

Village Board Meeting

Minutes

March 7, 2016

Present: Mayor Murphy, Trustee Brian Martin, Trustee Terry Parisian, Trustee Vince Buono, Trustee Don Hackett, Trustee Patrick Landewe, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer
Michael Puntillo, Reporters Robert Ford, Bill Kemble, Resident Kevin Morgan, student

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

Privilege of the Floor

Kevin Morgan is concerned that tattoo artists/parlors are not required to be licensed in the Village. He stated Ulster County is the only county in NYS that doesn't require a license. It can't reflect well on the Village if the artist does bad work. Mayor Murphy stated that they do have to be licensed through Ulster County Health Department and Village law says they have to be licensed with Ulster County Health Dept. Mr. Morgan is afraid someone will get ripped off or have bad work done. Mayor Murphy will verify with the Ulster County Department of Health.
Regarding a previous concern, Mayor Murphy wanted to inform Mr. Morgan that the NYS DOT plans to cut back the curb cuts at the corner of Washington Avenue and Main Street. The time frame is up to NYS DOT since it is a State project.

Motion made by Trustee Buono to accept the Village Board Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2016.
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. Motion carried.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts;

- General Fund \$ 44,141.25
- Water \$ 10,609.72
- Wastewater \$ 14,257.37

Motion made by Trustee Martin to accept the Abstracts, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer.
Motion carried.

Michael Puntillo proceeded to make a presentation to the Village Board for support of a request by The Mill for revisions to its payment-in-lieu-of-taxes agreement.

As The Mill owner, Mr. Puntillo would like to refinance a loan to a lower interest rate and generate funds for repairs to the building. Mr. Puntillo is working with Bank of America for underwriting and HUD financing is requiring to extend the current PILOT agreement to be equal to the length of the new loan. The new agreement would be extended to 2046.

The property was initially financed with bonds at 6.57 % in 2000 and given tax credits that are about to expire. He is seeking to refinance at 4.5 % or less and use about \$600,000 to make improvements to the building.

The payment-in-lieu-of-taxes plan was approved in 2000 through the town because it has an assessor's office that assesses village properties. Under the plan, the property is scheduled to increase in value by 3.35 percent every year.

Mr. Puntillo has proposed that the annual increase in property value be set at 2 percent and reduced in its current value from \$42,211 to \$40,000. The revision would result in 2016 taxes of \$6,993 for a \$387 reduction in the village; \$22,895 for a \$1,266 reduction to the school district; \$4,894 for a reduction of \$271 to Ulster County; and \$4,218 for a \$233 reduction to the town.

Part of the refinancing is expected to include funds for repairs to the property.

Mr. Puntillo stated that he thinks he has done a good job over the last 15 years keeping the building in good shape. We've put some money into the property but are looking to — through the refinancing — raising a significant amount of capital to immediately reinvest into the property.

The work on the property would include sidewalk repairs, parking lot repaving, improving handicapped access, upgrading windows and lighting.

Trustee Landewe asked if there was going to be any plans to improve the drainage to keep the water from going onto Tina Chorvas Park and causing erosion. Trustee Patrick Landewe said it was particularly noticeable during Tropical Storm Irene with heavy runoff coming from the Mill property.

Mr. Puntillo was not aware of the drainage problem. He stated that the runoff issue would be addressed and that this would be the time to do it before the parking lot is done. He is willing to walk the property to define areas that need attention.

A discussion between the board and Mr. Puntillo continued regarding rates and financing terms.

Mayor Murphy asked Mr. Puntillo what would happen if the PILOT was not approved. Mr. Puntillo said that he would have to put the property on the market. The building has a lot of regulations and requires extra effort and is not an average rental property. It would have to be sold to a RUPCO type of buyer.

Mayor Murphy said this request would have to be presented to the Town Board and our attorney.

Trustee Parisian stated that the Village should be the lead agency in this project. Mr. Puntillo said he had spoken to the Town Supervisor, Greg Hesmootel and that Mr. Hesmootel wanted him to present it to the Village.

Mayor Murphy said that it effects the Town and Village in regards to taxes. He would like whatever paperwork was sent to the Town attorney to be forwarded to the Village attorney as well.

Mr. Puntillo stated that there is a time constraint to lock in the rate and thanked the Board for their time.

Trustee Hackett reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals met on February 23 and reviewed the lot line revision for 51 Livingston Street. The owner plans to build a two car garage with a loft apartment. A Public Hearing was scheduled for March 22 and 7pm. Trustee Hackett will be glad to have the property back on the tax rolls.

The Fire Department installed a new siren at Lynch fire station. It has taken six years.

Deputy Mayor Mayer asked when the spring clean would begin. Trustee Parisian said that there is not a specific date yet. It usually is in mid- April. He will get a date from Bob Fanelli.

Deputy Mayor Mayer presented her report.

Discover Saugerties brochure still has ads available for \$315.

March 30th, Diamond Mills will featuring Stallions owner Kevin Hinchey as a speaker.

The Planning Board approved the lot line change application for 25 Mynderse Street on February 17th.

The next meeting of the Planning Board will be on Wednesday March 9th. An application for lot line change for property on Warren Place, owned by Eric Wilsey and Ashley Gerace is on the agenda.

The Revolving Loan Committee met on February 18th. The committee lowered the interest rate to attract borrowers. A new ad has been created to publish in the Saugerties Times, TV23 and the website. Trustee Landewe asked if the loans were limited to business owners. Deputy Mayor Mayer responded that the loans are for business owners and lease holders. It is generally for businesses in the business district, not residences, to make improvements to there properties.

Mayor Murphy read and presented Resolution # 3 for approval.

Resolution #3/2016

Parkinson Awareness Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a progressive neurological movement disorder of the central nervous system, which has a unique impact on each patient; and

WHEREAS, according to the Parkinson's Action Network, the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, the American Parkinson's Disease Association and the National Institute of Health, there are over one million Americans diagnosed with Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include slowness, tremor, difficulty with balance and speaking, rigidity, cognitive and memory problems; and

WHEREAS, although new medicines and therapies may enhance life for some time for people with Parkinson's, more work is needed for a cure; and

WHEREAS, increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure for Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary approach to Parkinson's disease care include local wellness, support, and caregiver groups; and

WHEREAS, April has been proclaimed as World Wide Parkinson's Awareness Month

For all to recognize the need for more research and help in dealing with the devastating effects of Parkinson's disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, We the Village of Saugerties Mayor and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim April as Parkinson's Awareness Month in the Village of Saugerties.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the Village of Saugerties, on this day of two thousand and sixteen, and to which I have caused the seal of the Village of Saugerties to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.

Trustee Buono made a motion to accept Resolution #3, seconded by Trustee Martin. All trustees and Mayor voted yes, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Hackett.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:55pm.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2016 at 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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