

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

Others: Ulster Town Supervisor James Quigley, Bob Illjes, Alex Wade, Ed Quirk, Daniel Jimenez, Ariel Zangla, Robert Ford and others

Mayor William Murphy called the Village Board to order at 5:00pm. Trustee Mayer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Ulster Town Supervisor James Quigley addressed the Board. He came to encourage the Village Board to join the Coalition of Lower Esopus Communities. Trustee Landewe introduced this agreement at the July 21, 2014 Board meeting. Several of the Trustees had questions and the discussion was tabled. Mr. Quigley explained that this coalition would be made of elected leaders of the Towns and Saugerties Village located on the Lower Esopus. This coalition would address the flooding of the Lower Esopus and the health and safety issues of residents along the Lower Esopus. This coalition may not share the same concerns of the LEWP or the Riverkeeper but wants to work in concert with those groups. Efforts have been made to talk to the DEP and DEC about flooding issues, but seem to have fallen on deaf ears. The Towns along the Esopus located above the Ashokan Reservoir have organized and forced the DEP to pay attention. Mr. Quigley introduced Bob Illjes, who is working with Congressman Gibson's office on this flooding problem. The Congressman is ready to involve the EPA. Mr. Illjes spoke at length about the DEP management of the Ashokan Reservoir and the possibility of releases of up to 800 MGD into the Esopus. He wants an accounting of the DEP from management saying the topography of the Esopus has changed dramatically since the releases began. Fish have disappeared from the Esopus. Groups already fighting this situation are doing a good job, but this new coalition will address the flooding of the Lower Esopus by the DEP. Trustee Landewe asked how the figure of 80% capacity at the Ashokan was reached. Mr. Illjes replied he would like to know what the real number truly is. Trustee Hackett asked if this coalition would cost the Village any more than the \$500.00 initial fee. Mr. Quigley responded saying the coalition hopes to receive substantial donations from interested citizens and will develop other resources to raise funds. Trustee Hackett said there seemed to be a lack of communication between the groups fighting the DEP but wanted to be sure there was not a duplication of effort moving toward the same result. Mr. Quigley said all the groups have different goals. Trustee Landewe commented that the Village has two interests – turbid water and flooding. These two issues must be worked on simultaneously. Additional back and forth discussion took place between Mr. Illjes and Trustee Landewe. Mr. Quigley advised the Board that he is meeting with UC Executive Mike Hein on Wednesday to discuss this subject. After discussion, motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve joining the Coalition of Lower Esopus Watershed Communities. The motion carried with Trustee Landewe opposed and all others present voting yes.

The Board then made their way to the street to view two fire trucks. One truck was the CA Lynch truck – it is 28 years old and needs to be replaced. The second truck was a demo so the Trustees could examine a new truck. Several questions were asked and answered by the company representative. The

Saugerties Fire Department is requesting that the Village Board approve the purchase of a new fire truck as soon as possible.

Daniel Jimenez, of Ulster Avenue, addressed the Board. He is concerned about the condition of sidewalks throughout the Village. He asked if the Village could repair them especially those on Elm and Market Streets. Mayor Murphy replied that sidewalk maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner. Mayor Murphy went on to say that the Village will partner with a property owner to repair a sidewalk that has been damaged by a Village tree. Mr. Jimenez also expressed a concern about drivers who speed on Village Streets and text while driving. Mayor Murphy said that is a Police Department issue however he has discussed putting stop signs at Market and Prospect and perhaps at Elm and Dawes with Chief Sinagra.

Willy Neuman spoke saying he is concerned about jaywalking. He also spoke about a tree by Reis Insurance on Market that is raising the sidewalk. Mayor Murphy will look into the situation. Willy noted that the bluestone sidewalks throughout the Village are a disaster. Some sidewalk discussion followed. Willy asked for permission to hold his annual beach party at the Village Beach on August 23 from 5p to 9p. He also asked for permission to place a sculpture of a water chestnut on a tree stump at the beach. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Beach Party. The Board will look at the sculpture after installation to be sure all is safe and check with our insurance company before committing to a permanent structure. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of July 21, 2014. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for August 4, 2014: General - \$100,048.06; Water - \$30,510.44; Wastewater - \$41,295.87. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustees Buono, Hackett and Parisian had no new issues to report to the Board.

Trustee Mayer advised the Board that Richard Frisbie, Chair of the HRB, spoke to the Saugerties Chamber about the Historic District. She also advised the Board of all upcoming events.

Trustee Landewe advised the Board that the Planning Board meets on August 13th. The Lighthouse Between the Tides Festival takes place August 17th.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). He covered the Crosswalk Project progress, the CRZ projects and 1st Friday.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Buono, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Frank, Village Clerk

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SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Streetscape: Moving along well despite some computer glitches. I finally had to logon to the EBO site (to approve payments, etc. at Mullin's office at our computer system won't talk to the state system. No work this week. Next week should finish Jane, James and Russell Streets. (Weather permitting.)

CRZ: Met with Lori DuBord, Mayor Murphy, Trustee Landewee and HGA Consultants to discuss next steps. Bill Blankenship of HGA will act as our consultant to guide us through the process and relieve the Village of the work of engineering, permitting and contracting our projects. The state is pushing to do our waterfront/parks projects first.

First Friday: In all of my 40+ years here, I have never seen such crowds. One lane of Partition was filled with a mass of people. Business were packed.

Alex Wade

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