

Village Board

May 21, 2012

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

Absent: Trustees Don Hackett and Brian Martin

Others: students, Eyal Saad, Mike Hopf, George Terpening, Bob Ciarlante, Alex Wade, Dave Mason, Joe Sinagra, Robert Ford – New Sau Times, and others

Mayor Murphy called the Village Board to order at 7:00pm. Trustee Mayer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the May 7, 2012 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Landewe, seconded by Trustee Parisian, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for May 21, 2012: General - \$13,745.30; Water - \$2551.32; Wastewater - \$9698.28. Motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Landewe, to approve the abstract. Carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Dave Mason presented the SFD report (copy attached). The SFD responded to 14 alarms in April. The SFD has also taken part in “Live Fire Training” classes and CPR/AED certification.

George Terpening presented the Buildings and Grounds report (copy attached). Mowing and weedwacking are daily chores. The DPW is helping repair a Seamon Park fountain damaged during a windstorm. The hanging baskets should be in place during the 1st week of June. Mayor Murphy requested that Buildings and Grounds begin the summer weekend sidewalk clean up ASAP.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). The spring clean up debris has been removed from North Street. Phase one of the North Street garage rehabilitation is complete. Trustee Parisian complimented the DPW for their performance. Mr. Ciarlante thanked Joe Staccio for his good work. Trustee Mayer asked the status of the Community Garden. Mayor Murphy said it’s still a work in progress.

Mike Hopf presented the Water Department report (copy attached). The Youth Fishing Tournament is June 3rd. Hydrant flushing begins the week of June 4th in the evening. The 2011 Annual Water Quality Report has been mailed to all residents.

Police Chief Joseph Sinagra presented the Saugerties Police report for April 2012 (copy attached). There were 250 calls for service with 17 arrests. There were no DWI arrests in April – Chief Sinagra thinks the two new taxi services may be responsible for the drop in DWI arrests. He has spoken to the owner of the sweeper parked on Elm Street – the sweeper is allowed to park on Elm St. but must remain away from the corner and not

block residential driveways. The owner agreed to the requirements. Chief Sinagra invited the Board to attend the Police Department Award Ceremony on May 23 at 12noon. He advised the Trustees that he supports the proposed drug paraphernalia law and urged the Board to pass the law. He also reported that a 3rd police car will be assigned to the Village on the 7:00pm to 3:00am shift every Friday and Saturday throughout the summer.

Eyal Saad thanked Ulster County for the use of the GIS mapping equipment – the Village infrastructure mapping is 98% complete. High grass letters are going out daily. He warned Village residents – if you put furniture out to the curb for giveaway – make sure it's gone within 2 days. If it gets rained, on the furniture becomes junk and must be removed immediately. The draft MS4 Report has been completed by Brinnier & Larios and must be submitted by June 1st.

Alex Wade presented his Special Assignment report (copy attached). He and Trustees Buono and Parisian have come up with a solution for the handicapped parking spaces in the Business District. A local law will be drafted to make the changes. The spaces will be located on the north side of Jane Street, just off Partition; the 1st space on the east side of James Street; and on the north side of Main Street in front of Bank of America. A Public Hearing was set for 6:30pm on June 18 to receive public comment on the proposed law. Mr. Wade also attended a UCTC meeting on behalf of the Village.

Trustee Landewe thanked Eyal Saad for his work on the GIS mapping for the Village. The HRB will meet on Wednesday May 23rd. The Planning Board meets June 13th. The Waterfront Advisory Board will meet to discuss the water chestnut problem. The PSC is accepting comments on the “Power Express” line proposed for the Hudson River until June 29th. The LEWP meets May 22nd. Alex Wade added he would like the Waterfront Advisory Board to meet and comment on the revised Comprehensive Plan.

Trustee Mayer advised the next Chamber meeting is scheduled for May 29th. The Comprehensive Plan Committee meets June 5th. TV23 is conducting several workshops – the studio for Saugerties High School should be complete by the end of June. Many events – HITS, Farmers Market, Opus 40 and a June 1st concert at the Tina Chorvas Waterfront Park.

Trustee Buono mentioned that he had taken the Historic House Tour on May 12th – it was a great event. He presented a revised Code of Ethics for Village Board Consideration. Trustee Buono explained that a previous Code of Ethics was considered several years ago, however the Board found it to be “overkill” for a small village. The Code in effect does not go far enough. Trustee Buono feels the Code he presented covers what the Village needs however he feels that the Village does not require a “Board of Ethics”. The proposed Code covers nepotism. Passage of the proposed code will require a Local Law. A Public Hearing is set for June 18th at 6:35pm.

Trustee Buono presented a revised Education Policy for Board consideration. The current policy is contained in the Village Personnel Policy Handbook. The revised policy

creates a written paper trail. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve the revised Education Policy. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented the proposed Drug Paraphernalia Law recently passed by the Saugerties Town Board. Trustee Landewe urged the Trustees to take a careful look at the law and pay close attention to the comments from attorney Alex Betke. Chief Sinagra advised the Board that he supports the law. Trustee Landewe will work the Alex Betke on the suggested changes but meanwhile a Public Hearing will be held on June 18th at 6:40pm.

Mayor Murphy presented the proposed changes in Chapter 196 – the law governing water issues. Water Superintendent Mike Hope advised that there are some changes and updates to the law including higher interest charges for users who do not pay their bill on time. A Public Hearing will be held on June 18 at 6:50pm.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #9/2012. This resolution supports the Tree Commissions application for a grant not to exceed \$2500.00. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Parisian and carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy scheduled a Special Village Board Meeting on May 31st at 12noon. This meeting will “close the books” on fiscal year 2011/2012.

Mayor Murphy thanked staff and friends for all their support over recent weeks.

Mayor Murphy advised the Board that former Village Treasurer Barbara Griffis has died after a courageous battle with Alzheimer’s Disease. Barbara was the Treasurer for 21 years and served under Mayors Steele, Moser, Robbins, Chorvas, and Yerick. She brought the Village from pen and pencil into the computer age. The Board observed a moment of silence in Barbara’s memory.

Motion was made by Trustee Parisian, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

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