

Village Board

April 15, 2013

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

Others: Mike Hopf, Mike Marino, Bob Ciarlante, George Terpening, Helene King, Eyal Saad, Dave Mason, Ariel Zanglia, Robert Ford, Ed Quirk, Vincent McLaughlin, Sue LeBlanc and many others

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

Privilege of the Floor

Sue LeBlanc addressed the Board with concerns about some proposed language in the Comprehensive Plan specifically Goal #7 Housing – section 7.5 and 7.6. These items deal with rental housing. Mrs. LeBlanc believes that 60% of housing in the Village is rental occupied – this is not good – there should be 40% or less rental housing. Renters do not contribute to the Village and rentals lower property values. She also does not like “cluster housing”. Mayor Murphy advised her that the Village will begin discussion on revising the Zoning Law to address some of these issues. Mrs. LeBlanc stated once again, that she feels the Village has more than enough of its share of rental housing. Trustee Mayer spoke saying that Mrs. LeBlanc does not have the most recent copy of the Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Mayer went on to say that many of the concerns expressed by Mrs. LeBlanc have already been addressed by the Committee. Trustee Landewe added that goal 7.6 tries to preserve single family housing for owners by allowing them accessory apartments for additional income.

Vincent McLaughlin spoke saying he was offended by Mrs. LeBlanc’s comment that renters do not contribute. Renters do contribute to Village life in many ways.

Mayor Murphy thanked them both for their comments.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of April 1, 2013. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for April 15, 2013: General - \$51,463.44; Wastewater - \$13,405.86; Water - \$4277.75. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented the General Budget - \$2,279,255.00; Water - \$1,176,739.26; Wastewater - \$991,615.00. Motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the budgets. Carried unanimously.

Supervisor Reports

Mike Marino presented the Wastewater Department report (copy attached). A 30 year old pump failed and was repaired for \$3000.00. There is an odor problem at the plant – Mike is working to eliminate the odor – not mask it. A manhole covered by road material has been located. Retired employee Dexter Doyle is in the hospital. SAFCO is changing the alarm system at the plant – will cost less per month for a new system.

Trustee Hackett advised the Board that he and Supervisor Marino recommend raising the septic rates for local haulers dropping off septic waste at the treatment plant by \$.01 per gallon to \$.11 ½ per gallon. After some discussion, motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to raise the septic rates to \$.11 ½ per gallon. Carried unanimously.

Mike Hopf presented the Water Department report (copy attached). The plant was taken offline twice in March for raw water turbidity. Johnson Controls has begun a preliminary audit for potential energy cost savings. The Annual Water Quality Report will be ready and copies in the office next week.

George Terpening presented the Buildings and Grounds report (copy attached). Thanks to local Boy Scout Troops for clean-ups at the Beach and Seamon Park. Thanks to DPW for getting the boat ramp in the water at the Beach. Thanks to Eyal for his help with the new fire escape doors on Donlon.

Eyal Saad advised the Board that the MS4 Report is due in June. The Police will help prosecute a resident for depositing dog feces in the storm drain near his home. He will begin business and multi-family inspections soon.

Trustee Landewe reported that the Planning Board approved a lot line change for 2 adjoining properties on Market Street. Thanks to Ed Quirk for joining the ZBA. Trustee Landewe will attend two seminars in the coming weeks – one on consolidated funding and the other on the Ashokan Reservoir.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). Street Sweeping is ongoing – Spring Clean up is this week. Tree work continues. Repairs to equipment is ongoing, most done in house but some outsourced. An oil separator tank is being installed at the DPW garage.

Dave Mason presented the SFD report (copy attached). The SFD responded to 13 alarms in March for a total of 168.5 man hours. Firefighter training is ongoing. On April 4th, the SFD elected Chief's for the Department. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to accept the results of the election as follows: Chief Dave Mason; 1st Assistant Chief Chris Wade; 2nd Assistant Chief Walter Conlon; Secretary/Treasurer Jack Kolano. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented the Police report (copy attached) on behalf of Chief Sinagra. There were 305 calls for service in the Village during March and 230 parking tickets were issued.

Mayor Murphy presented Alex Wade's Special Assignment report (copy attached). The report contained an update on the replacement of the two decorative streetlights destroyed by auto accidents. Trustee Landewe agreed that the Village should investigate LED replacements – Mike Hopf advised that Johnson Controls will consider this option and advise the Village.

Trustee Mayer advised the Board on upcoming events. The next meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Committee is May 7th and there will be a workshop for Trustees on May 15th at 700pm in the Town Hall. The Village Board members are privately sponsoring a "Lighthouse" (no tax dollars). The DPW will install the "Lighthouse's" the week of May 20th. Marge Block will attend the upcoming Consolidated Funding Workshop and try to find money for our playgrounds and public bathrooms. Old Timers Day and the Bed Race are scheduled for August 4th.

Mayor Murphy invited all Trustees to march in the Little League Parade at Cantine Field this Saturday.

Trustee Buono spoke about the parking situation on Partition Street between Dock and Montgomery in front of the Pickle Store. Trustee Parisian said he thought the NYS DOT had advised us the road was too narrow and parking would not be allowed. There was additional discussion regarding where the center line of the street was located. Trustee Buono will call Chief Sinagra to discuss this further.

Mayor Murphy read all the appointments he would like to make to the various Boards and Village positions (copy attached). Some changes were recommended by Trustee Mayer. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the appointments with the changes requested. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented Local Law #2/2013 – the Food Truck Law. Trustee Parisian asked that the definition of the "Food Truck" be expanded to include trailers, push carts etc. Mayor Murphy will speak with Attorney Betke. A Public Hearing on the law was scheduled for May 6th at 5:00pm with the regular meeting of the Village Board to immediately follow the Public Hearing.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #5/2013. This resolution acknowledges that the Village Court audit was recently completed and a copy sent to the NYS Comptroller's Office. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Mayer and carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy read a letter from the Farmer's Market requesting permission to install a Farmer's Market sign on the Village directional sign as you enter the Village on 9W from the South. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Martin, to allow the Farmer's Market folks to install the sign. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy announced that the winner of the “Bridge Color” was RED. 1,434 people voted. It was a great response and really got the community involved. Thanks to the Saugerties Times for conducting the poll and the Freeman for their coverage.

Mayor Murphy asked the Board to observe a moment of silence for the victims and people of Boston as they cope with bombing at today’s Boston Marathon.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Board adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

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