

Village Board

January 3, 2012

Present: Mayor William Murphy, Trustees Jeannine Mayer, Vince Buono, Brian Martin, Don Hackett, Patrick Landewe

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

Mayor Murphy wished everyone a Happy New Year and said he looked forward to a successful year in the Village.

Mayor Murphy announced that a decision has been reached on a Trustee replacement for Kelly Myers. He advised the public that 4 Village residents expressed interest in the position. He discussed the choices with each Trustee and the choice was based with the entire Board's input. Mayor Murphy introduced Terry Parisian. Mr. Parisian is a 38 year resident of the Village, and an active member of the UC Chamber of Commerce in his position as manager of the Hudson Valley Mall. He spent many years coaching youth sport teams and is a former member of the Saugerties School Board. His appointment will expire at the end of Trustee Myers term on April 2, 2012. If Mr. Parisian wishes, he can run for the seat in the March Village elections for a full 2 year term. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Buono, to appoint Terry Parisian as Trustee to the Village Board to fill the unexpired term of Kelly Myers. Carried unanimously. Mayor Murphy and the Board welcomed Trustee Parisian as he was sworn in by Mayor Murphy. Mayor Murphy advised everyone that Trustee Parisian will be the DPW Commissioner and Trustee Martin will be the liaison to the Tree Commission. New duties may be assigned at the organizational meeting in April.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the December 21, 2011 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for January 3, 2012: General - \$180,194.19; Water - \$10,622.98; Wastewater - \$8,394.22. Motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono had nothing to report.

Trustee Hackett advised it was "business as usual" at the Wastewater and Saugerties Fire Departments. The annual CA Lynch Christmas Day Candy Run was a wonderful success. Thanks to all the volunteers.

Trustee Mayer has provided all Board members with a draft copy of the updated Village/Town Comprehensive Plan. She requested that the Board review the Plan and forward any comments/suggestions to her. Trustee Mayer has received a new contract from Mega – the company where we buy gas and electric. The Village has realized good savings with its participation in this plan. Please call Time Warner if still experiencing

an audio problem with TV23. Ulster County has grant money available for business that had damage from Hurricane Irene.

Trustee Landewe had nothing report.

Trustee Martin reported that Central Hudson has agreed to remove 4 ash trees at the Village Beach that are infected with the Emerald Ash Borer. Water and DPW crews responded to a water leak on Ann Street on Christmas night.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #1/2012. This resolution sets new water rates effective June 5, 2012. Mayor Murphy explained the increase is needed to offset required maintenance on the water lines. The increase will be about \$4.00 per quarter for the minimum use user. The rates have not been increased in six years and Village water rates are still among the lowest water rates in New York State. Mayor Murphy requested that the Trustees study the Resolution and be prepared to vote at the January 17<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting.

Mayor Murphy then responded to the anonymous postings at the Daily Freeman “Click Fix” site regarding the one way street proposals for Post, Clermont and Russell Streets. Mayor Murphy went on to say that he normally does not respond to anonymous complaints however the postings on “Click Fix” say that the Village does not listen to complaints. He said that this is far from true. When residents have a complaint, they should call or visit the Village offices or send an email to the Village and not post their complaint on a website that Village officials may never see. One posting on “Click Fix” said that a petition with 70 signatures was distributed by residents in favor of one way streets – the Village has never received a copy of that document. Mayor Murphy went on to say that on August 22, 2011, letters were sent to every household on Post and Clermont Streets regarding the one way street proposal. The Village received 7 responses. At a recent meeting of Village officials, the decision was made to ask the Police to enforce the one side of the street parking regulations on the streets and to install additional signage. The one way street proposal has been tabled for now. Additional discussion followed with Trustees agreeing that residents need to contact the Village directly if they have a complaint or concern.

Trustee Hackett mentioned that he had the opportunity to visit the new pickle store on Partition Street – great pickles!

Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 5:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk

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