

Present: Mayor William Murphy, Trustees Suzanne LeBlanc, Vince Buono, Kelly Myers, Patrick Landewe and Don Hackett

Absent: Trustee Jeannine Dirie

Others: Joseph Churneski, Alex Wade, Eyal Saad, Ed Quirk, Maryanne Wrolsen, Heather Plonchak, Anthony Bell, George Terpening, Bob Ciarlante, Jeff Helmuth, Joe Bisignano and others

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

Privilege of the Floor

Joseph Churneski spoke saying he is still waiting for a solution to the parking situation on Partition Street between Café Tamayo and Love Bites Café. Mr. Churneski has said that exiting the driveway between these two businesses is very dangerous. He understands that the Board is trying to arrange for an exit through private parking lots into the municipal parking lot, however one property owner is not willing to provide access. He asked again about removing the parking meters on either side of the driveway. Mayor Murphy spoke saying that removal of the parking meters is not an option. Alex Wade said he is still working with the property owners on a solution. Trustee Buono said the Board is looking at lining the parking spaces so vehicles do not block the driveway. Mayor Murphy said the Board has not forgotten Mr. Churneski's request, however he wants a long-term solution to the problem. Mr. Churneski said he wants updates from the Board. Mayor Murphy said we have permission from the DOT to line the parking spaces and the DPW will do that shortly. Mr. Churneski advised the Board that he has also spoken to the Police Department – the PD will not issue tickets unless a vehicle entirely blocks the driveway.

Mayor Murphy presented the Minutes of July 6, 2010. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for July 19, 2010: General - \$30,327.02; Water - \$6,550.81; Wastewater - \$11,348.26; Water Distribution - \$153,860.07; Country Meadows Escrow - \$690.00. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Landewe, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the list of tax roll adjustments for 2010/2011 from Treasurer Julie Dunn. The adjustments result in a loss of tax revenue for the Village in the amount of \$1836.54. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Landewe, to approve the tax roll adjustments. Carried unanimously.

Planning Board Member Jeff Helmuth, PE addressed the Board. Mr. Helmuth is employed by the DEP and is responsible for 47 miles of road including 13 bridges. He has drafted a letter to the DOT regarding two traffic lights in the Village. The first light

is located on Ulster Avenue in front of Price Chopper. Mr. Helmuth asks that the DOT change that light to flashing yellow at all times on Ulster Avenue and flashing red for Price Chopper and North Street. The second light is at the intersection of Market and Ulster. He supports a Village resolution (to be introduced at this meeting) to allow for a right-on-red turn from Market onto Ulster. Mr. Helmuth has received Planning Board approval of the draft of the letter. The Board asked several questions that were answered by Mr. Helmuth. Mayor Murphy requested that the Board review the draft and prepare comments for his review. Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #8/2010. This resolution authorizes the NYS DOT to change the sign at the traffic signal at the intersection of Market and Ulster to allow for a right-on-red turn from Market to Ulster. The resolution was seconded by Trustee LeBlanc and carried unanimously.

Joe Bisignano presented the Water Department report (copy attached). Water is still running over the dam at the reservoir and no restrictions have been put on water usage to date. The water temperature in the reservoir is over 70 degrees causing some chemical adjustments at the plant.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). He thanked Tiano's Towing for the use of their trailer for the July 4th float. A tree fell on Washington Avenue over the weekend. There are several trees throughout the Village that need to be removed or trimmed. There was discussion regarding the municipal parking lot signage and the work on Mynderse Street. Trustee Hackett thanked the DPW for their help on Mill Street.

Trustee Myers reported that she has joined the ladies Auxiliary of the SFD. She hopes everyone will support the Auxiliary's "Bakeless Bake Sale".

George Terpening presented the Building and Grounds report (copy attached). Trustee Landewe advised the Board that the Seamon Park Board has presented a list of maintenance issues to Mr. Terpening. The Arm of the Sea Theater will perform at the Waterfront Park on August 14 and 15.

Fire Chief Anthony Bell presented the SFD report (copy attached). Mayor Murphy thanked the SFD for the help with property maintenance on Elizabeth Street. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Mayor Murphy, to approve Linda Benn for membership in the Washington Hook and Ladder Company. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett presented the Wastewater Department report (copy attached). Trustee Landewe advised the Board of an article recently published in the Saugerties Times. The article discusses a study conducted by the "Riverkeeper" regarding the safety of swimming at the Saugerties Lighthouse. There were high readings of bacteria in July and August of 2009. Trustee Landewe has discussed this with Mike Marino and Trustee Hackett. Trustee Hackett assured Trustee Landewe that no untreated water is entering the Esopus from the wastewater treatment plant. During times of heavy rainfall stormwater may enter the Esopus. Trustee Landewe wonders if there is any way to improve the situation asking if the Wastewater Department could notify the public if there are health concerns. Trustee Hackett said there are other factors that could affect the test results

from samples taken at the Lighthouse, including the Malden Sewer Plan and failing septic systems located along the Esopus and Hudson. Trustee Hackett said a sign could be posted advising swimmers of potential problems after heavy rains. Trustee Landewe said he would like to increase public awareness. Trustee Myers added that the UC Board of Health should address failing septic systems. Trustee Buono said there are times when residents of Latham Circle can smell an odor from the wastewater plant. Alex Wade reminded the Board that the Village has an \$800,000.00 grant to help reline the some of the sewer trunk lines. The Village must contribute another \$400,000.00.

Eyal Saad presented the Building Department report (copy attached).

Trustee LeBlanc reported that the Planning Board issued a Negative Declaration in the SEQR process for the Family Lodge on Main Street. The Planning Board also approved a lot line change for property on Partition St. The ZBA will rule on an area variance for the Family Lodge at their next meeting. TV23 presented awards to volunteers Maryann Wrolsen and Marjorie Block. TV23 will also address a complaint regarding too many repeat programs.

Alex Wade explained Local Law #2/2010. This law was discussed at the Public Hearing held at 6:45pm prior to the Village board meeting and revises the signage standards in the Historic District. The law was presented by Trustee Hackett and seconded by Trustee Buono. After a roll call vote, the law passed unanimously.

Trustee Buono advised the Board that there was no Economic Development Committee meeting. He had the opportunity to speak with Congressman Hinchey about funds for securing additional parking in the Village. The Congressman reported there were no funds available in 2010 but was hopeful for 2011. Trustee Buono also reported that an emergency medical center is scheduled to open on Rt. 9W in Barclay Heights. There was no SAMA meeting to report on.

Motion was made by Trustee Landewe, seconded by Trustee Buono, to adjourn. Carried. The Village board adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

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