

PRE-BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 15, 2012

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

Councilwoman Thornton discussed the Discovery Channel's five minute segment of the Town of Saugerties with TV23. They feel it is over-priced and could do it in-house for half the price with the talent that we have in this area; it should also be longer than five minutes.

Councilman Leighton submitted two motions for the agenda, which are not on. One was for the public hearing and the other was to give a raise to an employee who has been overlooked for three years. Supervisor Myers does not like mid-year raises and people are banging on her door complaining.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 15, 2012

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 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 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: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Gaetana Ciarlante – SOS is having their pig roast on August 19 at 2 pm, which is their main fundraiser for the organization. Also, would like to know if the Town Board has viewed the CD on Project 21.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Thanks to everyone involved with the Bed Races, it was a great time. UC Transportation Council has new law signed by President Obama, which is not good news. Money will be clustered around cities. August 1st IDA scheduled a meeting with housing but the vote was taken off the agenda. Congratulations to the Costello Family for the re-opening of Sue’s Restaurant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on July 18, 2012 and Special Board Meeting of August 6, 2012, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund	\$103,877.88
General Outside Village	5,726.48
Highway	41,784.00
Capital Projects	186,771.57

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Leighton – read July report from Building Department, which is on file at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Councilwoman Thornton – Town and Village CPC shot a half hour show at TV23 to explain comprehensive plan. TV23 meeting has full enrollment of all classes at SHS. Lifespring classes for fall are very close to full. Congratulations to the artist studio tour on another successful event.

Councilman Costello – Chief Sinagra read monthly report, which is on file at the Town Clerk’s office. Police department is also getting involved in Boys & Girls Club. Congratulations to the Legion baseball team for reaching state finals. Day Camp ends Friday – great job. Irrigation up-grade on baseball fields is being done and the Ice Rink opens Monday.

Councilman Bruno – thank you to the Chief for the job being done in the Village. Also, thank you to the Water & Sewer and Highway Department for work on water main break.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to allow the Chief of Police to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), as on file, pertaining to URGENT (Ulster Regional Gang Enforcement Narcotics Team).

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that we have partnered for a long time and this will continue to send a message.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the salary of Julie Dunn, part time clerk in the Tax Office, at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, per the Receiver of Taxes.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said she is a very qualified individual.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the installation of a bathroom in the pole barn at the Transfer Station at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00, per the Transfer Station Manager.

Discussion: Supervisor Myers said that there should be a public restroom

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve hiring Joseph Murray as a per diem police officer at a rate of \$18.25 per hour, per the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Discussion: Councilman Costello said he is an experienced, valuable person.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve a refund of \$577.50 to Saad Hamed for building permit fees paid on receipt #B7919 for an abandoned project on 2 Red Maple Road (SBL #29.9-8-28) per the Town Building Inspector.

Discussion: Councilman Leighton added that this project could not go forward on Twin Maples property.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to set a public hearing date of September 5, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. pertaining to the new Unsafe Buildings Law, per the request of Councilman Leighton.

Discussion: Councilman Leighton added that this is overdue to be re-vamped. Now Building Inspector will have the authority to move forward.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve a 50 cent hourly raise for Juanita Wilsey, effective immediately and to extend for 2013.

Discussion: Councilman Leighton said that she has been overlooked for the last three years for a part time pay raise and she works under 20 hours/week. Supervisor Myers is concerned about mid-year raises.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Myers abstain)

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, authorizing the Highway Superintendent to enter into temporary construction easements for road repair and replacement of damaged culvert on Sachs Lodge Road under Contract TSA-126; FEMA 4020.

Discussion: Doug Myer added that this is the final major project. Temporary access gives us access for residents property.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, authorizing the Supervisor to enter into permanent road easements for access to Sachs Lodge Road culvert under contract TSA-126; FEMA 4020.

Discussion: Doug Myer added that once this is complete, this would be for maintenance.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve a permit for American Fireworks to display fireworks on August 25, 2012 at 9:00 p.m. to conclude at 10:00 p.m. at the Centerville Firehouse.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve adding William Yosh, Jr. and Miriam Adams to the Town of Saugerties Economic Development and Tourism Committee for the remainder of 2012, per the committees' co-chairs B. Budik and M. Block.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the mass gathering permit for Karen Tashman at the Woodstock Jewish Congregation located at 1682 Glasco Turnpike for September 16, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; September 17, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; September 18, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and September 25, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and September 26, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Bruno to enter into Executive Session for discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation pertaining to the Birches at 9:15 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to exit Executive Session and to continue Town Board Meeting at 9:55 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve settlement of pending litigation in the matter of the Town of Saugerties vs. The Birches at Saugerties Housing Development Fund Company and The Birches at Saugerties Limited Partnership, Index No. 10-4744, now pending in the Ulster County Supreme Court in accordance with Settlement Agreement and First Amendment to Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement, and authorizing John J. Greco, Esq. as attorney for the Town of Saugerties to execute the Settlement Agreement and authorizing the Supervisor of the Town of Saugerties to execute the First Amendment to Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement, pursuant to the form on file with the Town Clerk. This motion does **not** approve the proposed Stipulation of Settlement and Order in the matter of Birches at Saugerties, LP vs. Assessor of the Town of Saugerties and the Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Saugerties, Index No. 11-3324.

Discussion: Supervisor Myers said that they should pay in full. Councilman Costello said the nature of 581 regarding housing is that the project is eligible and the town will net more. Litigation may be under 581 but rulings have favored property owners. Supervisor Myers believes they may be able to collect. Councilman Costello said that this is not perfect but we have been debating this since 2008. Councilwoman Thornton feels that they are much more informed at this point.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Supervisor Myers voting No)

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 10:00 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, September 5, 2012	Public Hearing	7:30 p.m.
	Unsafe Building Law	
	Pre-Board Meeting	following
	Town Board Meeting	8:00 p.m.

Town Clerk