

## **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - JANUARY 4, 2012**

The Organizational Meeting was held at 7:00 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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Patti Kelly – expressed anger at waiting two hours for the workshop meeting to start, which was just an Executive Session. Did personnel matters include discussion of unpaid volunteer positions? The new position of Budget Officer – what are the qualifications and experience of this person, is there a job description? Questioned hiring Bonacic's Law firm, conflict with him being State Senator and why would that hourly rate be higher than other law firms.

Doug Pettit – attended the meeting with Larry Regan (Dickerson's Keep) and he stated that he would maintain the road at no cost to the town, now that has changed with no reason given. Would like someone to find out about this.

Peter Petramale – congratulations to Kelly Myers. Would like an up-date on the Dickerson's Keep project. Councilman Bruno said that he called the Chief in Fishkill and they devote a lot of time to domestics and drug related instances near the project.

Gaetano Ciarlante – congratulations to Kelly. Dickerson's Keeps' funding is not approved by the state, the Town Board should give a deadline and wanted to know if Councilman Costello sent a letter. Councilman Costello responded that there is a lobbying black-out and he did not see or send a letter. Supervisor Myers said she called the attorney and left a message, it is important that we follow the law. Ms. Ciarlante asked that since Mr. Vaganelis was taken off this project because of a conflict, will he repay the town the money he was paid regarding Dickerson's Keep?

Kolton Chubb – in Cafaldo Park we are paying a Bond for the pumping station, how will Dickerson's Keep affect this.

Jim Uhl – Dickerson's Keeps' numbers do not add up compared to apartments he rents – who will be able to afford these. Since the funding has been pulled, the town should get a performance bond and they may not get funded by HUD.

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

Supervisor Myers thanked the board for coming in early for the confidential meeting. A lot to do and it's the second day in office.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Bruno to accept the minutes of Pre-Board Meeting of December 14, 2011, carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Bruno to accept the minutes of Town Board Meeting of December 14, 2011, carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Costello to accept the minutes of the Bid Opening of December 29, 2011 for the Highway Department, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$94,273.30
General Outside Village	4,912.36
Highway	17,789.49
Capital Projects	2,497.32
Barclay Heights Sewer	65,223.75
Glasco Sewer	313.82
Malden Sewer	3,708.32
Glasco Water	94,567.75
Malden Water	16,751.72

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Bruno to designate the Saugerties Post Star as the Official newspaper of the Town of Saugerties pursuant to Section 64(1) of the Town Law and to designate the Kingston Daily Freeman and Saugerties Times as additional newspapers for the publication of such notices, resolutions and ordinances at the option of the Town Board for 2012.

Motion to amend by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to designate the Saugerties Times as the Official newspaper of the Town of Saugerties pursuant to Section 64(1) of the Town Law and to designate the Kingston Daily Freeman and Saugerties Post Star as additional newspapers for the publication of such notices, resolutions and ordinances at the option of the Town Board for 2012.

Discussion: Councilman Costello explained that the Saugerties Times is always at the board meeting and reporting to the public.

Vote: Adopted – 3 Yes (Supervisor Myers and Councilman Bruno voting No)

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following as official banks for the Town of Saugerties: M & T Bank, Key Bank and Fleet Bank for 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint George Redder as an attorney for the Town of Saugerties to handle all legal work for the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board, actions in which the Saugerties Town Board is an involved agency, SEQR purposes and will be responsible for motions and resolutions required by the Saugerties Town Board at an hourly rate of \$125.00 for 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint John Greco as an attorney for the Town of Saugerties for the purpose of handling prosecution for Animal Control, Building Inspector, Police Department, HUD, will be responsible for working with the Assessor's Office in all tax cases and will be responsible for all legal work required in the Water and Sewer District at an hourly rate of \$125.00 for 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint additional attorneys for the Town of Saugerties, for as needed projects and consultation at a rate of \$150.00 per hour for 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Gary Newkirk as the Town of Saugerties Accountant for the year 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Audrey Klinkenberg as the Town of Saugerties Historian for the year 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Brinnier & Larios, P.C. as the Town of Saugerties Engineers for 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Alex Nahow as Information Systems Support Consultant, at an hourly rate of \$50.00 per hour for the year 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint Daniel Schuster as the Town of Saugerties Consulting Planner for the year 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Randy Ricks as the Civil Defense Director, and Chairman of Emergency Services and Preparedness Committee, for the Town of Saugerties for the year 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Lisa Stanley, Saugerties Town Clerk, as Registrar of Vital Statistics for 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve the renewal of Trident Insurance Company through Marshall & Sterling Upstate LD as the property and casualty insurance carrier for the Town of Saugerties for 2012. (discuss- insurance binder executed through 2/1/2012 - possible 3 month extension – to discern prior market bid efforts by Marshall & Sterling & Town inventory of assets)

Motion to amend made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to authorize the Supervisor to sign the renewal of Trident Insurance Company through Marshall & Sterling Sterling Upstate LD as the property and casualty insurance carrier for the Town of Saugerties for 2012. (discuss- insurance binder executed through 2/1/2012 - possible 3 month extension – to discern prior market bid efforts by Marshall & Sterling & Town inventory of assets)

Vote on amendment: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve that the monthly expense vouchers be submitted for auditing to the Town of Saugerties Bookkeeper by the Friday prior to the scheduled Town Board meeting and that all claims or vouchers must be accompanied with purchase bills or receipts of purchased items and initialed/signed by department heads where applicable.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Leighton to have the Saugerties Town Board meetings start at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center on Market Street in Saugerties, New York for 2012 on: January 4 & 24, February 14 & 28, March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22, June 12, July 17, August 14, September 11 & 25, October 9 & 23, November 13 & 27 and December 11.

