

Village Board

July 16, 2012

Present: Mayor Bill Murphy, Trustees Vince Buono, Don Hackett, Jeannine Mayer, and Terry Parisian

Absent: Trustees Brian Martin and Patrick Landewe

Others: Robert Ford – New Sau Times, Penelope Milford, SFD Chief Dave Mason, PD Chief Joe Sinagra, Mike Hopf, Eyal Saad, George Terpening, Alex Wade and others

Mayor Murphy called the Village Board to order at 700pm. Trustee Buono led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Penelope Milford addressed the Board. She is concerned about the level of noise coming from motorcycles in the Village. It is a quality of life issue. She would like to see the Village raise the decibel level to help lower the noise from motorcycles. Ms. Milford has spoken with the Police in Woodstock and Rhinebeck. Both communities issue “excessive noise” tickets. She feels residents cannot enjoy the “street life” that takes place in the Village. She also cited a NYS law that makes it illegal for motorcycle owners to adapt mufflers. She would like to the Police to issue tickets. Mayor Murphy said the Village has been working on this situation for some time but enforcement is not easy. Police Chief Joe Sinagra spoke saying the Police Department is constantly addressing this. Ms. Milford said the Woodstock and Rhinebeck Police said they issue tickets for excessive noise and then reduce the charges in court. Chief Sinagra responded that he has a problem issuing tickets and then reducing charges. Much discussion continued between Ms. Milford and Chief Sinagra. Chief Sinagra said he would like to speak with the UC Sheriff and NYS Police about enforcement issues. Discussion will continue.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of July 2, 2012. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for July 16, 2012: General - \$21,673.54; Water - \$4507.04; Wastewater - \$8722.96. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Mike Hopf presented the Water Department report (copy attached). 903,900 gallons of water were processed in the month of June. There is no water usage restriction at this time – water is still flowing over the dam.

George Terpening presented the Buildings and Grounds report (copy attached). Very busy season at the beach and Lions Club Pool. Watering of the hanging baskets and flower beds takes up a lot of the summer crew’s day. Trustee Mayer asked about the Lions Club Pool remaining open on week-ends. Mr. Terpening replied that the pool was kept open on week-ends several years ago and did not receive enough use to justify the cost.

Eyal Saad advised the Board that the Building Department has issued 14 Certificates of Compliance, 9 Certificate's of Occupancy, 56 Building Permits, and 39 violations through June of 2012. He continues to conduct monthly safety meetings for Village personnel. Trustee Buono said he would like to pursue the idea of registering absentee landlords.

Chief Sinagra presented the Police report (copy attached). The PD responded to 274 calls for service in the month of June. July 4th and the Sawyer Motors Car Show went very well. The Chief has assigned more patrols into the Parks after some recent vandalism. The Saugerties Police Officers are attending training sessions presented by the Department of Homeland Security.

SFD Chief Dave Mason presented the SFD report (copy attached). The July 4th Parade was a great event. The SFD responded to 16 alarms in June.

Alex Wade presented his Special Assignment report (copy attached). The EPA has commented on the DEP dumping of turbid water in the Esopus Creek. Mr. Wade made some suggestions on Food Carts in the Village.

Trustee Hackett presented the Wastewater Department report. The odor on Ulster Avenue has been traced to a problem on Old Kings Highway. There is a problem with odor control at the wastewater plant – a part is being replaced. Trustee Hackett is working with the Department Supervisor on co-generation.

Trustee Parisian presented the DPW report (copy attached). The DPW is working on spill containment catch drains at the water plant. Tree maintenance is on-going.

Trustee Mayer continues to attend the Comprehensive Plan meetings. Several Partition Street businesses have begun "First Friday" events. There is a concert at the Tina Chorvas Waterfront Park on August 3rd. August 4th is the opening of the 10th "Art Tour" at the Kiersted House and August 5th is Old Timers Day and the bed races.

Trustee Buono thanked the DPW for use of Village ladders at the recent painting project at the American Legion on John Street.

Trustee Hackett asked about the status of the grants for the fire truck and the sewer relining project. Mayor Murphy advised that the sewer relining project should close for funds shortly and the work will begin in the Spring. He will check on the fire truck grant.

Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Board adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank, Village Clerk

