

Present: Mayor Bill Murphy, Trustee Jeannine Mayer, Trustee Vince Buono, Trustee Don Hackett, Trustee Patrick Landewe, Trustee Brian Martin, Trustee Terry Parisian, Special Projects Alex Wade, Water Supervisor Mike Hopf, Wastewater Supervisor Mike Marino, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor George Terpening, Department of Public Works Supervisor Bob Fanelli, Chief Sinagra, Captain Steve Filak, Lieutenant KJ Swart
Fireman Ed Quirk, Saugerties Times Reporter Robert Ford, Daily Freeman Reporter Bill Kemble, Videographer Mary Ann Wrolsen, Resident Gary Wiltbank, Student Lesley McCarthy

Absent: Building Inspector & Code Enforcer Eyal Saad

Mayor Murphy called the Village Board meeting to order at 5:01 pm. Trustee Buono led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Gary Wiltbank from Charles Smith Road wanted to address the Board regarding a recent disturbing incident. He stated that 2 weeks ago he was driving his tractor up a hill on Charles Smith Road near the Asbury Fire House around 4pm. He stated a green Jeep Wagoneer with Village of Saugerties plates, passed him on a double yellow line and gave him the figure as he passed by. "The road is narrow and you cannot see over the hill. It's an extremely dangerous situation." The next day he stopped in the Village office to see the clerk and left a note for a response from the Mayor. He is not looking for the employee to be reprimanded, he just has concerns for safety. He did not see a face. Mr. Wiltbank spoke on the phone to DPW Supervisor Bob Fanelli and Bob stated that it was not him or any of his employees in the Village Jeep. That it did not happen.

Not being satisfied with Mr. Fanelli's response, Mr. Wiltbank called the Village office to speak with the Mayor. During the phone conversation with the Mayor, Mr. Wiltbank said he was not satisfied with Mr. Fanelli's response, that he was lying, and he had 2 witness, 1 being Mr. Kevin Dresher. As the conversation got heated Mr. Wiltbank asked the Mayor his name and the Mayor told him "If you don't even know my name you have no "f-----" business calling me". And hung up.

Mr. Wiltbank said that Mr. Dresher didn't actually see the vehicle pass him but saw the vehicle. All had the same reaction to a Village vehicle being in the area – very disappointed. Mr. Wiltbank chose to make this an issue because he wanted to bring the incident to the Boards attention for safety reasons, liability of taxpayers and the integrity of elected officials.

Mr. Wiltbank.

The Mayor's responded by saying he spoke with Bob F. regarding the incident. And believed that it was not Mr. Fanelli or a Village vehicle. The phone conversation did get heated on both parts and when Mr. Wiltbank called the Mayor a liar and asked him his name, he did use the f word and hung up. I called Mr. Dresher and asked him if he witnessed the incident and he said that he did not see it happen but saw the car go by after passing the tractor and he thought it was a DEP or DEC vehicle.

I am taking the word of an employee that I have had for years. I believe him. There is no reason for a Village vehicle to be traveling south on that road at 4pm. What more can we do?

I don't know what you want out of this.

Mr. Wiltbank stated that it doesn't seem like this will get resolved but wanted to make the Board aware of the dangerous situation.

Trustee Buono thanked Mr. Wilbank and suggested "we move on".

Motion made by Trustee Parisian to accept the Village Board Meeting Minutes from October 5, 2015. Seconded by Trustee Hackett. Motion carried.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts;

- General Fund \$369,599.94
- Water \$8,850.53
- Wastewater \$9,112.81

Trustee Hackett mentioned that Treasurer Helene King had found an error on the invoice for the new fire truck. He wanted to thank Helene for saving the Village \$7000.00.

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

Trustee Parisian asked if there has been a difference now that we have changed to LED lights?

Mike Hopf responded that Central Hudson has confirmed the lower rate but there hasn't been enough time to make a savings comparison.

Alex Wade presented his report for Special Projects. See attached report.

Mullins has taken care of Market Street and Main Street and repairs are going to be made to the corner of Main and Partition and other emergencies repairs to sidewalks.

Federal government fire equipment grants are available, so Alex will be working on the grant applications.

Mr. Wade would like to compliment Rosemary Brackett, of the Tree Commission and Bob Fanelli and crew for all their hard work put into planting the trees along lower Partition Street and Ulster Avenue. They really look nice.

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor George Terpening presented his report. See attached.

Winterizing the bathrooms and shutting off water this week. Thank you to Bob Fanelli for help with removing the boat ramp and dock removed.

Joel painted the steps to The Donlon.

Thank you to all who helped with the Mum Festival. Blue Kats have given their profits from their sales to the park. Still have a lot of people visiting the park and taking pictures.

Trustee Mayer complimented George on a great job with the Festival.

Water Supervisor Mike Hopf presented his report. See attached report.

CRZ – Community Rising –an initial meeting with Brinnier and Larios for Thursday at 9am. Thank you to DPW for paving at the water plant and putting some drainage areas. The flood had covered the blacktop but after inspecting it there was no damage. Flood debris has accumulated along the fence. DPW help is needed in the cleanup.

