

Village Board Meeting

Minutes

November 2, 2015

Present: Mayor Bill Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustee Vince Buono, Trustee Don Hackett, Trustee Patrick Landewe, Trustee Brian Martin, Trustee Terry Parisian, Special Projects Alex Wade, Fireman Ed Quirk, Saugerties Times Reporter Robert Ford, Videographer Mary Ann Wrolsen, Residents Virginia Davies, Kevin Morgan, Ginny Erceg, 12 Students

Deputy Mayor Mayer called the Village Board meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Trustee Buono led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Virginia Davies, 223 Washington Avenue, inquired if anything had been done about a fence law within the last month? She expected a decision within this time frame.

Trustee Landewe stated that the fence law had been tabled due to no interest in pursuing the matter. Trustee Buono stated we have only had one fence problem in the time he has been on the Board and that it seems to be a matter between you, your neighbor and an attorney.

Virginia Davies stated that the Village has laws for minor things such as lights shining in neighbor's windows and how long you can leave your garbage cans on the sidewalk. A fence law would be beneficial.

Trustee Hackett stated that he had wanted to require a survey and have a fence application go to the Planning Board.

Ms. Davies mentioned that she would be happy to meet with the Planning Board. She is new at the how this works, since she has lived in Blue Mountain for 25 years prior to moving to the Village.

Trustee Parisian stated there are more issues in creating the law than they it would solve. It is the Board's decision to not pursue it any further.

Natalie Erceg, 221 Washington Avenue, stated that she is the neighbor/owner that Virginia Davies is referring to, that has the fence in question. Ms. Erceg said she offered to lower the fence to 6ft., but that it did not satisfy Ms. Davies.

Kevin Morgan asked if there would be any signs installed in the Bus Stop area? Trustee Mayer mentioned that the Police Chief was going to monitor the area. Alex Wade responded that there will be a meeting with DOT because there are more issues at the corner than just the Stop sign. The area is a mess. Mr. Morgan asked about the plowing of West Bridge Street. Heavy chunks of icy snow fly onto the sidewalks and front yards when the plow comes through to widen the road.

Trustee Parisian said he would make the DPW aware of the situation.

Motion made by Trustee Hackett to accept the Village Board Meeting Minutes from October 19, 2015. Seconded by Trustee Buono. Motion carried.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts;

- General Fund \$37,886.19
- Water \$2,478.73
- Wastewater \$10,449.21

Motion made by Trustee Martin to accept the Abstracts, seconded by Trustee Hackett.

Motion carried.

Trustee Buono reported that he had not attended the Economic Development Committee meeting. Alex Wade stated that the Transportation meeting discussed the painted Stop bar on Lafayette Street. It had been moved further back during the recent streetscape project and is to be moved closer to the Stop sign. At the same corner, a large bush in the Village right of way needs to be removed or trimmed for better visibility.

It was suggested that instead of a Stop sign on Washington Avenue, that a center line and crosswalks be painted as a deterrent to speeders. Discussion was held at the meeting with the Chief and Town Highway Supervisor. Trustee Landewe inquired as to what steps needed to be taken? Lines can be painted by DPW when time allows. Trustee Hackett inquired as to why the speed limit is 30mph not 15mph in a school zone? Alex Wade stated that the mph change would have to be done closer to the school and together with the Town. He would bring it up again at the next Highway meeting.

Alex mentioned that he had been contacted by Brian Donohue regarding damage to his sidewalk made by a passing truck. Alex thought that the repairs could be included in other sidewalk repairs.

Trustee Parisian asked why Mr. Donohue couldn't contact the police to review the camera footage from the day the damage was done, to identify the truck. Mr. Wade said that Mr. Donohue had been told to contact the police department. Trustee Buono wanted to know if the near the new bollards? Mr. Wade said the damage is before the bollards, between the stop bar and new crosswalk.

The sidewalk project has been completed under an approved budget. There is a remaining \$300K that the Village has been authorized by DOT to use. After filing the proper paperwork, of course. The funds will be used to make repairs to the bluestone sidewalks within the Business district.

The preliminary routine paperwork has been started for the Fire Equipment Grant.

Trustee Hackett reported that the Wastewater Department received and installed the RBC driver and it is now working. The odor is now under control with the additive and the RBC running. The new fire truck is in service as of Saturday. Thank you to the Glasco Fire Company for mutual aid coverage.

Trustee Parisian reported that Halloween Trick or Treating went well. No incidents. A reminder to residents that the Fall pick up is for leaves only, no brush. Any brush can be brought to the North Street staging area.

Trustee Landewe received a legal notice for a feasibility study to develop hydro- electric on the damn. He would like to submit a comment that the Village be listed as a jurisdiction interested in the proceedings. Other Towns and Villages with in a 20 – 30 mile radius were included but since Saugerties is less than 5000 residents we weren't included, even though it is within our boundaries. Trustee Landewe will submit that the study include NY Department of State which oversees the Coastal policies which relates to our waterfront revitalization plan. Trustee Parisian inquired if we were on the previous study? Trustee Landewe hadn't seen the documentation to see if the Village was in the study.

Trustee Mayer reported that the Mayor, Chief and Trustee Mayer met to plan a New Year's Eve celebration. So far most of the businesses' owners want to be involved. There will be another meeting

on November 9th. The Chamber donated the funds from the Cruising Around Saugerties auction of peddle cars to the American Legion, Small World Playground and the Veterans Home.

There 16 nominees for the Spirit of Saugerties so far.

Election Day November 3rd

Veteran's Day November 11th

Public Hearing / Planning Board November 12 - 93 Partition Street

Sebsi Studio November 14^h 100 Works for \$100 Art fundraiser for the Esopus Creek Conservancy 252 Main Street

First Friday November 6th

Holiday in the Village Dec 6th 12-6

Holiday Mixer - Lazy Swan December 9th

Solar energy presentation at the Town hall this week. Contact Mark Smith for more information.

Trustee Buono would like to publicly thank the Chamber for the donation to the American Legion.

Mayor Murphy proclaimed November 23-29 Childhood Cancer Awareness Week in the Village of Saugerties. Motion made by Trustee Buono and seconded by Mayor Murphy. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Mayer.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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