

PRE-BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 3, 2012

AMENDED

The Pre-Board Meeting was held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 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
Supervisor Kelly Myers

Councilman Leighton would like to move forward a motion regarding payment of checks to the agenda.

Councilwoman Thornton would like to move forward a Public Hearing for CPC to discuss Water Resources Protection on the agenda.

Discussion of use of a signature stamp by designee; Supervisor Myers said use of computer/digital signature is okay. Councilman Bruno should have use of signature stamp if Supervisor Myers is unavailable.

Kiersted House is requesting money to help with erecting barn.

Discussion on motion of removal of secretary to Highway.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 3, 2012

The Town Board Meeting was held at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 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

A moment of silence was recognized for the passing of Mayor Yerick this date.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Mike Luftring – assistant to the union president and is representing Mary Lou Dengler. She has been a steady rock for 22 years; no disciplinary action, no write-up and now there is a motion on the agenda to fire her? Give her the respect she deserves. Civil Service positions have not been followed. Age discrimination remarks have been made – the town will not tolerate this type of action.

Jerry Schackne – 40 year resident and involved in community. Spoke regarding a zoning issue on Route 212. For the last six years the building has been vacant. He has had interested parties inquire but it doesn't fit into zoning regulations. Would like this re-zoned to be able to run a business.

Beth Murphy – provide fact checking from last meeting regarding late payments, which Central Hudson has charged late payments. The Deputy Supervisor should have his own signature stamp and use it. Regarding The Birches, while Supervisor Myers served on the Village Board she voted yes to Country Meadows PILOT, which is very similar to The Birches. You can not give back what has not been collected. Recommends that the August 15th agreement be signed and a court can order the Supervisor to sign it. The Town Supervisor is the leader but the town board is not informed about pertinent issues. On the tentative budget for 2013, there shows an increase in salary for the Supervisor of \$15,000.00 and the Highway Superintendent of \$10,000.00.

Vera White – employee and resident; how does one go from being in a FEMA position to a union position and when that situation was questioned the head-hunt began for Mary Lou. Would like to commend Mary Lou – how can you do a job when you are locked out of your computer?

Gaetana Ciarlante – on October 9th SACRED group will meet, everyone is welcome. This is a bi-partisan issue regarding Agenda 21. 100% in support of Supervisor Myers on Birches subject, why wasn't property put up for taxes.

Vince Hackett – Mary Lou Dengler is a personal friend and great help in the town. When Bernie Ellsworth was sick, Mary Lou ran the department. How can you take a job away for just being old? She has done her job for 22 years.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Late fees of \$196.00 with Central Hudson because they have a short billing cycle and not turned in on time by department heads and board liaisons. **A direct debit is being set up with Central Hudson to avoid late fees.** BOE register by October 12th to vote on November 6th. Cell phones, insurance and others will be out for quotes. Mum Festival is October 6th and on September 27th SHS **held** Breaking the Cycle on Bullying.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of September 19, 2012 and Bid Opening for the Highway Department of October 3, 2012, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the bills as presented, carried.

General Fund	\$ 48,970.04
General Outside Village	6,273.58
Highway	28,171.34
Capital Projects	6,757.30
Ambulance District	45,633.33
Glasco Sewer	2,960.18
Malden Sewer	11,088.54
Glasco Water	123,139.93
Malden Water	26,316.50

Discussion: Supervisor Myers said there were 15 bills presented for payment past their due date and would incur late fees, which was reviewed with Department Heads. Councilman Costello said that it is unfair to blame department heads; volume of late fees have never been experienced before and this is because checks are not going out in a timely manner and several checks were not signed two weeks ago.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – read Building Department Report for September 2012, which is on file at the Town Clerk’s Office and the Building Department is under budget. Read letter to Supervisor Myers for inappropriate and offensive lecturing of the Town Board regarding The Birches PILOT; \$43,000.00 is waiting in the attorney’s office to be deposited. It is illegal for you not to sign this agreement. You should set aside your personal dislike for Steve Aaron and move on. This deal is not perfect and City of Kingston has been referred to arbitration and is still on-going with another Steve Aaron project. Five other affordable housing projects in Saugerties pay \$100.00 per unit or less.

Councilwoman Thornton – CPC Village and Town will have an informational meeting on November 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Voters guide is available at Town Hall.

Councilman Costello – 2004 Birches PILOT was started, in 2006 law 581-a passed and in 2008 Steve Aaron began not paying taxes. 2011/12 started negotiations and in April 2012 came to an agreement and September 2012 approved. PILOT does not allow foreclosure. Voted after executive session and it should have been on the agenda before

that. Thank you to Doug Myer and employees for repairing black top at Cantine Field. The Garlic Festival was a success again. Hosted Walk for Cure and raised \$100,000.00.

Councilman Bruno – congratulations to Mark Resso for becoming a grandpa! Read Supervisor Myers a letter – the public is not given the full information regarding Birches. Agree to \$200.00 per unit; no impact on schools. Already spent \$20,000.00 in legal fees.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Bruno to remove the motion on the agenda regarding the removal of Mary Lou Dengler from the position of secretary to the Highway Superintendent.

Discussion: Supervisor Myers added that personnel issue needs to be addressed.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Myers to approve the Memorandum of Agreement, as on file, between the PBA and the Town of Saugerties pertaining to ordering in policemen for duty.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said that the police department did not have the right to order officers in before. Thank you to the PBA and the Chief for cooperating in this matter.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve setting a curfew of 8:00 p.m. for Halloween night, October 31, 2012 for individuals under the age of 17 in the Town of Saugerties.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said 8:00 is consistent with the Village curfew.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve a resolution that all checks are to be in the mail within 24 hours of the abstract being approved by the board.

Discussion: Supervisor Myers said that she has a full schedule and Councilman Bruno will help. Councilman Leighton added that checks should be expedited and get the checks out to save on late fees. The Supervisor sets her own schedule and checks should be a top priority.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Myers abstain)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve a donation of \$400.00 from the Town of Saugerties for the Mum Festival to be held on October 7, 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the resolution, as on file, to prohibit vehicular traffic and post appropriate signage on Sachs Lodge Road bridge in the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Myers to sell the lake mower (which was purchased jointly by the Village and Town of Saugerties) to the Esopus Creek Conservancy for \$1.00 to be used for the removal of water chestnuts.

Discussion: Councilwoman Thornton added that it was way back in storage, glad to put it to use.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the Memorandum of Agreement, as on file, between the PBA and the Town of Saugerties pertaining to the detective sergeant.

Discussion: Councilman Costello is glad to re-establish the position.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to authorize John J. Greco, Esq., as attorney for the Town of Saugerties, to settle the pending 2011 real property tax assessment review proceeding in the matter of Saugerties, LLC vs The Board of Assessors and the Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Saugerties, pending in Ulster County Supreme Court, Index Number 2011-3103 in accordance with the 2011 Stipulation of Settlement and Order and Judgment on file with the Assessor of the Town of Saugerties.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, authorizing the Town Justices to apply for grant funds from the Justice Court Assistance Program for office equipment and supplies.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to set a Public Hearing on Section 238-10A Water Resources Protection for section regarding zoning for October 25, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Center at the request of the CPC.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 9:40 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, October 17, 2012	Pre-Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
	Town Board Meeting	8:00 p.m.

Town Clerk