

Present: Mayor William Murphy, Trustees Kelly Myers, Vincent Buono, Suzanne LeBlanc, Jeannine Dirie, and Donald Hackett

Absent: Trustee Patrick Landewe

Others Present: Ron LeBlanc, Rae Stang, Mark Colligan, Eyal Saad, Ed Quirk, William Kembel-Freeman, Heather Plonchak-New Sau Times, Cal Hackett and others

Mayor William Murphy called the first Public Hearing to order at 6:30pm. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comments on proposed Local Law #3/2010: amending the property maintenance code and giving the Village authority to regulate solid waste within the Village. Trustee LeBlanc described some of the new regulations to the amendment. Residents would have 24 hours after solid waste pick up to remove trash containers from the curb. The containers cannot be stored in the front or side of the property. If the containers had to be stored at the front of the property, residents would have to apply for a variance from the Zoning Board. Mayor Murphy spoke saying he agreed that trash containers should not be stored in the front of a property, however he did not agree with the provision regarding side yards. The mayor believes that trash containers could be stored in side yards at the rear of a property. Trustee LeBlanc spoke saying the placement of trash containers is a quality of life issue. Trustee Myers suggested removing Section B of 161-5 or changing the wording to “not visible from the front of the property”. Trustee Dirie advised the Board that the Village of New Paltz charges trash haulers a \$200.00 annual fee, while the Village of Ellenville charges \$100.00. Trustee Myers said she would like to see recycling pick up and trash pick up on the same day. Village Clerk Mary Frank said that her hauler just began that practice. Trustee Hackett said he does not like to see commercial dumpsters on the street. Trustee Buono said the enforcement of this law would be an issue. Resident Cal Hackett said he would like to see more frequent pick-ups of the commercial dumpsters. He feels these dumpsters are a bigger problem than the trash cans. Much discussion took place. Resident Rae Stang asked if recycling storage was permitted on a front porch. Trustee LeBlanc said no. Ron LeBlanc spoke saying he felt that trash and recycling pick up should be on the same day. Mayor Murphy said the Village could try to use the annual permitting process to force the haulers to pick up on the same day. Eyal Saad asked who would be responsible for enforcing the law. There were no further comments. Mayor Murphy closed the Public Hearing at 6:55pm.

Mayor Murphy opened the second Public Hearing at 6:56pm. The purpose of the second Public Hearing was to receive comment on proposed Local Law #2/2010 – banning dogs from Village parks. Mayor Murphy explained that the Village used the Town Law as a model as dogs are banned from all Town Parks. However, after conversations with residents last week and over the weekend, the Mayor thinks the Board should rethink the proposed law. Town residents have much more open areas than Village residents – apartment dwellers are hard pressed to find space to walk their dogs other than the streets and sidewalks. The mayor suggested making 1 or more Village parks “pet friendly”. There could be a designated area for leashed dogs to be walked in the park. Dog owners would be responsible to clean up after their pet. Mayor Murphy believes that dogs should

not be allowed on the beach. He feels that enforcement has been a problem in the past, but he has spoken with Village Police and asked them to be more vigilant. Cal Hackett spoke saying he agreed with the mayor. Rae Stang spoke, saying she has no yard, but walks her dog every day. She would like better enforcement of the leash and “poop”law. Trustee Myers suggested calling the Town Dog Warden if she encounters dogs not on leashes. Mrs. Myers also suggested that the Village investigate providing “poop bag” dispensers in the designated parks. Mark Colligan spoke saying he would like more consistent enforcement of the law. Eyal Saad said that it is not always easy to catch violators in the act. More discussion. Trustee LeBlanc reminded the Board that it is responsible to non-dog owners also. Mayor Murphy suggested increasing fines and increasing enforcement before banning dogs outright from Village Parks. He will speak to the Police Department. Mayor Murphy closed the Public Hearing at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk