

Village Board

January 17, 2012

Present: Trustees Jeannine Mayer, Vincent Buono, Don Hackett, Brian Martin and Terry Parisian

Absent: Mayor William Murphy, Trustee Patrick Landewe

Others: Bob Ciarlante, George Terpening, Mike Hopf, Dave Mason, Alex Wade, Jennifer Farley-New Sau Times

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

There was no one from the Public present to address the Board.

Trustee Mayer presented the minutes of the January 3, 2012 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract: General - \$62,448.40; Water - \$15,162.69; Wastewater - \$16,336.74. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Mike Hopf presented the Water Department report (copy attached). The total amount of water treated in the month of December was 22,262,000 or an average of 718,129 gallons per day. There was a water main break on Ann Street at 11:55pm on December 25th. Crews from the Water, Wastewater and DPW repaired the break in 6 hours.

Trustee Mayer presented Resolution #1/2012. This resolution authorizes that effective June 5, 2012 the water rate shall be \$3.85 per 1,000 gallons used for Village and Town residents and \$6.36 per 1,000 gallons used for Town users billed directly by the Village. There were some questions asked by the Trustees to Mr. Hopf including how much would this increase affect the minimum rate user – the answer, under \$5.00 per quarter. The last water rate increase occurred in 2007. After more discussion, motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve Resolution #1/2012. Carried unanimously.

Saugerties Fire Chief Dave Mason presented the SFD report (copy attached). The SFD responded to 12 alarms in December for a total of 61 man hours. The SFD will have a pre-planning drill at the Diamond Mill complex in the near future.

Trustee Don Hackett presented the name of Robert Brooks for membership into the Washington Hook and Ladder Company. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Parisian, to accept Robert Brooks as a member of the Washington Hook and Ladder Company. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett presented the Wastewater Department report (copy attached).

Trustee Hackett also reported that he has spoken with several Montgomery Street residents. They request more signage on Montgomery Street and would like the Police Department to patrol the street for speeders more often. Trustee Hackett also wants the public to know that any vehicle that has a handicapped permit displayed can park at any metered parking space in the Village without having to put money in the parking meter.

George Terpening presented the Buildings and Grounds report (copy attached). His crew will be doing some work around the windows in Donlon. The holiday displays are being removed and stored for the season.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). Removal of dangerous trees throughout the Village is ongoing. Trustee Buono inquired if the DPW has a grinder able to remove tree stumps from several areas in the Village. Mr. Ciarlante said the Village does not – he has borrowed a grinder from the County in the past but does not think that piece of equipment is in service anymore. The newly purchased “bobcat” will help in this area. Trustee Buono is concerned about the stumps near the Seamon Wilsey Funeral Home. Mr. Ciarlante requested that Mayor Murphy contact the Police Department and request additional enforcement of the overnite parking ban on Village streets. He also requested that the Police patrol and enforce the parking regulations in the Municipal lots – residents are not parking in the designated overnite parking spaces and this will make snow removal difficult.

Trustee Buono asked that a representative from the PD attend a Village Board meeting in the near future – perhaps newly appointed Deputy Chief could come to meet the Board.

Alex Wade advised the Board that the correct figures for the 2000 Census for the Village of Saugerties are 3908. The correct figures for the 2010 Census for the Village of Saugerties are 3971. Trustee Mayer will contact Mike Campbell to have these figures included on the Village website.

Trustee Buono reminded department supervisors that he would like to see their budgets by February 1st. He attended an Economic Development Committee meeting where the topic was a music festival at Winston Farm in 2013. STAC is still trying to coordinate bus schedules between Trailways and UCAT. The young man who appeared before the Village Board regarding a taxi service has received his license and is in business.

Trustee Parisian asked about the 2% tax cap recently signed by Governor Cuomo. He will sit down with Treasurer Julie Dunn and Trustee Buono to gain a clear understanding of the law.

Trustee Mayer advised that the Comprehensive Plan Committee’s work on the Plan update is ongoing. TV23 has recommended that Peter Lang and Alex Rappaport be appointed as Village representatives to TV23. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Parisian, to appoint Peter Lang and Alex Rappaport (as alternate) as Village representatives to TV23. Carried unanimously. Trustee Mayer went on to report on upcoming community events.

Trustee Mayer presented Resolution #2/2012. This resolution is an agreement with Ulster County relating to the enforcement of real property tax liens. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Parisian, to approve Resolution #2/2012. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Mayer presented Resolution #3/2012. This resolution approves the polling place for the March 20, 2012 Village election to be the Municipal Building, 43 Partition Street. The polls are open from 12noon to 9:00pm. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve Resolution #3/2012. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Mayer presented Resolution #4/2012. This resolution authorizes an intra-departmental transfer of \$30,500.00 in the DPW budget to purchase a Bobcat Loader. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Parisian, to approve Resolution #4/2012. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono advised the Board that, as part of the NYS audit, it was recommended that the Village update its Procurement Policy and install an IT Policy. Trustee Buono has distributed an updated Procurement Policy and a new IT Policy for Trustee review. Trustee Buono asked the Board to be ready to discuss these proposed policies at the February 6th Village Board meeting.

The Board then discussed the proposal from NYS allowing for tax relief for residents affected by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Trustee Buono said this legislation was passed at the 11th hour by the State without thought as to how it may affect local communities, especially in light of the new 2% tax cap law. No one is sure how this could affect the Village bottom line. After discussion, motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to deny Village support of this proposal. Carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Buono, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk