

Present: Patrick Landewe, Jeannine Mayer, Don Hackett, Brian Martin, Vince Buono, Eyal Saad, Mike Marino, Bob Fanelli, George Terpening, Chief Sinagra

Others: Ed Quirk, Brian Mason, Virginia Davies, Antoinette Babb, Robert Ford, Alex Wade, Bill Kemble

The Mayor called the Village Board to order at 4:31pm. Trustee Hackett led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Village resident Antoinette Babb, 125 West Bridge Street, addressed the Board regarding a residence at 130 West Bridge Street.

She said that it is an eyesore, with the grass so tall, the *brown* mail all over the porch, and the gutters falling off. Is there an ordinance? Who is in charge? What is going to be done? It seems the Village cuts the grass only after we complain. The water has been turned off due to a leak. The owner wants \$150,000 for the property! Does she pay her taxes? Would you want to live next to this? (She had a photo on her tablet that she passed around to the Board members)

The Mayor responded by saying, the Village did clean up the property before you or anyone complained. We cannot go on the property and remove mail since that would be a federal offense. The homeowner has been notified, she is in a nursing home and we have contacted her family. We have cut the grass and removed the gutter. She does pay for the charge from the Village. The taxes are paid.

Trustee Martin asked if the house was condemned.

Eyal Saad responded that the building is condemned. We could take orders to demolish the building, but it cost the Village over \$80,000 the last time we had to demolish a building. There are demolition fees as well as legal fees. We can't force someone to lower their selling price. It is their property- even the garbage we cannot remove it. The owner and her family have been contacted and they ok'd to pay for a lawn service.

Mayor Murphy said he would contact our lawyer to see if we can go on the property to clean up. At least the front. We need permission.

Trustee Buono said we would feel the same if it was in our neighborhood. We need to put pressure on the owners.

Antoinette commented that no one can live there with no water.

Mayor Murphy also mentioned the property at 95 West Bridge Street. It has been sold at auction so we should find out who the owners are and contact them to clean up the property.

Virginia Davies, 223 Washington Avenue, addressed the Board regarding the fence her neighbor has put up. She stated that at the last Board meeting the fence law had been tabled. She had presented a list of additional information to add to the fence law. She stated that at the last meeting the Board said that it was neighbor versus neighbor and we shouldn't pass a law for one resident. She said it is not a one neighbor feuding with another neighbor. The village is putting in beautiful new crosswalks and I am left with an 8 foot fence.

Mayor Murphy addressed Ms. Davies by saying it is a neighbor dispute. To say it is an overall blight is not true. How is it not your fault? You are bringing the Village into a neighbor dispute.

Virginia Davies stated that surrounding neighborhoods have fence laws.

Trustee Hackett replied that we have debated the fence law. If we have a fence law we have to do it right.

Trustee Mayer stated the Trustee Landewe is still working on it.

Virginia Davies asked what tabling meant. Is it still being worked on? I am stuck with an unsightly fence.

The Police said we are going tit for tat with our neighbor.

Trustee Martin stated that Trustee Landewe is still looking into the fencing law.

Discussion continued regarding a fence law.

Mayor Murphy said there are two sides to every story.

Mike Morriello and Tom Struzzieri were present for the Partition Street Project, which was not on the agenda. They will be back for the August 3rd meeting.

Village resident Kevin Morgan has a concern regarding a few dangerous situations with the bus stops at Washington Avenue and West Bridge St. The bus stop by the Village Diner on Washington Avenue and Main Street has a large bump out which makes it hard for elderly to walk to the bus.

Mayor Murphy stated that NYS gave the Village no say in the bump out. The Village strongly fought against them.

Bob Fanelli will check for the No Parking sign on West Bridge St and make sure that there is one in the proper location when the reclaiming on the street is complete.

Mr. Morgan stated that the law office on West Bridge Street uses the bus stop for parking. And that there is no sign at the PO bus stop. Bob Fanelli will make sure there is a sign at the PO. 15-20 from the corner there should be a sign.

Trustee Buono suggested moving the sign back 5 more feet away from the bump.

Eyal Saad stated that people will have a hard time if the sign is moved. The bus will not be able to get around the bump out.

Mr. Morgan stated that the bus would not be able to hug the curb and it would be difficult for wheel chair access.

Regular Session

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts. Reviewing the General Abstract Trustee Buono referred to the E Mower entry clarifying that it was an invoice for repair costs not mileage.

DPW purchased an equipment trailer from Kaufman Trailers for \$4,590.00. Bob Fanelli reported that the sale of the scrape metal paid for total amount for the new trailer.

Trustee Buono stated that Shelter Point is a quarterly Disability Insurance fee. The US Federal Contractor item is a renewal fee to qualify for federal money.

The total for the General Abstract: \$42,157.88

The total for the Water Abstract: \$ 7,265.25

The total for Waste Water Abstract: \$10,299.71

Special Abstract for Seamon Park Memorial Fund: \$129.00

A motion to accept the Abstracts for July 20, 2015 was presented by Mayor Murphy and seconded by Trustee Hackett.

