

Special Meeting
Public Hearing - Village Board

April 27, 2015

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

Others: Robert Ford, Thomas Speirs, Robert Schirmer, Mike & Nancy Campbell, Laura Phillips, Mike
Trees, Mrs. Tim Murphy, others

Mayor Murphy called the Village Board to order at 5:00pm.

Mayor Murphy opened the Public Hearing at 5:02pm. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to vote on
Local Law #2/2105.

Mayor Murphy asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to comment on the proposed law.

Laura Phillips, 4 Prospect St., spoke in favor of the stop signs and mentioned that she would like to see
signs installed on Washington Ave. also. A discussion began regarding making the corners of Finger St.
and Washington Ave. a four-way stop. The Mayor stated that it had been investigated in the past and
there is a concern regarding traffic getting backed up due to the traffic light at the intersection of Main
St. and Washington Ave. It is something that can be looked at again.

Nancy Campbell, 159 Market St, stood up to state she was in favor of the law. She remarked that cars
travel too fast on Market Street.

Bill Schirmer, 195 Market St, remarked that kids driving to school speed through the end of Market St.
near Elm St. at 7:30 – 8:00 am and again at 2:00. He would like to see more police presence at those
times. The Mayor asked Chief Sinagra to possibly put patrols in these areas.

Chief Sinagra added comments in support of the law siting distracted driving and speed. He is concerned
with public safety. His department will issue warnings in the beginning and then issue summons. The
crossing guard will remain at Cahill School to assist students and pedestrians, even with the new traffic
light.

The Mayor mentioned that residents have suggested speed bumps or radar in place of the Stop signs.
These suggestions would be considered to be more of a liability, siting damages to vehicles, and
wouldn't be as effective.

Motion was made Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to close the public hearing. Carried
unanimously.

The Mayor motioned to vote on local law #2/2015- 5 yes 1 no

The Mayor motioned to pass the law, seconded by Trustee Mayer.

The Village Board adjourned at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Mayone
Deputy Village Clerk
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Present: Mayor Bill Murphy, Trustees Brian Martin, Vince Buono, Terry Parisian, Jeannine Mayer and Don Hackett

Absent: Trustee Patrick Landewe

Others: Students, Ed Quirk, Virginia Davies, Robert Ford, Brian Hubert, Jack Wilsey, Michael Nelson, Alex Wade, Joseph Sinagra, Chris Allen

Mayor Murphy called the Village Board to order at 5:00pm. Trustee Hackett led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Jack Wilsey and Michael Nelson, residents of John Street, addressed the Board. They are unhappy with the new LED lighting in the Municipal Lot behind Village Hall. Both men said the lights are too bright and it spills into their backyards. They requested that the Village take action to reduce the light and offered suggestions to accomplish this request – lower the wattage in the bulbs; install shields; reduce the number of lights; install neutral density filters. Mayor Murphy said he understands the complaint and request. The new lights were part of the energy savings contract with Johnson Controls and Mayor Murphy already contacted JCI to ask if anything could be done to alleviate the problem. JCI responded by saying if they made changes to the lights, it would void that part of their contract with the Village. Mayor Murphy promised to investigate options to reduce the lighting.

Maryanne Wrolsen of Elm Street addressed the Board saying she has a problem with the lights at the Center of Health on Ulster Avenue. The Mayor said he would speak to Building Inspector Eyal Saad.

Virginia Davies of Washington Avenue asked the status of the fence law. Mayor Murphy advised her that Trustee Landewe was taking the lead for that law. The Mayor will ask Trustee Landewe for a status report.

Police Chief Joseph Sinagra addressed the Board regarding the recent misconceptions relating to jaywalking and tickets. The intent is to educate the public as to the law and responsibilities of pedestrians and drivers. If there is a crosswalk, pedestrians have the right of way. If pedestrians cross outside a crosswalk, drivers have the right of way. The police will only issue tickets if pedestrians or drivers become abusive to the officers. Chief Sinagra will announce a "Public Forum" on this subject shortly. He would like to see businesses, residents and government participate. The enforcement of these laws is not to collect fines – it is to preserve life.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of April 20, 2015. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for May 4, 2015: General - \$57,943.60; Water - \$11,632.13; Wastewater - \$21,155.99; "H" - \$40,326.00. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Parisian had nothing to report.

Trustee Mayer advised the Board of all upcoming events throughout the Village and Town.

Trustee Buono invited the Board and residents to attend a "town meeting" hosted by Congressman Chris Gibson on September 18 from 7:00pm till 9:00pm at the Senior Center.

Trustee Martin asked that something be done about the fire escape doors to Donlon being left open on Sundays. Mayor Murphy said he would speak to the Sunday renters.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Buono, to accept the results of the recent election conducted by the SFD as follows: Dave Mason – Chief; Chris Wade and Walt Conlon – Assistant Chiefs; Treasurer – Chris Mason; Secretary – Jim Gage. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett thanked everyone for a successful Chief's Night.

Alex Wade presented his Special Assignment report (copy attached). He updated the Board on the latest dates for the traffic light and crosswalk installations.

UC Legislator Chris Allen spoke. He advised the Board that the upcoming vote to "make Villages whole" would probably fall short of the required number of votes to pass. He said the three Saugerties Legislators would vote in favor of the resolution in support of the Village.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolutions #6 and #7 of 2015. Both of these resolutions are required by the Community Rising Zone project. The first phase includes improvements to the Village Beach, the Tina Chorvas Waterfront Park and the Lighthouse. Resolution #6 adopts procedures and policies for procurement necessary for implementation. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve Resolution #6/2015. Carried unanimously. Resolution #7 adopts a Citizen Participation Plan for the project. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve Resolution #7/2015. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy reminded the Board and residents of the "Town Hall" meeting on May 12 at 7:00pm to discuss the proposal to make Post and Clermont Streets one way.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 5:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

Filed May 5, 2015

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

STAC committee Meeting: The organizational meeting for this new group was held Tuesday, April 28th. Bylaws, committee membership and officers were finalized. Four major sub-groups were established; Policy, Capital Projects, Parking and Communications. I am chairing the Parking group. I'll send along a copy of the 2015 action plan with details for the four groups as proposed by our Cornell consultant.

Extensive discussion of pedestrian traffic and the actual role of our group took up most of the meeting. Some are very concerned over tax implications of committee actions. It was pointed out that we only make recommendations to the Town and Village Boards.

Washington Avenue/Main Traffic Signal: Verde Electric will be starting work on May 11 to correct the drainage problems caused by the bump-outs at this new signal. No other corrective work has been authorized.

Partition Street/Main Traffic Signal: Dow Electric will be installing signage for traffic rerouting for this signal during the wee3k of June 11, starting construction the following week. Sidewalk construction on the four corners is estimated to take four weeks. The traffic signal is scheduled to be switched over to the new poles in mid August. One day to install poles; two days for wiring.

Streetscape/Crosswalks: Mullen is scheduled to start day work on May 11. He will start night work as soon as he can obtain a night work permit from DOT. The process is difficult and time-consuming. (Requires full site layout even for work already completed and expensive specialized computer programs.)

UC Hazard Mitigation Plan: I have completed all of the worksheets except for the Public Outreach Log. I will be working on this last document this week. Basically our plan consists of basic emergency notification with emphasis upon notification flooding on Lighthouse Drive and Ferry Streets and possible evacuation of these areas. And, of course, mitigation and warning for any other hazards effecting our citizens.

Alex Wade

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