

Village Board

July 4, 2011

Present: Mayor William Murphy, Trustees Kelly Myers, Jeannine Mayer, Patrick Landewe, Don Hackett and Brian Martin

Absent: Trustee Vince Buono

Others: Julie Dunn, Alex Wade, Gary Newkirk, Ken White, Anthony Bell and others

Mayor Murphy called the Village Board to order at 6:30pm. Trustee Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Murphy presented the Minutes of the June 20, 2011 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented the Abstract for July 5, 2011: General - \$32,942.80; Water - \$73,520.63; Wastewater - \$13,822.59; Seamon Park Fund - \$635.67. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer Julie Dunn explained Resolution #12/2011 and Resolution #13/2011 to the Board. Resolution #12 is the Adoption Agreement for the employee Health Reimbursement Plan and Resolution #13 is the Adoption Agreement for the "Cafeteria" portion of the employee health plan. Both of these plans have been endorsed by employee unions and will save the Village almost \$80,000.00 in insurance costs.

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Mayor Murphy and Treasurer Dunn presented the Endeavor (grant writer Victor Cornelius) contract (copy attached) for Board approval. The contract is for one year and will be paid at a rate of \$3000.00 per quarter. There is no commission and the contract costs will be shared by the Water and Wastewater Departments. Trustee Landewe asked what Mr. Cornelius' performance incentive might be without commission earnings. Mayor Murphy replied that the Village will not renew the contract if not satisfied with his work. There was some discussion on the language in the contract – payment for 5 quarters as opposed to 4 quarters. Motion was made by Trustee Landewe, seconded by Trustee Myers, to amend the contract to read "annual payment paid in four quarters". Carried. Motion was made by Trustee Landewe, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the Endeavor contract as amended. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #14/2011. This resolution declares that the Village of Saugerties will not issue vendor permits for the July 10, 2011 Car Show. Mayor Murphy explained that several restaurants and business owners have expressed interest in

cooking on the sidewalks during the car show. Vendor permits are required for this activity. In the interest of public safety and protection of the cars entered in the car show, the Saugerties Police Department, Sawyer Motors and the Code Enforcement Officer all agree that cooking on the sidewalks should not be permitted during this very crowded event. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve Resolution #14/2011. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy said the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was a great day. Thanks to the SFD for the parade and to the Kiwanis for the Cantine Field activities and the fireworks.

Trustee Hackett echoed the Mayor's comments also thanking Frank Rea for the great job as the Chairman of the Parade Committee.

#### Privilege of the Floor

Ken White, 27 Ulster Avenue, addressed the Board with complaints regarding illegal fireworks being ignited in his neighborhood. He brought debris collected from the fireworks and reported residue on neighborhood cars. The culprit sets off the fireworks in the Center of Health parking lot. Mayor Murphy asked Mr. White if he called the Police. Mr. White said he had not. Mayor Murphy asked Mr. White to call or stop by Village Hall to speak privately to him. Mayor Murphy will speak to the Police on Mr. White's behalf. Mr. White went on to say he does not think that a fireworks celebration is a way to honor America – it's the wrong way to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with too many illegal uses of fireworks.

Anthony Bell then addressed the Board. He advised the Village Board that he was elected as a Trustee of the CA Lynch Fire Department two years ago. He was recently removed as Trustee by the President of the CA Lynch Company Alfred Bell. Anthony Bell did not resign and was not properly removed. He would like the Village Board to investigate this situation and intervene accordingly. Mayor Murphy stated that the SFD usually handles its internal problems without the Village Board. Trustee Hackett advised that he is working on the problem and reviewing the CA Lynch by-laws. Anthony Bell said he feels that this action is a personal attack. Trustee Hackett said he has spoken with the Chiefs of the SFD and will speak to the Board in an Executive Session later in the evening.

Trustees Myers and Mayer introduced Girl Scout Gold Award recipient Alicia Scott to the Board. Alicia recently received her Gold Award in Scouting for her project of building a dock and stairs to access the Espous Bend Preserve. Alicia was presented with a letter of congratulations from Mayor Murphy, flowers from the Board, and received a warm round of applause from the Board and audience. Cake was served to all.

Trustee Mayer advised the Board that Hudson River Greenway has awarded the Village with a \$15,000.00 grant to help with the update of the Town/Village Comprehensive Plan. The water chestnut harvester, rented from the Town of Esopus, will begin its work at the Village Beach shortly. Trustee Mayer advised the Board of many upcoming events

including the Secret Garden Tour, the Car Show, the Chicken Barbeque at the Kiersted House, Old Timers Day on August 6<sup>th</sup> and much more. TV23 is beginning a project called “Faces of Saugerties”. Mayor Murphy thanked the SFD and the DPW for the installation on the 200 year anniversary banners and the “Shine on Saugerties” Lighthouses.

Trustee Myers thanked the SFD and the Kiwanis for a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July. She advised the Board that the Lower Esopus Watershed Partnership met on June 28<sup>th</sup> – the group has published an informative pamphlet and copies are available at Village Hall. The Ashokan Working Group met with the DEP and DEC on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The DEP has agreed to pay for a consultant to study best practices and the Group continues to negotiate with the DEP on water releases from the Ashokan into the Esopus. The DEP plans on releases from November through May. The next meeting of the Ashokan Working Group will be July 28<sup>th</sup> in the Town of Ulster.

Trustee Myers reported that the Tree Commission has planted 14 trees throughout the Village. The next Commission meeting is the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00pm.

Trustee Myers reported that a Scenic Hudson Trail will open in Glasco on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Alex Wade advised the Board that he is working on several projects including investigating laws in other communities dealing with dangerous dogs.

Trustee Landewe recently attended a workshop regarding park planning. Most good opportunities call for a 50/50% in kind match with no burden to taxpayers. Trustee Landewe also reported that Ulster County Health Commissioner LaMar Hasbrouck has replied to a letter sent by Trustee Landewe addressing several issues including additional testing of water at the Village Beach. The County will test the water after heavy rainfall in addition to their monthly testing. Trustee Landewe has met with the LEWP and the Riverkeeper and discussed water testing in the Hudson between Saugerties and Kingston. There has been an update to the Esopus Estuary designation.

Trustee Landewe reported the HRB is reviewing applications. It appears that Speedy Mart has abandoned its renovation plans.

Trustee Landewe advised the Board that the program of “Trap, Neuter and Release” of feral cats will begin in the area behind Stella’s Station shortly. Volunteers are working with Marie Post and the UCSPCA.

Trustee Landewe reminded residents to keep their properties mowed. Mayor Murphy added that the DPW will be sent to cut grass if the property owner does not follow the law. The property owner will then be charged for the work – 3 Village properties were mowed by the DPW last week. Mayor Murphy went on to say the DPW has better things to do than to maintain private property.

Mayor Murphy excused himself from the Board meeting at 7:40pm citing an additional commitment at 8:00pm.

Trustee Martin reported that a recent test of the water at the Village Beach was satisfactory. Both the Beach and Lions Club Pool are open for the season.

Trustee Hackett reported that it's "business as usual" at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel situation at the CA Lynch Fire Company. Carried unanimously. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:42pm and returned at 8:07pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Landewe, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to direct the President of the CA Lynch Hose Company to reinstate Anthony Bell as Trustee of the Company or until his removal is done following proper procedure according to the by-laws of the CA Lynch Hose Company. A letter of apology should also be sent to Anthony Bell for his removal without following proper procedure. Carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk

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