



## Important Message from Jim Bruno to the People of Saugerties

Attention Saugerties voters,

As you know, this year I am the Republican-Conservative candidate for town supervisor. As such, I feel that it is necessary to address some significant issues facing the town that have recently surfaced which are, or should be, a concern to all of us. It is vital that voters know exactly where I stand on these issues in order to make the right decision this Election Day.

First and foremost, under recent scrutiny by the State Comptroller's Office, it has been determined that the Town of Saugerties is on shaky fiscal grounds, particularly evident when compared to other towns in our county. It is, therefore, essential that this be a fundamental consideration in the Town's future financial plans and decisions. Accordingly, I pledge this to the people of Saugerties:

-When elected Town Supervisor I will work tirelessly to ensure that all members of the board are well informed on all issues. I will follow the Open Government Laws to be certain that the public has its voice with respect to any issue that is put before us.

-I will work diligently in an attempt to create an environment conducive to job opportunities so that families and their members will remain in Saugerties.

-As to the budget, each and every expenditure will be scrutinized with an eye toward lowering the ultimate cost to the taxpayer. I feel strongly that the 2018 proposed budget should be trimmed to keep spending to a minimum in a serious effort to rebuild the Town's fund balance. Under the circumstances, I'm strongly opposed to handing out hefty raises, particularly during these tough times. We are entering contract negotiations with the unions and in view of our status as noted above, it would behoove the Board to tighten our belts in order to keep this community a place where we can still afford to comfortably live.

-We need to look at our expenses in relation to what we can afford—as your supervisor, I promise to do just that. While I have tremendous respect for the hard-working employees who keep our town running, we will *all* need to work together, make some temporary sacrifices and then reap the long-term benefits. People must be able to afford to live here.

-I will continue to promote and push a resolution that will provide dollars to our local volunteer fire departments and ambulance services that will assist them in providing the required emergency services when new developments come in front of our Planning Board and are built in our community. It should be noted that these dollars will be paid by the developers as part of our Planning Board fee schedule.

-I will work hard to develop and implement a program that will give senior citizens over the age of 65 a well-deserved break in their property taxes.

-And, finally, I will guarantee the voters that a Republican-Conservative majority, under my leadership, will result in careful overseeing of spending on the road back to a financially flourishing and successful community.