

Village Board

October 6, 2014

Present: Mayor Bill Murphy, Trustees Patrick Landewe, Terry Parisian, Vince Buono and Brian Martin

Absent: Trustees Jeannine Mayer and Don Hackett

Others present: Robert Ford, Ricki and James Tamayo, Virginia Davies, Ted Titus, Ed Quirk, Alex Wade, Natalie Erceg, Jeff Harbinger, Daniel, Dave Zimmer, students and others

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

Privilege of the Floor

Tim Titus addressed the Board. Mr. Titus is a Village resident who decided to chair the Zombie Crawl this year after a local business stepped away. Mr. Titus wanted everyone to know that he has completed the necessary DOT paperwork with the Police to close Main Street from Market to Partition the evening of October 18th. He has secured the necessary insurance coverage. He is in the process of soliciting donations from area businesses. He plans to ask for participant donations of \$3.00 per advance ticket and \$5.00 the night of the event. Mayor Murphy confirmed that Mr. Titus has met with him, the Police and Diaz Ambulance and understands his responsibilities. Mayor Murphy asked Mr. Titus to stay in touch with the Police and wished him luck with the event.

Ricki Tamayo addressed the Board regarding two issues. She submitted a letter for Board review and consideration. The first issue deals with the garbage disposal of three restaurants into trash recepticals in an alleyway across from the entrance to her Bed & Breakfast on Partition Street. The second issue deals with the noise created from the garbage haulers collecting the garbage at 4:00am, disturbing the sleep of the B&B guests. She asked for the Village's help in resolving these issues. Much discussion followed with the Board promising to look into her requests.

Virginia Davies of Washington Avenue addressed the Board once again regarding the fence built by her neighbor. She read a letter and presented pictures asking the Board to consider a fence law and then to make the law retroactive. Trustee Landewe advised Mrs. Davies that he has been reviewing fence laws of surrounding communities and will speak with the Village Attorney about writing a fence law for the Village of Saugerties. He also advised her that laws cannot be retroactive.

Natalie Erceg of Washington Avenue addressed the Board saying she is Mrs. Davies neighbor. She rebutted Mrs. Davies about the reasons she constructed the fence saying the entire situation is making her physically ill.

Mayor Murphy said that a Village Board meeting is not the place to solve neighbor disputes. Addressing Mrs. Davies, Mayor Murphy said Mrs. Erceg has lived in her home for over 30 years and never had a problem with her neighbors. However, he went on to say that he was willing to sit in a room with both parties to try to solve this dispute. Both parties should contact the Village Clerk if interested.

Daniel, a Village resident, spoke asking about stop signs for Market and Elm Streets. This idea was discussed at a previous Village Board meeting. Mayor Murphy replied that he will speak to Police Chief Sinagra about this situation.

Dave Zimmer, a resident of Montgomery Street, asked for more signage showing the speed limit of 25MPH. He is afraid an accident will occur at the crest of the hill and or at the intersection of Washington and Montgomery. Trustee Parisian will speak to the DPW about installing additional signs.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the September 15, 2014 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Parisian, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for October 6, 2014: General - \$157,006.06; Water - \$13,263.43; Wastewater - \$17,233.89. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Parisian, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Parisian reported that he had attended a recent seminar regarding energy suppliers. Trustee Parisian felt the seminar was a bit pre-mature citing changes must be made to NYS Law before any of these ideas could be implemented. He will keep the Board posted.

Trustee Landewe reported that he will attend a forum on solar energy. He will keep the Board informed. Trustee Landewe made a motion asking the Board to approve a Building Permit for the Village of Saugerties for the work being done at Village Hall including boiler replacement, window replacement, attic insulation and more. The motion was seconded by Trustee Martin and carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono reported that the October 5th Mum Festival was well attended and the Park looked beautiful. He asked the Board to consider the overnight parking ban for snow removal. Discussion followed including changing the dates of the ban, declaring a snow emergency, or declaring no parking when snow was predicted. Further discussion will take place. Trustee Buono also requested that the Village revisit the one way street proposal for Post and Clermont. After some discussion, the Village Clerk was directed to send a letter to the residents of Clermont and Post streets asking for comment on this proposal.

Trustee Buono will provide the Board with a copy of a resolution for a "Complete Street Program" for discussion at the next Village Board meeting.

Alex Wade presented his "Special Assignment" report (copy attached). The report includes updates on the Streetscape Project and the status of traffic signals in the Village.

Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Frank, Village Clerk

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SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Streetscape: Payments to Mullen, engineers, testing lab and supervisor should be on this abstract. The project is now in limbo for the winter. We have one major accumulated change order to process. The DOT refuses to approve or reimburse us for the specified 5,000# high early strength concrete base for the sidewalks because of material sourcing problems. A Change Order is required for the substitute concrete and a number of other changes. Based upon previous dealings with the DOT, this will take several months to process. There is an enormous amount of other paperwork still to be processed for the work already completed.

We have completed seven of the seventeen crosswalks which are in the scope of the project. A lot of the difficult work is involved with rebuilding the sidewalks and curbs leading up to the new crosswalks. Mullen has completed all but one of these. The DOT is hiring contractors to perform this work for us at the Main/Partition and Main/Washington intersections. Therefore, I would estimate that the project is about 60% completed.

We will have to pay for electrical work to replace signal wires at Main and Market Streets which were unavoidably disturbed by the project. This cost and the aforementioned concrete cost will be offset by the elimination of unneeded bluestone curbing and the sidewalk/curb replacements at Partition and Washington.

Traffic Signals: The Times erroneously reported that the DOT is installing the new traffic signal at Washington Avenue. This signal was designed by DOT and put out for competitive bids. Verde Electric is the contractor performing the work. The new signal at Partition Street will be installed by a directly hired DOT contractor since it is considered emergency work. This project has been postponed until next spring.

Alex Wade

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