Motion to amend made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to have the Saugerties Town Board meetings start at 8:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center on Market Street in Saugerties, New York for 2012 on: January 4 & 18, February 1 & 15, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18, May 2 & 16, June 13, July 18, August 15, September 5 & 19, October 3 & 17, November 7 & 21 and December 12.

Vote on amendment: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilman Costello voting No)

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the following dates for the Town offices to be closed in 2012:

January 2, 2012, New Year's Day 2012 (Observed); January 16, Martin Luther King Day; February 13, Lincoln's Birthday; February 20, Washington's Birthday (Observed); April 6, Good Friday; May 28, Memorial Day; July 4, Independence Day; September 3, Labor Day; October 8, Columbus Day; November 6, Election Day; November 12, Veteran's Day; November 22, Thanksgiving Day; November 23, Day after Thanksgiving; December 25, Christmas Day.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Leighton to authorize the Town of Saugerties Supervisor to designate use of her signature stamp where deemed necessary according to Town Law Section 29(30).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Leighton to approve a charge of \$20.00 on each check tendered for payment and returned for insufficient funds, according to Section 85 of the General Municipal Law.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the Town Board Members to serve as liaisons for the following:

HUD-Leeanne Thornton  
Parks (Recreation) & Buildings-Fred Costello  
Transfer Station-Kelly Myers  
Justice Court-Bruce Leighton  
Building & Zoning Codes-Bruce Leighton  
Planning Board-Bruce Leighton  
Zoning Board of Appeals-Bruce Leighton  
Police-Fred Costello  
Assessors-Kelly Myers & Jim Bruno  
Water & Sewer-Jim Bruno  
Dog Control-Kelly Myers  
Public Cable Access-Leeanne Thornton  
Historian-Leeanne Thornton  
Conservation Advisory Committee-Leeanne Thornton  
Economic Development Committee-Kelly Myers & Jim Bruno  
Library-Leeanne Thornton  
Diaz Ambulance-Jim Bruno  
Comprehensive Planning Committee-Leeanne Thornton  
Boys & Girls Club-Jim Bruno  
Ethics Committee-Bruce Leighton  
Historic Preservation Commission-Jim Bruno  
Property Assessment Advisory Committee-Kelly Myers & Jim Bruno

Biodiversity Assessment Team-Leeanne Thornton  
Green Energy Task Force-Kelly Myers  
Historical Society-Leeanne Thornton  
Senior Education Committee (Lifespring)-Leeanne Thornton  
Budget and Finance Committee – Kelly Myers  
Emergency Services – Kelly Myers

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Property Assessment Advisory Committee-Kelly Myers & Jim Bruno  
Biodiversity Assessment Team-Leeanne Thornton  
Historical Society-Leeanne Thornton  
Senior Education Committee (Lifespring)-Leeanne Thornton

Discussion: Councilman Costello explained that the Supervisor is able to make appointments and is directly involved in those appointments. Also, the Green Energy Task Force does not have enough members to stay a committee.  
Vote on amendment: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the Town of Saugerties Procurement Policy, as on file, as required by General Municipal Law section 104b, which was revised on January 1, 2012.  
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to re-adopt Resolution #94-241, dated December 21, 1994 and modified on February 4, 2004, which approves the Town of Saugerties Investment Policy as it conforms with General Municipal Law Section 39.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint the list, as on file, of 2012 Part-time Police Officers, as per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Chief of Police.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the list, as on file, of 2012 Part-time Police Dispatchers, as per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Chief of Police.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the list, as on file, of 2012 School Crossing Guards, as per the recommendation of the Town of Saugerties Chief of Police.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individual to serve on the Planning Board: Mike Tiano with a seven (7) year term that expires on December 31, 2018.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee for 2012: Gladys Hutton, Priscilla Orr, Kevin Pendergast, Joe Gavner, William Creen Jr., Rich Koegel, Joe Quirk and Dean Fabiano (*Honorary Member*).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Conservation Advisory Committee for 2012: Sandra Thorpe, Brian Sawchuk, James Barbour, Josh Randall, Gerry Marzec, Mary Anne Wrolsen, Clifford Tienken, Steve Guerin and Elizabeth Shafer.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee for 2012: Werner Hegner, Rocco Pietrofessa, John Poll, Sandra Pietrofessa and Doug Petit.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Cable Access Committee for 2012: Paul VanSchaack, Barry Kerr, Ernie Mortuzans, Sue Rosenberg and Matthew Phillips.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Economic Development Committee for 2012: John Bassler, Alicia McCaig, Marion Vail, Jerry Schackne, Erica Krom, Rae Stang, Mark Catalinotto, Marjorie Block and Barbara Budik.

