

## **PRE-BOARD MEETING – MARCH 6, 2013**

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 7:50 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  
Councilman Fred Costello  
Councilman James Bruno  
Supervisor Kelly Myers

Absent: Councilwoman Leanne Thornton

Discussion to pull motion on agenda regarding donation for HITS 5k for United Way and to change to a discussion regarding Safe Act.

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## **TOWN BOARD MEETING – MARCH 6, 2013**

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 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 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present:

Councilman Bruce Leighton  
Councilman Fred Costello  
Councilman James Bruno  
Supervisor Kelly Myers

Absent: Councilwoman Leanne Thornton

### **PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

Supervisor Myers presented award and Congratulations to Marilyn Richardson for her 20+ years of service to the Food Pantry.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Bill Schirmer – speaking on behalf of Saugerties Fish & Game, which has 500 members. Gov. Cuomo enacted Safe Act quickly and imposes law against law-abiding gun owners and does nothing against criminals. This law does not address funding. People are angry, they feel they have no voice in government. Would like to compliment the board on draft to oppose this law and would like support in the passing of same.

Steven Hubbard – met NYPD officer and feels law will not protect innocent in regard to the Safe Act. Shows real estate and gets in-put from other agents that Town of Saugerties taxes are too high. Country Meadows housing project is adding 55 units, which are not needed. Town Board should not allow anymore housing.

Eric Stock – takes issue with Town Board making donations with tax dollars. It is against the Constitution to donate to a non-profit. Member of Federation Sportsmen and organizes trip to Albany. People should call Kevin Cahill and tell him to stop bill on gun insurance mandates.

Mike Harkavy – appreciate the Town Board for taking time to discuss Safe Act and give all a chance to speak. Would like the Town Board to be able to respond to Supervisor's comments. Supervisor Myers said that the town board members have time to speak during Board Committee Reports.

Bob Lippman – consider Safe Act and ramifications. Gov. Cuomo woke a giant when he poked the gun owners.

Gaetana Ciarlante – agree with speakers on Safe Act. The ability to have a gun for a woman is important. Also, CPC meeting on Tuesday night is an important issue – people should attend.

Lisa Cornell – how did Saugerties Fish & Game find out about the Safe Act being discussed? Not everyone knew this would be discussed. Everyone should be able to discuss this topic to express their opinion.

August VanEtten – targets specifically AR15 semi-automatic gun, which only fires as fast as you can pull the trigger. This gun accounts for less than 1% in crimes. This act is an infringement on rights.

James Uhl – Saugerties Bond Rating, topic was addressed in the Freeman. Also, the budget from 2009 to 2010 revenue doubled, where did the money go?

Lanny Walter – Safe Act passed in response to horrific act. Does not confiscate weapons. The legality of the law is in litigation. The Town Board is not in a position to make conclusion. Guns in society are excessive – remember to represent whole community.

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

At the last board meeting, asked to draft opposition to Safe Act, initially resisted but requests to let opinion known. The Town Board needs time to digest this proposal. SHS worked on a plan back in December 2012 to be trained and be prepared. Chief Sinagra spoke and explained live exercise on March 27 at Cahill Elementary. Supervisor Myers thanked the police department and school district.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Bruno to approve the minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting of February 20, 2013, carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

General Fund	\$148,139.49
General Outside Village	10,959.21
Highway	28,030.21
Capital Projects	2,339.76
Ambulance District	46,541.66
Barclay Heights Sewer	1,939.17
Glasco Sewer	12,156.86
Malden Sewer	4,195.60
Glasco Water	1,100.23
Malden Water	611.93

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Leighton – read February 2013 Building report, which is on file at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Councilman Costello – attended radio show with the Chief and talked about 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Police Chief Association. Little League sign ups are this weekend and the Hockey League is coming to a close.

Councilman Bruno – nothing to report.

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion made by Supervisor Myers, seconded by Councilman Leighton to appoint Steve Guerin as chair for the Economic Development Committee.

Discussion: Supervisor Myers is delighted Steve is stepping up to chair.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Supervisor Myers to accept the resignation of Paul Economos from the position as the town’s representative on the Ulster County Planning Board.

Discussion: Councilman Leighton thanked Paul for service and work done.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint Paul Andreassen as the town's representative on the Ulster County Planning Board.

Discussion: Councilman Leighton added that Paul is a member of the Town of Saugerties Planning Board and glad Paul can do this.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint Steve Guerin as vice chair of the Conservation Advisory Commission.

Discussion: Supervisor Myers said that the committee wanted the town board to appoint the chair.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Robert Fiedelman to the Ethics Committee with a 5 year term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Discussion: Councilman Leighton said he is a retired attorney and has a lot of experience.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Myers to approve the Diaz Memorial Service Agreement, as on file.

Discussion: Supervisor Myers is very pleased to renew, blessed to have them.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Leighton, seconded by Councilman Costello to appoint Mary Anne Wrolsen as liaison from the Conservation Advisory Commission to attend the Planning Board meetings.

Vote: Adopted – 4 Yes (Councilwoman Thornton absent)

Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Leighton to enter into Executive Session for discussions pertaining to matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation at 9:15 p.m., carried.

Motion made by Councilman Costello, seconded by Councilman Bruno to exit Executive Session and adjourn Town Board Meeting at 11:15 p.m., carried.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

<b>Tuesday, March 12, 2013</b>	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Comprehensive Plan</b>	
<b>Wednesday, March 20, 2013</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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