

Village Board

June 18, 2012

Present: Mayor William Murphy, Trustees Patrick Landewe, Terry Parisian, Jeannine Mayer, Vincent Buono, Brian Martin and Donald Hackett

Others: Robert Ford – New Sau Times, Ed Quirk, Mike Hopf, Dave Mason, Joe Sinagra, George Terpening, Bob Ciarlante, Alex Wade, Mary Olsen, Eyal Saad, Jason Nagy, Michelle Aizenstadt, Youth Award winners and families and others

Public Hearings

Mayor Murphy called the 1st Public Hearing to order at 6:35pm. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comment on Local Law #3 – changes to the Handicapped Parking Space Law. There was no one present who wished to comment. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:36pm.

Mayor Murphy called the 2nd Public Hearing to order at 6:67pm. The purpose of this Public Hearing was to receive comment on Local Law #4 – the revised Code of Ethics. Trustee Buono asked that all employees be given a copy of the Code and copies be placed in all Village Buildings. There was no one from the public who wished to comment on the law. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:39pm.

Mayor Murphy called the 3rd Public Hearing to order at 6:40pm. The purpose of this Public Hearing was to received comment on Local Law #3 - changes to Chapter 196 – Water, of the Village Code. Trustee Buono thanked Water Super Mike Hopf for his work on the changes to this chapter. There was no one from the public who wished to comment. The Public Hearing closed at 6:41pm.

Mayor Murphy called the 4th Public Hearing to order at 6:42pm. The purpose of this Public Hearing was to receive comment on Local Law #4 – a moratorium on Food Carts. Resident Michelle Aizenstadt spoke saying she felt that food carts were a “good thing”. They are also good for consumers. Mayor Murphy explained the reasoning for the law. Currently the Village has no law governing the operation of food carts or trucks in the Village. Over the last several months, the Village has received many inquiries about operating food carts in the Village. Two carts are now operating – one in the Speedy Mart parking lot and a second in the Mowers and More parking lot on Ulster Avenue. Mayor Murphy went on to say that while he is not against food carts, he feels he needs to protect Village business that are here year round and pay Village taxes. The moratorium on food carts will last for 6 months – during those 6 months the attorney and Village Board will write a law that will regulate food carts in the Village. Ms. Aizenstadt said that food carts are doing well in Hudson. Trustee Landewe cited traffic congestion and safety concerns as an additional reason for a new law to regulate carts. The Public Hearing closed at 6:48pm.

Mayor Murphy called the regular meeting of the Village Board to order at 7:00pm. Trustee Mayer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Murphy addressed the Board regarding the recent tragic deaths of two young Village men – Denzel Francis and Don Briggs. Mayor Murphy said these comments were his alone and did not necessarily reflect the feelings of other Board members. He said he knew both young men as kids in the Youth Basketball League and then later in life as young adults. The Mayor told anecdotes about each man and said he liked them both. Mayor Murphy then addressed the youth and their families in the audience who were present for the upcoming Youth Award presentations. He said that both these men died after making poor decisions and urged all those present to think before making choices. Both Denzel and Don will be missed. Mayor Murphy sends his condolences to the Francis and Briggs families.

On a happier note, Mayor Murphy presented Youth Awards to Taylor Dugan, Nicholas Helmedach and Keilly Wickham. Each award winner received a Certificate, a \$25.00 check and a big round of applause from all those in attendance.

There was no one present who wished to speak at Privilege of the Floor.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the June 4, 2012 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for June 18, 2012: General - \$121,694.01; Water - \$6,914.85; Wastewater - \$14,199.42. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Mike Hopf presented the Water Department report (copy attached). The Youth Fishing Tournament was a great success. The Water Plant was taken off-line on one occasion for high turbidity. The total amount of water treated for May 2012 was 25,299,000 gallons.

George Terpening presented the Buildings and Grounds report (copy attached). The Lions Club Pool will operate Monday – Friday from 10:00am to 6:00pm. The Village Beach will open on July 1st 10:00am – 6:00pm 7 days a week. New floats are being built after the old floats were lost in Hurricane Irene.

Eyal Saad advised the Board that GIS mapping of the Village is 90% complete. Two businesses have expressed interest in opening in the Village. Construction on the new Paraco building on Ulster Avenue is moving along. The Building Department issued 15 Building Permits in May and many violations for property maintenance. One apartment at 91 West Bridge Street has been condemned. Trustee Buono asked that Mr. Saad look at three properties on Clermont Street that appear to have property maintenance problems. Trustee Martin asked if property owners on Robinson Street have been notified not to deposit yard waste in the street – Mr. Saad answered yes.