Motion to amend made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Supervisor Myers to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Economic Development Committee for 2012: John Bassler, Alicia McCaig, Marion Vail, Jerry Schackne, Erica Krom, Rae Stang, Mark Catalinotto, Marjorie Block, Barbara Budik and Steve Guerin.

Vote on amendment: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Comprehensive Planning Committee for 2012: Patrick Fitzsimmons, Stanley Strath, Josepha Gutelius, Barry Benepe, Carmine Gramolgia, Samantha Dederick, Susan Weeks, Robert Dederick Naomi Rothberg, and Pamela Riggins.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Barry Benepe to the Historic Preservation Commission with a term to expire on March 31, 2015.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Audrey Klinkenberg as secretary to the Historic Preservation Commission for 2012 at a rate of \$10.00 per hour.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Glenn Forman as chair of the Ethics Committee for 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Joan Robinson to the Ethics Committee with a five year term to expire on December 31, 2016.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Biodiversity Assessment Team for 2012: Gerry Marzec, Sarah Mecklem, Dan Weeks, William Trumpbour and Mark Knaust.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes



Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Property Assessment Advisory Committee for 2012: Jamie Fine, Nelson Burhans and Don Covert.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Myers to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Senior Education Committee (Lifespring) for 2012: Susan Puretz, Meyer Rothberg, Barbara Kaisik, Richard Phillips, Bob Saturn, Manu Malkani, Arzi McKeown, Marjory Greenberg-Vaughn, Marv Beach, Roberta Gavner, Sandy Ostoyich, Matt Ostoyich and Joe Churnetski (*Honorary Member*).

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Brian Sawchuk as vice-chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Jeanne Goldberg as chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Supervisor Myers to appoint Joseph Roberti, Sr. to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expiring December 31, 2016.

Motion to amend made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint Donn Avallone as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Vote on amendment: Adopted – 3 Yes (Supervisor Myers and Councilman Bruno voting No

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to appoint the following individual to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals: Samantha Dederick with a five (5) year term that expires on December 31, 2016.

Discussion: Councilman Costello explained that Samantha is currently the alternate but will now serve as a member.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint William Creen as vice-chair of the Planning Board Committee for 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint C. Howard Post as chair of the Planning Board Committee for 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the standard IRS allowance for mileage reimbursement at a rate of 55.5 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Kathleen Blundell as the Zoning Board of Appeals secretary for 2012 at a monthly rate of \$200.00.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Juanita Wilsey as the Planning Board secretary for 2012 at a hourly rate of \$14.50.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Costello to approve the purchase of a used aluminum dump trailer at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00 and the funds will be appropriated from the fund balance, per the request of the Highway Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to hire Vernon Benjamin as a part time consultant to the Town Board on Town matters related to Kings Highway, Economic Development, the Winston Farm Property and the Environment at a rate of \$50.00 per hour, under direction of Supervisor Myers, such service to continue at the pleasure of the Town Board.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Leighton to award the rock salt bid of December 29, 2011 pertaining to the Highway Department to Cargill, Inc. of North Olmsted, Ohio, see attached bid opening and letter from previous Highway Superintendent Bernie Ellsworth, per the recommendation of the previous Highway Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Myers to approve the contract, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and Ulster County for court reporting of DWI/DWAI dispositions in the Town of Saugerties Court.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Supervisor Myers to approve the contract, as on file, between the Town of Saugerties and Ulster County for DWI Task Force Patrols for the Town of Saugerties.

Discussion: Councilman Costello added that he would like this to become more aggressive in 2012.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Costello to authorize Town of Saugerties Highway Superintendent to enter into Temporary Easement as a result of Emergency Town Road repair work resulting from damages caused by Hurricane Irene.

Discussion: Supervisor Myers added that she and Doug Myer met with engineers to go over a plan for rebuilding. Will have to Bond for repairs and get FEMA reimbursement.  
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to Authorize FAB Water Application and Agreement for Project Financing (Financial Assistance Business Water Program) for the King’s Highway Water Supply Project.  
Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

**SUPERVISOR’S APPOINTMENTS:**

Appoint James J. Bruno as the Town of Saugerties Deputy Supervisor for 2012.

Appoint Andrew Slater as the Town of Saugerties Budget Officer for 2012.

Establish a Budget and Finance Committee, and appoint the following individuals to serve: Santos Lopez, Dara Edwards, Pamela Riggins, Brian Breithaupt, Joe Roberti and Andrew Slater, Board Liaison will be Supervisor Myers.

Establish Emergency Services Committee and chaired by Randy Ricks.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Leighton to adjourn the Organizational Meeting at 7:50 p.m., carried.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

<b>Wednesday, January 18, 2012</b>	<b>Pre-Board Meeting</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Town Board Meeting</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>

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Town Clerk