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Make Saugerties great again

On September 25, the Saugerties Republican Committee hosted a fundraiser at Mirabella's Restaurant for local candidates.

Although I was not able to attend, I was happy to hear that the event was very well-attended. In a show of support for Conservative-endorsed Republican candidates as well as for Zach Horton (a Conservative endorsed by the Republican Party, an incumbent running again for town board), several Conservative Party members were in attendance, including acting chairman of the Saugerties Conservative Party and also the Conservative candidate for town supervisor Gaetana Ciarlante, and committeeman Jim McCasland. It is very encouraging to see Republicans and Conservatives joining together to make Saugerties great again.

Suzanne Van Wagenen

Saugerties

Over the tax cap

Saugerties homeowners, are we really going over the two percent

tax cap again?

Paul and Claudia Andreassen

Malden on Hudson

Sincere and approachable

Recently, I had the chance to meet Ron Polacco when he knocked on my door while out speaking with neighbors. I'll be honest, I didn't know much about him before that moment. But after our conversation, Ron has earned not only my support, but my family's as well.

Ron took the time to talk with me about issues that directly affect my life. He spoke about the burden of rising property taxes, something my family and so many others are struggling with. His commitment to fight for the implementation of a property-tax cap would be a game-changer for hardworking families in our community. Ron also addressed the struggles small business owners face, and how cutting unnecessary red tape can help strengthen the very foundation of our local economy.

What impressed me most was how sincere and approachable Ron was. He answered every question I had with honesty and clarity, without the typical political spin. It's rare these days to meet a candidate who truly listens and cares about the people he hopes to represent. I may not have known Ron before he knocked on my door, but after that conversation, I am proud to say he has my vote. Ron Polacco is exactly the kind of common-sense leader we need representing District 2 in the Ulster County Legislature.

Brian June

Saugerties

Are you as fed up as I am?

The current town supervisor has had for a combined 20 years on the town board to get this right and to look out for the future fiscal

well-being of our community. It's called planning. Yet, what has he done year after year? Aside from going above the two-percent tax cap every year, he prefers to be reactive rather than proactive with the town's finances and planning for capital projects such as filing for bonds instead of planning capital projects and setting the money aside — and thus kicks the proverbial can down the road. This is not sustainable.

Are you as fed up as I am? How can he preach about a lack of available housing when he is the biggest property owner in Glasco and its surrounds, often renting to those employed by the town, scooping up property and keeping home prices out of reach for the working class.

And how about those credit cards? Some of the charges went to regularly take the previous tax collector out to lunch, often to his own restaurant. The tax collector and a real-estate investor?

Does that smack of insider trading to you?

Why are we still running town hall like it was some relic of the 1950s with patronage, bypassing town procurement policies, hiring at will, and pushing through agendas as quickly as possible hoping no one will notice? I'm afraid we've got more questions than answers here. This election is not about who resides in the White House, it's about who resides in your house.

I'm running for town supervisor not just to get answers to these questions but to get us into the solutions. Early voting begins in October 25. Election Day is November 4th. Don't sit this one out.

Gaetana Ciarlante

Town supervisor candidate, Saugerties