Eyal Saad presented his the Building Department report. One emergency cleanup at 39 Clermont Street. Grass growing over sidewalks. Parks and grounds cut the grass and DPW helped with cleanup. Fee for cleanup added to taxes.

DPW helped take the falling gutter off the porch roof at 130 West Bridge Street.

Incident today at 221 Partition Street. Squatters were in the abandoned building and poured gasoline throughout the building. The adjoining building's owner came in the office to report a strong odor of gasoline. I investigated and the Fire Department was called to investigate also. We need to do something about the property.

George Terpening presented his Parks and Grounds report. See attached report.

New slide has been installed at the Lions Club Playground. The pool has been busy, 20-35 kids using the pool on a daily basis. Thank you to Mike Hopf for donating the chlorine.

Concert in the Parks series was well attended at the Tina Chorvas Waterfront Park Friday evening.

Thank you to DPW and Bob Fanelli for assistance with the floats at the beach. There were quite a few saves by the Lifeguards due to the fast running current at the beach.

Thank you to the Fire Department for the wonderful 4th of July parade and to Kiwanis for the fireworks. Several Parties and a wedding are on the schedule for Seamon Park this summer. The flower beds at Seamon Park are being cleaned up for the mums to be planted in 3 weeks. The mums need to be ordered early.

Mike Marino presented the Wastewater report. See attached report.

Thank you to Bob for the tree removal on Latham Circle and paving repairs to Seamon Park driveways.

New employee Louis Kolbe started today. He has required licenses that we normally have to pay for. He replaces Stevel Nadel who went to the DPW.

Our crew has done a great job with marking and collecting. Building maintenance has kept us busy.

A pump was rebuilt for the settling tank for \$900 as opposed to a new pump for \$3200.

We took delivery of our new truck. We replaced the electrical panel in Hill St pump station.

Chief Sinagra presented report. See attached graphs. Chief Sinagra thanked all the residents and his department for a safe and successful 4th of July and Car Show.

Mayor Murphy complimented Chief Sinagra and his department for a job well done during the 4th of July and Car Show.

Chief Sinagra also reported about the incident at 217/221 Partition St. There is an investigation going on but it looks like there have been people in the empty building. He will have his department keep an eye on the property.

Bob Fanelli presented his Department of Public Works report. See report.

Several pieces of old equipment were traded with A. Montano Equipment and scrap metal was sold to obtain a 2006 track excavator and a new 2015 equipment trailer. There was no cost to the Village.

The new dump truck has been delayed. Phone calls to the dealership are not returned. Trustee Buono and Parisian have been briefed on the matter. Trustee Buono suggests a letter be written by the Village attorney. Trustees Hackett and Martin offer to drive to Albany to find out what the delay is and what can be done about it.

West Bridge Street repaving to begin Tuesday, 7/21 and last for 4-5 days. All efforts will be made to accommodate the residents and businesses. All residents are asked to be patient. The street will be open after 4pm until 7am.

Alex Wade present his Special Assignments report. See attached.

Mullen is finishing the last cross walk. They still have some work to finish on Market, Livingston and Main Sts.

The large signal polls are scheduled to be installed 7/27. Final turn on date is August 6.

A repair needs to be made to the lip in front of M&T Bank on Main St, where the road has settled.

Trustee Hackett presented the report for the Fire Dept. See attached.

Photos of new fire truck in the process of being built were distributed.

Trustee Martin submitted the Water Department report. See attached.

Trustee Martin made a motion to adjourn the regular session of the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Hackett. Motion carried.

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was opened at 5:15.

Mr. Corvin from 32 Clermont Street was the only resident in attendance. Mr. Corvin stated that he lives on the corner of Clermont Street and is in favor of making the street one way. He expressed concerns for his children's safety. It is difficult to see cars coming over the hill and in the winter it is worse with snow piles blocking your view. He says there have been a few close calls with vehicles and his son's bus.

Mayor Murphy stated that we received one letter and one email regarding the one way streets. The letter is against and the email is for the change.

Trustee Hackett read the email from George Redder who is for the change but with a suggestion of alternate side of the street parking.

The letter from Veronica Price is against the change claiming hardship to her business.

The vote on the law has been postponed until the next board meeting to allow for more time for comments from public/residents and to investigate the comments in the correspondence.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Trustee Hackett 2nd the motion.

Motion carried.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to resume the Regular Session, Trustee Mayer 2nd the motion.

Motion carried.

Regular Session

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #9 – Adopt an Affirmative Plan as Required under the NYS Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program.

The resolution was seconded by Trustee Mayer. Motion carried.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #10 – A Resolution Adopting the following Section 504 Policies and Grievance Procedures for the Village of Saugerties.

The resolution was seconded by Trustee Mayer. Motion carried.

Trustee Buono reported that the Economic Development Committee has a new brochure.

Trustee Mayer cannot attend the special Planning Board Meeting on Thursday, 7/23.

Trustee Hackett will attend the Planning Board meeting in Trustee Mayer's place.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mayor Murphy.

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:33pm.

The next Village Board meeting will be held August 3, 2015 at 5pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk

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