

Village Board

December 17, 2012

Present: Mayor Bill Murphy, Trustees Patrick Landewe, Vince Buono, Terry Parisian and Jeannine Mayer

Absent: Trustee Don Hackett, Brian Martin

Others: George Terpening, Mike Hopf, Steve Filak, Bob Ciarlante, Alex Wade, Dave Mason, Robert Ford, Mary Olsen and students, parents and others attending the Youth Award Ceremony

Mayor Bill Murphy called the Village Board to order at 7:05pm. Trustee Parisian led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Murphy asked the Board and all in attendance, to remain standing and observe a moment of silence for the victims and families of the tragedy in Newtown, CT.

Mayor Murphy and Mary Olsen then presented five young people with the Saugerties Community Youth Awards. Mayor Murphy commented that this ceremony was one of the favorite parts of his job. The five honored are Hannah Bagshaw, Maceo Bland, Ivan Avallone, Maeghan McDonough and Alex Santiago. Congratulations to them all!

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the December 3, 2012 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Parisian, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for December 17, 2012: General - \$38,387.33; Water - \$2,649.08; Wastewater - \$15,863.99. Motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Landewe, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Lt. Steve Filak presented the Police Department report (copy attached). There were 231 calls for service in the Village during November 2012. There were 23 arrests, 51 traffic tickets and 115 parking tickets issued in the Village. Lt. Filak also advised the Board that there is a police presence at local schools at the request of the Superintendent.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). Thanks to DPW employee Joe Schaffer and Expert Tree Service for decorating the tree. The DPW is ready for the snow season. Drainage work is underway at the Water Treatment Plant. Much construction work was completed throughout the Village in 2012. Many thanks to the DPW crew and all other supers and their crews for all their help and cooperation in 2012.

Mike Hopf presented the Water Department report (copy attached). The Water Department processed 19,407,000 gallons of water in November. New formatted water/sewer bills were mailed on December 4th. Mike Hopf advised the Board that he has interviewed several candidates for the open position in the Water Department. After

much consideration, he recommends the Board hire Zachary Torok. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Buono, to offer the Water Department position to Zachary Torok. Carried unanimously.

SFD Chief Dave Mason presented the Fire Department report (copy attached). The SFD responded to 14 events in November for a total of 91 man hours. Mayor Murphy praised the SFD a wonderful electric light parade. He also complimented the CA Lynch Company for holding the 93rd Christmas Day Candy Run – one of the best traditions in Saugerties!

Mayor Murphy presented the name of Virginia Carter for membership into the RA Snyder Hose Company. The Board unanimously approved Virginia Cater for membership.

George Terpening presented the Buildings and Grounds report (copy attached). Thanks to Brian and Bill Wilson for their volunteer help with tile work in the SFD men's bathroom. That work is now complete. Work will begin on the ladies bathroom doors in the Donlon – the doors were vandalized and damaged. The tree lighting ceremony at Seamon Park was the best attended ever! Thanks to the Kiwanis Club, especially Pete Kramer and Vince Buono, for all their help with the decorations.

Trustee Mayer thanked everyone who helped make Holiday in the Village a great success.

Alex Wade presented his Special Assignment report (copy attached). Alex commented on the draft of the proposed Comprehensive Plan and the misconception that the Village is being over-run with rental housing. Trustee Mayer agreed that the draft is still a “work in progress” and the Committee is still accepting comments. Scenic Hudson is also providing comments.

Trustee Mayer advised the Board that the Saugerties Chamber is holding its holiday celebration at Sawyer Motors on December 18th. New volunteers are in training at TV23. The Village Board meetings have not been filmed for several weeks due to lack of volunteers.

Trustee Parisian thanked Bob Ciarlante and the DPW crew for a job well done in 2012. He went on to thank the SFD for all their work keeping the Village safe and for all their additional help with the many projects they volunteer for.

Trustee Buono had nothing new to report on transportation or economic development. He thanked Alex Wade for his comments on the draft of the Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Buono urged all department supervisors to keep better track of their budget lines and not rely on the Village Treasurer – they are the ones responsible for their own budgets.

Trustee Landewe advised the Village Board that the Planning Board has approved the Country Meadows project on North Street. The HRB is meeting on December 19th – the application to demolish the Dragon Inn is on the agenda. The Building Department has issued 88 building permits and 70 certificates of occupancy so far in 2012. Trustee Landewe and Eyal Saad continue to work on electronic document management and the archiving of documents.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #16/2012. This resolution allows Mayor Murphy to approve and sign documents related to the recent tree grant. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Buono and carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy advised all residents that overnight parking rules are now in force. No parking on any Village street from December 15 – March 15 from 300am to 700am.

Mayor Murphy thanked the SFD, the DPW, Buildings and Grounds, the Kiwanis Club, Sawyer Motors and Bob's team, the Chamber and all other volunteers who made Holiday in the Village such a wonderful day.

Mayor Murphy closed the meeting wishing all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year.

Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

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