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>

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