

Village Board

June 4, 2012

Present: Mayor Bill Murphy, Trustees Don Hackett, Patrick Landewe, Terry Parisian, Vince Buono and Brian Martin

Absent: Trustee Jeannine Mayer

Others: Ken White, Robert Ford-New Sau Times, students, Alex Wade, Ed Quirk and others

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

Privilege of the Floor

Ken White, of 27 Ulster Avenue, spoke again regarding the commercial sweeper parked on Elm Street. He advised the Board that the owner of the sweeper starts the engine at 400am to go to work waking up the neighborhood. Mr. White said he had stopped in the Village Office earlier today and spoke to the Clerk. The Clerk provided him with two laws that may apply in this situation. One law prevents the running of engines until 8:00am in a residential area – another says no commercial vehicle is allowed in a residential area unless the owner of the vehicle lives there. The owner of the sweeper lives on Ulster Avenue – not Elm Street. Mr. White said this is a quality of life issue for his neighborhood. Mayor Murphy responded saying that he spoke to Police Chief Sinagra about the situation again today – The Chief advised him that the Police have not received one call about the sweeper starting up at 400am. Mayor Murphy has asked Chief Sinagra to revisit the complaint and the Chief will call Mr. White directly.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the May 21, 2012 and May 31, 2012 Village Board meetings. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for June 4, 2012: General - \$84,301.47; Water - \$5,001.40; Wastewater - \$3,517.79. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the 2012 Tax Adjustment Roll (copy attached) for Board approval. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Landewe, to approve the Tax Adjustment Roll. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Landewe advised the Village Board that the HRB held a special meeting on May 31st. Approval was given for exterior renovations at 123 Partition Street and for a food cart at Speedy Mart. The LEWP will meet this week to discuss the latest DEP/DEC proposal for the Ashokan releases into the Esopus.

Trustee Martin advised the Board that he has received an estimate from Henry Mangione for repair work to the ceilings in the Donlon Auditorium. Mayor Murphy explained that

the estimate was in two parts – one for the ceiling over the gym floor and the second for the ceiling over the seating areas. The cost to repair the ceiling over the floor is \$2800.00. Mayor Murphy feels this is a very good price for the work required on these 30 – 40 foot ceilings. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Martin, to accept the estimate for work for the Donlon ceilings over the gym floor. Carried unanimously. The Board suggested that the work required over the seating area in the Donlon could be performed in house.

Mayor Murphy advised the Board of upcoming events in Trustee Mayer's absence.

Trustees Parisian and Hackett had nothing to report regarding the DPW, the Wastewater and Fire Departments.

Mayor Murphy advised the Board that the Village has recently received numerous inquiries regarding locating mobile food trucks/carts in the Village. Currently there is nothing "on the books" that speaks to this issue. Two food truck operators have been given the go-ahead to locate within Village limits on private property – one on Ulster Avenue in the Mowers and More parking lot and a second on Main Street in the Speedy Mart parking lot. Both these operators came to the Village seeking permission and supplied all documents that the Village attorney requested. However, the Trustees expressed concern about the number of unregulated food trucks that could come to the Village and take business away from local restaurants. For that reason, the Village attorney is drawing up a 6 month moratorium for any additional mobile food trucks. A Public Hearing on this moratorium will be held on June 18 at 655pm. Meanwhile, the Village attorney, with Trustee input, will write a law that sets permanent regulations on mobile food trucks for the future.

Motion was made by Trustee Landewe, seconded by Trustee Martin, to postpone the June 18 Public Hearing regarding the proposed Drug Paraphernalia Law. Trustee Landewe cited the many unresolved questions regarding the law including intent and prosecution. The motion carried unanimously. Trustee Parisian asked because the law has already been passed by the Town Board, and because the Village is located within the Town, will the law be in effect in the Village? The attorney will be consulted for an answer.

Alex Wade advised the Board that he has reviewed the latest edition of the revised Comprehensive Plan. He said he was happy with it. Two Public Hearings must be held before the Plan can be approved by the Village and Town Boards.

Mayor Murphy informed the Board that he has emailed them a copy of a proposal for security cameras located in the Village submitted to him by Police Chief Joe Sinagra. This idea was investigated several years ago by former Chief Barbara and proved to be too costly. The price has now decreased by 1/3rd. The installation of one camera would cost \$8000.00, with an option for additional cameras for additional cost. Treasurer Julie Dunn reports that the Village has \$1200.00 in a seized asset account that could be used toward this camera purchase. Mayor Murphy advised that other private cameras already installed by Village businesses could tie into this system. The hope is that the local

Saugerties Area Chamber of Commerce will offer to give financial support in the future. Mayor Murphy asked the Trustees to study the proposal for discussion at the June 18th Board meeting. Chief Sinagra will make a presentation at that meeting.

Trustee Hackett advised the Board that he recently attended a very nice opening for a new art gallery on Partition Street.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Buono, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Board adjourned at 5:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

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