

Village Board Meeting

Minutes

November 16, 2015

Present: Mayor Bill Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustee Vince Buono, Trustee Don Hackett, Trustee Patrick Trustee Landewe, Trustee Brian Martin, Trustee Terry Parisian, Special Projects Alex Wade, Mike Hopf, Mike Marino, Eyal Saad, Bob Fanelli, George Terpening, Police Chief Joseph Sinagra, Fireman Ed Quirk, Brian Mason Saugerties Times Reporter Robert Ford, Freeman Reporter William Kimble, Videographer Mary Ann Wrolsen, Resident Virginia Davies, 8 Students

Mayor Murphy called the Village Board meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Trustee Landewe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

No one present from the public to address the Board.

Motion made by Trustee Landewe to accept the Village Board Meeting Minutes from November 2, 2015. Seconded by Trustee Hackett. Motion carried.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts;

- General Fund \$179,887.20
- Water \$42,673.60
- Wastewater \$47,925.06
- Special \$5,914.00

Motion made by Trustee Martin to accept the Abstracts, seconded by Trustee Hackett. Motion carried.

Chief Sinagra presented his report to the Board. See report.

The Police Department is testing the use of body cameras on an experimental basis. Three officers have volunteered to wear the cameras. Police officers have the right to turn the cameras off or on. There are some concerns as to the use of the cameras. The results of the experiment will help the department determine if they want to use the cameras on a permanent basis.

Mike Marino presented his report. See report.

Thank you to Mike Hopf and Bob Fanelli for the help with locating a 4" CC line, digging it up and installing a new valve. A float system was replaced at the Ripley Pump Station.

George Terpening presented his report

The docks and boat ramps have been removed from the Tina Chorvas Memorial Park.

The soffits have been replaced on the Donlon Auditorium roof. The windows and frames will be caulked and repaired this week.

The wreaths and wraps are being checked and repaired if necessary. The Holiday decorations are scheduled to be put up the Monday after Thanksgiving. There will be work release workers from the County that will be helping with the decorating.

Holiday in the Village is Sunday December 6 from 12-6. There will be a parade through the Village that ends at Seamon Park for the tree lighting. Trustee Mayer will be there for the lighting.

Bob Fanelli presented his DPW report. See report.

The guiderail has been replaced on the western end of Main Street. The area was reinforced with fill from storage, raised approximately 16 inches and repaved. A sinkhole on Robinson St and Washington Avenue was filled and repaved.

A barn on Overbaugh Street, destroyed by fire, had to be partially demolished. Thank you to Doug Myers of the Town for use of their excavator.

Shared services with the Town now includes the storage of salt and sand in a new DEC approved facility. Leave pick up started November 9th and will continue through the 20th and beyond if necessary.

Mayor Murphy asked if he had been in contact with Central Hudson regarding the installation of gas lines on Virginia Avenue. Four homes on the street converted to gas service. There is a 4in drop in the road that needs to be repaired before the road needs to be plowed. Bob Fanelli has left a message with Joe Landi of Central Hudson but hasn't heard back yet. Friday is the last day to get blacktop from Peckham, so it needs to be addressed.

Trustee Hackett questioned as to why the hydrant on First Street was terminated. Bob Fanelli said that it would be replaced with another one. Mike Hopf would have more information about the hydrant.

Mike Hopf presented the Water Department report. See report.

There was an initial scoping meeting with Brinnier and Larios for the Community Rising project. The plan is to install a high rate settling tube clarifier. The design phase will last until spring. Only concern is if the HEakth Department requires a pilot program, it will take an additional 6 -8 months.

The hydrant had to be replaced due to low pressure. It was connected to a 4" water line, the new hydrant will be connected to a 10" water line on Livingston Street. It will be more flow.

Trustee Hackett asked about replacing the clarifiers. Mike Hopf replied that each filter has its own clarifier but they are not making enough water. The new ones will be high rate and keep the plant on line in the event of turbid water.

Eyal Saad presented his Building Department report.

There was a structure fire on Overbaugh Street. The garage/barn caught on fire for an undetermined reason. The front part of the structure was heavily damaged and torn down. The back section was left standing. The Building Department will be working with the homeowner to clean up the site.

Another homeowner was ordered to court next week for a dilapidated building. The Building Department is working with the owner to clean up and correct violations before the court date.

Trustee Buono asked if there is any update on Dragon Inn. Eyal Saad replied that there is nothing new. Today he did receive paperwork from the County for foreclosures on Village properties and the Dragon Inn is one of the properties. It is still listed as Chiang Ya Wu as the owner. Not Jason Moskowitz.

Alex Wade presented his report for Special Assignments. See report.

The sidewalk project has been completed under an approved budget. There is a remaining \$300K that the Village has been authorized by DOT to use.

The proper paper work has to be submitted in four different stages required by the DOT. Several different agencies have to approve as well as the NYS Comptroller's Office and DOT. The funds will be used to make repairs to the bluestone sidewalks sections of Main and Partition Street. The plan is to start by September 2016 for six weeks.

Trustee Hackett presented the Fire Department report. See report.

Thank you to all the responders at the structure fire on Overbaugh Street. Good luck to Walter Conlon who retired as Fire Chief at Lynch and is moving to Arkansas. Thank him for his service.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve Scott Campbell as Second Assistant Fire Chief at Lynch Co. Motion seconded by Trustee Buono.

Trustee Hackett made a motion for the Village to purchase a token of appreciation for Earl Martin who has retired as chief driver. Motion first made by Brian Martin. Motion seconded by Trustee Mayer. Motion carried.

Chris Wade has submitted an application for membership to the Washington Hook & Ladder. Trustee Hackett made a motion to accept the application. Motion seconded by Trustee Mayer. Welcome to Chris Wade.

Trustee Parisian reported that Bob Fanelli has purchased 2 snow plows for the DPW. Bob saved over \$3500 and the amount will be on next month's abstract.

Trustee Landewe had no report.

Trustee Mayer reported that she has been reviewing contracts from Direct Energy for gas prices. Trustee Mayer presented various options for contracts and pricing available. Mayor Murphy mentioned that long term is not a good idea right now.

Solarize Saugerties initial meeting to inform community leaders and members of the public on how to participate in this state-supported, nonprofit-led solar education and group-purchasing program. The program's purpose is to help home and business owners learn about the benefits of going solar, as well as time limited state and federal incentives available to do so. The Village is not committing anything other than support of getting information.

The Planning Board approved a special use permit for Eric & Paul Matthies to convert a one family residence at 93 West Bridge Street to a two family residence at the meeting on Nov 12. A Public Hearing was set for 2 applications, 160 Main Street and 162 Ulster Avenue. – Dec 9th at 6pm.

TV 23 is currently airing *Faces of Saugerties* which interviews different guests currently featuring Mayor Murphy, Chief Sinagra, Barbra Bravo and Willy Neuman. *Where the Heck in Saugerties?* is done until spring. Very successful. There will be a remote broadcast from Blue Mountain Roasting Co. to test internet streaming equipment they have. Income is to be generated by using banners and show sponsors.

Chamber of Commerce has a new board member, Rich Walker in Place of Tiffany Sperl.

Holiday in the Village is Dec 6th 12-6 - SHS Choir to perform at several different locations between 3 - 4pm. Fireman will be helping in the business district with the holiday lighting on the buildings.

Lions Club Auction for the playground is Friday November 20th at Glasco Fire house at 6pm.

The Saugerties Area Council of Churches are holding a toy drive. Bring a new unwrapped toy to M & T Bank, Sawyer Savings Bank or Ulster Savings Bank by December 9.

The New Year's Eve celebration is in the process of being planned. So far most of the businesses' and restaurant owners want to be participate. We do have a DJ and we have a lead on a band. The next meeting will be November 23 at 7pm at Town Hall.

Mayor Murphy presented a Blanket LED Street Lighting Authority Order from Central Hudson. The authority gives Central Hudson permission to replace street lights that fail with LED equivalent fixture in the Village of Saugerties. Motion made by Trustee Mayer and seconded by Trustee Parisian to accept the authority order. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Mayor Murphy.
Meeting Adjourned at 5:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk

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