

Village Board

April 1, 2013

Present: Mayor William Murphy, Trustees Don Hackett, Jeannine Mayer, Patrick Landewe, Terry Parisian, Vince Buono and Brian Martin
Others: Alex Wade, Ed Quirk, Robert Ford, Ariel Zanglia, students, Mike and Stacy McGir and others

Public Hearing

Mayor William Murphy called the Public Hearing to order at 5:00pm. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comment on the proposed Village Budget for 2013/2014. Mayor Murphy presented the General Budget - \$2,279,255.00. The tax rate is 6.3224 per thousand, down from 6.7639 for 2012/2013 a reduction of \$.44 per thousand; the Water Budget is \$1,176,739.26 down from \$1,185,350.00 from 2012/2013 for a 6/34% reduction; the Wastewater Budget \$991,615.00 up from \$909,545.14 for an increase of 9%. There was no one present who wished to comment on the 2013/2014 Budget. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn the Public Hearing until April 15th at which time the Board will adopt the 2013/2014 Budget. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Trustee Patrick Landewe, Jeannine Mayer and Brian Martin. Judge Rightmyer administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Murphy earlier in the day.

Mayor Murphy called the Village Board to order at 5:07pm. Trustee Buono led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Allen Street resident Mike McGir spoke advising the Board that parking regulations on Allen Street are not being enforced. Allen Street has one side of the street parking and folks are parking on both sides and the police are not issuing tickets. No police come when calls are made complaining of the situation. Trustee Hackett wondered if the signage is adequate. Mayor Murphy will speak to Chief Sinagra and ask him to address the problem.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the March 18, 2013 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Parisian, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for April 5, 2013. General - \$99,112.30; Water - \$20,122.61; Wastewater - \$15,524.87. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett reported that the Wastewater Department performed a repair on lower Main Street. The SFD is busy with calls.

Trustee Mayer reported that she has received an invoice from the stenographer who took the minutes at the Comprehensive Plan Committee's Public Hearing. The Committee is still accepting comments on the Plan. On April 9th, interested citizens will meet at 630pm at the Senior Center on water chestnuts in the Esopus. On April 27th 700am, a group of volunteers will form a work party to help build the barn at the Kiersted House.

Trustee Landewe reported that the ZBA granted an area variance to a property on Market Street and to a property owned by Sawyer Motors on Ulster Avenue.

Trustee Parisian reported that spring clean-up will be the week beginning April 15th. The street sweeper is out and about. Motion was made by Trustee Parisian, seconded by Trustee Buono, to accept a bid from Charles Merritt of \$550.00 for a 1957 International Tractor. DPW Superintendent Ciarlante said the tractor would have brought \$200.00 at a scrap dealer. The motion carried unanimously. Trustee Parisian reported that the HRB continued its discussion of historic designation for the 3 properties, including the Dragon Inn, at their 3/27 meeting and public hearing. The public hearing remains open for comment. The HRB also discussed merging the Village HRB with the Town Historic Preservation Committee. Mayor Murphy commented that the HRB is not the Board to make these decisions and this was the first he had heard about it. Any discussion of this subject will be between the Village Board and Town Board – not the HRB or the Historic Preservation Committee. Trustee Parisian commented that enforcement issues would be a problem.

Trustee Buono advised the Board that he and Alex Wade recently hosted a meeting with officials from UCAT. UCAT has made significant changes to the Saugerties bus schedule. Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached) that addresses these changes.

Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the expenditure of \$1020.00 to inject 4 trees at Seamon Park to help slow the destruction caused by the Emerald Ash Borer. Carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Board adjourned at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

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