Village Board May 7, 2012

Present: Mayor Bill Murphy, Trustees Brian Martin, Don Hackett, Jeannine Mayer, Patrick Landewe, Terry Parisian and Vince Buono Others Alex Wade, Ed Quirk, Robert Ford – New Saug Times, students

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

Bill Schirmer, representing the Saugerties Fish and Game Club, addressed the Board asking for permission to hold a Youth Fishing Tournament on June 3rd at the Blue Mt. reservoir. Mike Hopf, the Water Dept. Superintendent, is in full support of the event. The Board has a copy of the proposal with all the information (copy attached). After some discussion, motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to give enthusiastic approval for the Tournament. Carried unanimously. The Board wished Mr. Schirmer success. The Clerk will notify the Police Department regarding expected traffic at the reservoir.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the April 16, 2012 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for May 7, 2012: General - \$51,461.20; Water - \$14,914.34; Wastewater - \$24,826.52. Motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett advised the Board that Central Hudson has agreed to extend a natural gas line to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The natural gas will replace heating oil and should be a significant savings to the Village. The heating oil storage tanks will be removed. A resident of Latham Circle had a sewer problem over the week-end. Mike Marino is handling the situation. Mike Marino met with the DEC regarding the fine issued by the DEC for violations at the wastewater plant regarding bulk fuel storage. The fine has been significantly reduced from \$20,000.00 to \$5,000.00 and violations have been or are in the process of being corrected. The Wastewater Department was not aware they were in violation of bulk storage regulations recently set by NYS. Trustee Hackett advised the Board that the SFD is remodeling and expanding their upstairs storage area. Chief's night was a great event. Paula Hackett has begun the feral cat trap, spay and release program for the year.

Trustee Mayer has received an updated version of the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan. She will share the document with Alex Wade for his comments. Police Chief Joseph Sinagra spoke at a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting. Trustee Mayer then advised the Board of upcoming events.

Trustee Landewe advised the Board that the ZBA has approved an area variance for an addition to a home on Russell Street. The HRB has approved signage for a new store in

the historic district. The LEWP has received a \$9000.00 grant for mapping purposes. Trustee Landewe will discuss the water chestnut situation with Waterfront Advisory Board Chair June Overbaugh before any decisions are made about renting the harvester from the Town of Esopus. The Esopus Town Supervisor wants a letter from the Village Attorney approving the plan and use of the harvester by the Village.

Trustee Parisian advised the Board that Spring Clean-up is complete. The DPW crew continues with its equipment repair. They are also working on a drainage project at the garage. The North Street yard waste debris area will be open all week for residents who missed Spring Clean-up.

Trustee Martin reported that the Municipal Building renovations are ongoing.

Alex Wade presented his special assignment report (copy attached). He mentioned handicapped parking, parking situation on Lower Partition Street, blacktopped sidewalks and tree lawns and more. Mayor Murphy will talk to the owner of the Village Diner regarding the work he did on the curbing. Trustee Landewe is working on developing standards for sidewalks and tree lawns.

Trustee Buono asked to table discussion on the proposed Ethics Code and proposed Education Policy.

Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 5:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Frank Village Clerk

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