

PRE-BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 15, 2012

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 15, 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 James Bruno
Supervisor Kelly Myers

Absent: Councilman Fred Costello

Supervisor Myers discussed the co-chairs of Economic Development and Tourism Committee, which the motion was made at the last town board meeting. Feels there is miscommunication; understood the new avenue of “tourism” would be guided by Marjorie Block. Councilman Bruno said the Town Board has never appointed a chairman before for this committee. The committee should discuss this further.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 15, 2012

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 8:00 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 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:

George Heidcamp – wanted to speak to clear the air on issues regarding 20 year retirement for police. In 1992 was the PBA President at the time and started getting officers in the 20 year plan, which was delayed until 1995. In 2005 was forced to retire but was denied through NYS. In 2008 turned 62 years old and according to the 20 year system, you must retire within 30 days ... retirement then got approved by NYS. One other officer is now in the same circumstance as I was. Feeling singled out since I was

forced to retire and the other officer is not being forced to do so. Supervisor Myers said working with Detective and he is currently in 375C and not enrolled in special plan. He is not being re-hired, he will continue working and receiving pension. Councilman Costello added that did everything to be fair but also questions NYS retirement and not being given the same options as before.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

George Heidcamp – wondered if you are setting a precedent now for police officers that everyone could stay until age 70?

Jeremy Schaller – representing family and once again being approached by a promoter of possibly doing another music festival. Latitude Music Festival with Melvin Benn, which would bring in 40-50,000 people on a yearly basis. Promoter would like to speak to the Town Board – board gave positive response.

Sandra Shaddock – represents Town of Highway workers in union, who are working without a contract. Healthcare plan and benefits are in question if this high deductible plan will be as good if not better for the employees, usually they cost more in the long run. Was a RFP done to change insurances? Said there was no gap in service but have in hand a bill from a dentist that no service was in place in December, how will this get paid? How much is the town board paying the attorney to fight this? Supervisor Myers said to stop right there, you are making things up. This is not the time for negotiations.

George Wynkoop – waived right to speak to give the time to Sandra Shaddock. Have served the taxpayers the last 16 years of her life. These employees have given so much by all the work done during Hurricane Irene, they deserve to be treated fairly.

Rich Snyder – also waived right to Sandra Shaddock - Government is by and for the people. Mr. Wallens stated that he didn't want other unions to get more. Stop fighting the unions and increase communications.

Councilman Costello said they take responsibility very seriously. Wish they could give more but at least there have been no lay offs. Proud of what the town board has done and we are willing to sit down and have negotiations. Supervisor Myers added that three contracts have been settled fairly.

Peter Legg – gave right to speak to Sandra Shaddock – property tax cap only hurt municipalities. Willing to go back to the table for discussions on negotiations. Supervisor Myers said we are not negotiating tonight.

Keith Tubby – gave right to Ms. Shaddock – would anyone be available to discuss line items in the budget. Councilman Costello said to submit questions in writing.

Jim Uhl – talk about affordable housing with HUD – 3 bedroom is \$1391.00/month and 2 bedroom is \$1098.00/month which includes utilities and most of the rent is paid through

HUD. Developer will make a fortune and the money will leave our town; partially off the tax roll. We need more money in our town for ourselves – property management needs to go out to bid.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Would like to thank everyone for coming, these are hard things to talk about. We offered 7.75% raise over three years to all unions and we have to keep in mind that many people in town have lost their jobs...lost their homes. It is a balancing act. The health insurance issue was done at the end of last fall in an effort to save money. Thought everything would be in place by February 1st but the company fell short. We want good health coverage.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of February 1, 2012, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$66,881.73
General Outside Village	3,963.96
Highway	89,420.47
Capital Projects	9,993.60
Lighting District	11,511.51
Barclay Heights Sewer	4,643.82
Glasco Sewer	28,585.06
Malden Sewer	9,051.90
Glasco Water	17,572.07
Malden Water	1,710.42

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Bruno – nothing to report

Councilman Costello – has met with Deputy Chief Sinagra regarding new software, which will be good for working with the budget this year. Building & Grounds has made repairs and prep work for moving the Assessor’s Office. Congratulations to our new Little League President, Allison Belfont. Sign ups are next weekend.

Councilman Leighton – nothing to report

Councilwoman Thornton – Lifespring registration ends February 18th. On March 7, 2012 presenting Scenic Hudson at Inquiring Minds. TV23 has 12 people involved in going around town – Out & About. CPC will meet February 23rd and CAC on February 16th.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the Highway Superintendent to seek bids for one 2160 square foot modular office building to be delivered, set and assembled at the highway department headquarters located at 25 Churchland Road, Saugerties, NY.

Discussion: Supervisor Myers said that this is necessary to complete FEMA, no additional cost to the taxpayers.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to authorize the Highway Superintendent to enter into contract with the successful bidder on the modular office providing the bid prices do not exceed the researched estimates.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to authorize the Highway Superintendent to enter into contract, on behalf of the Town of Saugerties, with the successful bidders on all aspects pertaining to Hurricane Irene FEMA-4020-DR-NY reconstruction work providing that said bids are equal to or lower than the engineering estimates generated by Brinnier & Larios, PC for each project.

Discussion: Supervisor Myers thanked Doug Myer for his work and time, his department has done a great job.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Myers to approve the following individual to serve on the Property Assessment Advisory Committee for the year 2012 – Francine Heinlein.

Discussion: Supervisor Myers said the committee needs one more.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Leighton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:25 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Pre-Board Meeting

7:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

8:00 p.m.

Town Clerk