

Village Board

November 5, 2012

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

Others: Students, Alex Wade, Robert Ford, Chief Joseph Sinagra, Jon Shapiro and others

Mayor Murphy called the Board to order at 500pm. Trustee Mayer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the October 15, 2012 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to accept the minutes as written. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for November 5, 2012: General - \$65,911.01; Water - \$48,169.68; Wastewater - \$14,691.94; Short Lived Asset Account - \$53,547.72; Seamon Park Account - \$1190.00. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Martin reported that the estimate to solve the restroom problem in the firehouse is \$1120.00. The Water Department has purchased a new tractor. A fire hydrant on Hill Street was damaged in a traffic accident and will be repaired shortly. Trustee Parisian suggested the plumber look into “waterless urinals” for the SFD.

Trustee Mayer spoke about the educational opportunities at TV23. The public comment meeting for the Comprehensive Plan will take place on November 15th 700pm at the Saugerties Library. The Zombie Crawl was a success and Holiday in the Village is scheduled for December 2nd. The American Legion will hold a Veteran’s Day Ceremony on Sunday November 11 at 1100am.

Trustee Hackett advised the Board that the SFD handled many calls during Hurricane Sandy – He thanked the volunteers for a job well done. He is investigating a claim from “the Mill” resulting from a sewer backup.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #15/2012 for consideration. This is the latest resolution the Federal and NYS Governments have required the Village to pass regarding the 2nd phase of the Streetscape Program. After a short discussion, motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve Resolution #15/2012. Carried unanimously.

Police Chief Joe Sinagra thanked all departments for their efforts during Hurricane Sandy.

Mayor Murphy advised the Board that FEMA has not declared Ulster County as a federal disaster area to date. The DPW is helping the residents of Lighthouse Drive remove

debris – most of the homes were under 6 feet of water. Local resident Al Riozzi has offered to donate equipment to help remove debris.

Trustee Buono began a discussion on the Russell Street situation. He advised the Board that DPW Super Bob Ciarlante and several residents of the Village have expressed concern regarding the proposed solution of making a portion of Russell Street one way. The Board is considering changing the traffic pattern on Russell Street to be able to allow 53' tractor trailers to travel Russell Street to make deliveries. The NYS Police are currently issuing tickets to truckers who are in violation of a NYS Traffic Law. Trustee Hackett asked Jon Shapiro, of Saugerties Furniture Mart, how many deliveries of furniture came via 53' tractor trailers. Mr. Shapiro replied 1 to 3 trucks per week. Much discussion followed by the Board with many suggestions including restricting truck hours, changing the entire street to one way, challenging the NYS Police via Home Rule and more. Trustee Hackett said he felt no change should be made. Mayor Murphy and Trustee Landewe suggested the best solution would be to eliminate parking on Russell Street. This would allow a wide enough lane for these trucks to travel Russell Street per the NYS DOT. Currently there is no parking permitted on the North side of Russell from Partition to Washington and parking is only permitted in the middle section of Russell Street on the South side. Most of the residents who live on the South side have parking behind their homes with access from Post Street. Discussion followed about allowing residents with no parking access designated spaces in the Municipal Lot and allowing them to drop off and pick up in front of their homes for instances such as unloading groceries. The consensus of the Board was to eliminate all on street parking on Russell Street. Mayor Murphy directed the Clerk to send letters to property owners advising them of this new change. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Landewe, to set a Public Hearing for Monday, November 19 at 6:45pm to receive comment on this proposed change. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono commented that the proposed Town Budget includes a steep increase for Village residents. The Board agreed that an explanation is needed from the Town. Trustee Hackett will contact Trustee Myers and ask Town Account Gary Newkirk to attend the next Village Board meeting to explain the Village resident portion of Town taxes.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 5:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

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