Trustee Landewe advised the Village Board that the Planning Board has approved the site plan for 123 Partition Street. On June 26th, Alex Betke will give a training seminar to the

Planning and Zoning Boards. The HRB held a Special Meeting on May 31st with their next regular meeting on June 27th. The Waterfront Advisory Board recently met to discuss water chestnuts and the turbidity issue. Trustee Landewe plans to attend the June 19th DEC meeting on turbidity.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). He reminded residents not to deposit yard waste in the street and asked the Police Dept to help with enforcement of this issue. Mr. Ciarlante gave the Board an overview of all the projects underway at the DPW.

SFD Chief Dave Mason presented the Fire Department report (copy attached). The annual July 4th SFD inspection begins at 830am at the Main Street grandstand. The SFD participated in live burn training in Woodstock and water pumping training at the Coast Guard on Lighthouse Drive.

Trustee Hackett presented the Wastewater Report (copy attached).

Alex Wade presented the Special Assignment report (copy attached). The final documents have been submitted to the DOT for Streetscape II – the possibility for construction this Fall is slim.

Police Chief Joe Sinagra spoke to the Board. He said he agreed with Mayor Murphy's comments saying it has been a tough couple of weeks for Saugerties. Chief Sinagra recently scored #1 in Ulster County on the Police Chief's test. The PD conducted some "stings" at several Village bars – they were checking for underage drinking; Stella's was 100% compliant and Mirabella's did very well. There has been an increase in reported car larceny in the Village – please lock your cars and homes. The PD has hired former Chief Kimble and former Lt. Rea as part-time police officers. The Police Department website is up – www.police.saugerties.ny.us. The Police investigated the complaint of a private sweeper running its motor for long periods of time in the early morning on Elm Street. The PD stationed a car for several days – the motor was never running for anything close to 15 minutes. The Chief presented a report detailing calls for service and arrests in the Village (copy attached). Mayor Murphy thanked the Chief for the update and he also thanked the SFD for their help with the tragedy on Main Street on Sunday morning. Trustee Martin asked Chief Sinagra if the PD was planning to acquire a new canine. The Chief said it is under discussion.

The Chief introduced Jason Nagy to talk about placing security cameras in the business district. The last camera proposal was brought before the Board several years ago at a cost of \$65,000.00. The new proposal is for \$24,000.00 for a total of 3 cameras. Much discussion followed that included privacy issues, blocking items, and more. Chief Sinagra said it was not necessary to commit to 3 cameras at once. One camera can be installed for \$8,000.00 to start. That camera would be located at the corner of Main and Partition. He said it is like putting a cop on the corner 24/7. The camera is just video – no audio. In addition, the cameras could link with cameras installed by private businesses for better coverage. Chief Sinagra said the PD viewed private cameras to help

determine what happened in the recent tragedy on Main and Market Streets. Trustee Mayer asked if 3 cameras were really needed – the answer was yes. Trustee Landewe advised that the HRB may have an issue with the placement of the cameras in the Historic District. Mr. Nagy replied that the cameras could be blended in the District to be unobtrusive. Alex Wade inquired about a power source – Mr. Nagy replied the power would come from the pole. The Board asked if it would be possible to have a demo installed. Mr. Nagy agreed. Trustee Parisian asked if the cameras provided night lighting – the answer is yes. The discussion will continue.

Trustee Martin introduced a new fee schedule for services provided to residents by the Water Department. Mike Hopf explained that these charges will help cover the costs of these services. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the new fees. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented Local Law #3/2012 – changes to the handicapped parking spaces located in the Village. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve Local Law #3/2012. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented Local Law #4/2012 - the new Code of Ethics Law for the Village. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Mayor Murphy, to approve the Local Law #4/2012. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Martin presented Local Law #5/2012 – updating water rules and regulations for the Village of Saugerties. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve Local Law #5/2012. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented Local Law #6/2012 – a 6 month moratorium on food carts. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Parisian, to approve Local Law #6/2012. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono publically thanked Alex Wade and Mike Hopf for their work on Local Law #3 and #5 respectively.

Mayor Murphy advised the Board that a local business owner approached the Village about installing portable restrooms in the business district for the summer months. Mayor Murphy said the only spot he thought would be available is the municipal parking lot behind Mirabella's. The cost would be about \$100.00 per month. Trustee Mayer said she would like to see a permanent public restroom provided to our residents and visitors. Trustee Hackett said he felt the businesses should help defray the cost and perhaps locate the portable restroom in a private parking lot. Trustee Mayer will speak to the local Chamber members. Much discussion followed. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to continue investing the cost and location of the portable restroom. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented a letter from pastor Frank Fabiano from the Saugerties Community Evangelical Free Church requesting the use of the Tina Chorvas Waterfront

Park on July 14 for a “Christian Concert”. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to allow the use of the Park by the Church for the concert. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy reminded all the Trustees that the Village will have a float in the 4th of July Parade. All Trustees are urged to participate.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

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