There was a leak in the service line at the Mt. View Cemetary which resulted in the water being turned off and service retired.

DPW Supervisor Bob Fanelli presented his report. See attached. Regarding Mr. Wiltbank's comments, Bob stated that it was not him or any of his employees. DPW blacktopped at the Water Plant and will continue to patch pot holes throughout the Village. The blacktop plant is open until November 15. Signage has been installed on Montgomery Street and one-way signs on Post and Clermont Streets. Leaf pick up will begin mid- November. Leaves only. Brush will not be picked up. Residents can bring their brush to North Street. Clean fill is available to residents who may be interested. Fill consists of dirt, blacktop, rock and concrete. Trustee Buono asked about correcting a problem with the curbing on the corner of Post Street. Bob will look at the curb.

Wastewater Supervisor Mike Marino presented his report. See attached. The RBC inspection driver should arrive Wednesday and be installed on Thursday and be back on line for inspection on Friday. New Chlorine tanks have been installed and should last for 15 years or longer. The tanks have been inspected by the DEC and we should receive our permit with in the week to be signed by the Mayor. High water from the rains but no problems. Some tanks are still open due to the RBC and odor is present. I have ordered more odor control to take care of the odor.

Eya Saad was attending a DOT training seminar. Mayor Murphy referred to the letter that appeared in the Saugerties from Mr. Moskowitz regarding the Cloverlea building. A rebuttal letter is being prepared. A stop work order was issued by Eyal Saad and NY Labor Dept. Mr. Moskowitz is not the registered owner with Ulster County and the Village has no notification that he is the owner.

No permits were issued and no contact has been made with the Historic Review Board or the Village Board.

Trustee Hackett says this is a dangerous situation. Trustee Parsian said it is a difficult situation.

Trustee Hackett presented the Fire Department report. New truck will be here on Tuesday. The floors in the firehouse have been painted. The siren at Lynch house has been repaired.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to accept the Fire Department Bylaws. Brian Martin seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion passed to accept the Fire Department Bylaws.

Trustee Hackett made a motion for the CA Lynch Fire Co. to hold a Brooks BBQ on December 9th from 4pm – 7pm. Mayor Murphy seconded. All in favor. Motion carried for Brooks BBQ.

Chief Sinagra presented his report. See attached report. He introduced Captain Filak and Lieutenant Swart. The Chief wanted to publicly Thank them for the implementation of the restructuring of the department. The new administration has streamlined the way the department is run. We have a new records management system and reevaluated budget. We have a new main frame and license plate reader. Events running smoother – Garlic Festival and Zombie Crawl. Thank you for making the department run smoother and my life easier. Great partners.

The Chief made a statement regarding the statements made by Mr. Witbank. If you see something say something. If we stop the vehicle we can take away the question of who it is. We don't have to issue a ticket, if the complainant doesn't want to.

Training in December for the use of force. We are trying to stay ahead of any similar issues in the nation.

Trustee Parisian mentioned an issue with the new one way streets – At the corner of Russell Street the No Parking Here to Corner spaces are being used as drop off spots for the Preschool and school. The Chief will observe the area and discuss it with at next meeting. The Mayor doesn't want tickets issued, just concerned with the safety of the children and traffic.

The Explorer Post Program has started with 8 -9 explorer cadets. Anyone interested, the ages of 14 – 20, get ahold of one of our Explorer Post advisors or myself.

The Mayor brought up the Over Night Parking Ban. The current ban is December 15th to March 15th. The change would be December 1 to April 1. Trustee Parisian would like to come up with an equitable way to notify residents. The Mayor suggested that we keep the December 15th and enforce it once we have the first snow fall. As a courtesy not issuing tickets until it has snowed. Bob Fanelli said there are pros and cons based on when the first snowfall happens.

Trustee Parisian wanted to reinforce the leaves only pick up. The piles with brush will not be picked up.

Trustee Landewe would like more discussion regarding the Washington Avenue traffic issue. The Mayor said we need to contact the school and bus company regarding the traffic. Trustee Hackett is wondering why there is a 30mph sign in a school zone, shouldn't it be 15mph?

Student Lesley McCarthy stated that there is a big problem with kids walking on the street because there are no sidewalks. The road is very bumpy. Bob Fanelli mentioned that the road is continually being patched. Discussion continued regarding lack of sidewalks on Washington Avenue. The Village would need to get an easement from the property owners to install sidewalks and then it would be the homeowners responsibility to maintain the sidewalks. There would have to be a survey and letter to homeowners before we can proceed. Trustte Hackett would like to see bluestone installed by Spring.

Trustee Mayer reported that the Mum Festival and Zombie Crawl went well.

The Planning Board has an application for 93 West Bridge Street to be converted from 1 family to 2 family. There will be a special Public Hearing on November 12 at 6pm for any public input.

The Mayor, Chief and Trustee Mayer will be meeting to plan a New Year's Eve celebration.

The contract with Direct Energy will be coming up for renewal in a few months.

The NYCOM bulletin had information about Landbanks regarding abandoned properties. It is a program to get properties in the municipalities' names and back on the tax rolls.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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