

Village Board

April 7, 2014

Present: Mayor William Murphy, Trustees Brian Martin, Vincent Buono, Terry Parisian, Patrick Landewe and Donald Hackett

Absent: Trustee Jeannine Mayer

Others: Alex Wade, Helene King, Robert Ford, Ed Quirk, Brian Wilson, Richard Pilatich, M/M Pete Kramer, students, Kathy Carroll, Antoinette Babb, M/M J. Dooley, Chris Allen and others

Prior to the meeting, Mayor Murphy administered the Oath of Office to Trustees Buono, Hackett and Parisian.

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

#### Public Hearing

Mayor Murphy called the Public Hearing to order at 5:01pm. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comment on the proposed Village Budget for 2014/2015. The Village operates 3 budgets: General - \$2,264,047.00; Water - \$1,116,849.38; Wastewater - \$1,036,294.00. The Water and Wastewater budgets are financed thru user fees. The General Budget is financed with tax dollars. Mayor Murphy thanked Treasurer Helene King, Financial Trustee Vincent Buono, all department supervisors and Trustee liaisons for all their hard work on the budgets. He reported that property assessments in the Village went down this year. Even though the assessed value of properties decreased, there will be no increase in the General Budget. Since the merging of the Police Department, the General Budget has decreased by over \$1,000,000.00. The Village Board has kept its promise of reducing Village taxes to its property owners. Trustee Parisian commented that NYS will increase CHIPS aid to the DPW that is not reflected in the budget. That item will be a "wash". There was no one from the Public who wished to comment on the Budgets. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to close the Public Hearing. Carried unanimously. The Public Hearing concluded at 5:05pm.

#### Regular Meeting

#### Privilege of the Floor

Pete Kramer spoke in support of the new fence at Seamon Park. Mayor Murphy assured him the funds for the fence were included in today's General Abstract. Seamon Park Board member Nancy Dooley advised the Village Board that the new fence will be installed at the end of May. A local contractor will perform a 2 day installation. The old fence will be recycled. The Seamon Park Board is very grateful to the Village Board for their help with the fence purchase. Trustee Buono thanked Mrs. Dooley for all her hard work getting estimates on the new fence. Thanks to the Seamon Park Board and the Kiwanis Club for their donations toward the cost of the fence.

Brian Wilson addressed the Board on behalf of the family of the late John Henson. The Henson Family is planning a "Celebration of Life" ceremony at the Henson property on Barclay Street to honor John Henson. The event is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. At the conclusion of the event, the family plans to have a short fireworks display. Mr. Wilson advised the Village Board that Police Chief Sinagra and Fire Chief Mason have walked the property and have approved the fireworks display. The Police and Fire Departments will assist at the event. Approval must be gained from the Village Board. Richard Pilatich, from Misbehaven Fireworks Company then spoke. He provided the Board with his NYS License and insurance certificate naming the Village as an additional insured. The fireworks will begin at 8:30pm and last 5 minutes. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the fireworks display. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the March 17, 2014 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Parisian, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for April 7, 2014: General - \$57,725.23; Water - \$21,980.56; Wastewater - \$31,963.38. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett reported "Business as Usual" at the Wastewater Department. The SFD held its annual elections – Dave Mason was re-elected as Chief of the Fire Department. Chief's Night is April 25 at 700pm. Construction debris behind the Rothe/Persico project on Partition Street will be cleaned up.

Trustee Landewe reported that the Planning Board will meet on Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>. A Public Hearing for the Country Meadows project and a lot line change for the Village Diner are on the agenda. The DEC is preparing a scoping document regarding the Ashokan releases. Comments will be heard from the Public this summer.

Trustee Parisian reported Spring Clean Up for yard waste will begin on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Trustee Buono reported the Board will vote on the revised landlord law at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Mayor Murphy reported that Trustee Mayer advised him that 4 new businesses have opened recently in the Village.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). He advised the Board that 5 bids were received and opened on April 4<sup>th</sup> for the Streetscape II project. The portion of the project located in the front of Village Hall has been eliminated. Trustee Hackett asked when the project is scheduled to begin – Mr. Wade replied "this spring". The SSII project work will take place at night. Mayor Murphy advised that the sewer replacement/reline project will also take place this spring/summer and should be completed by September. Every

effort will be made to coordinate these projects so the road is only dug up once. Mr. Wade's report went on to cover the UCTC meeting that included discussion of the PVI Bridge. County Legislator Chris Allen spoke saying bids are due for the bridge work shortly. The completion date is early November. There is an informational meeting scheduled at the Mt. Marion Firehouse for April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #8/2014 (copy attached). This resolution awards the SSII bid to the low bidder, J. Mullen & Sons, in the amount of \$595,133.48. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve Resolution #8/2014. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy asked the Board for their approval to hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Fishing Tournament at the Village Reservoir on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Parisian, to approve the use of the reservoir for the Fishing Tournament. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy appointed Robert Schnell, Acting Village Justice, and Thomas Rea, William Kimble and Joseph Bisignano as Court Officers.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 5:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk

## **SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**Streetscape:** The abstract shows two bills from Foit-Albert for this project. The first bill is for work performed last year and the second is for the work necessary to rebid the project.

5 Bids were received Friday for the project. I previously sent you the whole list of bids. J. Mullen & Sons were low bidders at \$595,133.48 as their base bid. Resolution 8/2014 accepts the bid and an additional alternate for safety bollards at Main and Market Streets. (The bollards provide a barrier to prevent trucks from driving on the sidewalk.

Brinnier and Larios has done a lot of work to create a traffic by-pass plan or the upcoming sanitary sewer repair/relining project. We may be able to use this plan for the streetscape project.

**UCTC Meeting:** I attended last week's UCTC meeting. Bill Gorton, Region 8 DEC Director announced that there are only three approved projects for our region this season, the first being the Village of Saugerties Streetscape Project. He assured us that this project will be let by the end of April if bids are successful. I also had a chance to discuss other Village traffic matters with him after the meeting.

There were also extensive discussions concerning the PVI Hill Bridge project and the lengthy delay in completion. Representatives from the Town and Village of Saugerties expressed major safety concerns over the lengthy construction process. The County engineers assure us that it will be completed by early to mid November. One reason for the delay is that the new design calls for a mid stream pier which requires extensive (lengthy) DEC review. Ditto for the messy demolition over the Esopus Creek. The project is further complicated and slowed by the lack of adequate working room at either end of the span. I checked with a professional bridge engineer and visited the bridge and confirms much of the above and independently came up with the same completion date. Normally, a clear span structural steel bridge could have saved much time. Alas, the Tappan Zee bridge project has all available local steel suppliers tied up.

Finally, Dennis Doyle gave an alarming assessment of the increase in local crude oil shipping. Canada does not allow single walled tank cars to ship crude overland. Therefore, it is shipped to the US where it is transported by rail to the coast and then transferred to tankers (New ones are double-walled) and sent back to Canada for refining. Depots in both Albany and Newburg have expansion permits before the DEC. Contrary to previous information, there are frequent crude Shipments through Saugerties. We are also scheduled to get an increased number of oil tankers passing us on the Hudson River.

**Alex Wade**

**7 April, 2014**

RESOLUTION #8/2014

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUGERTIES DOES AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF PEDESTRIAN ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS CONSISTING OF PRECAST CONCRETE CROSSWALK PAVERS AT MAJOR INTERSECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE BUSINESS DISTRICT: ESTIMATING THE AGGREGATED COST THEREOF TO BE \$595,133.48 TO BE THE BASE BID WITH AN ADDITIONAL COST FOR BOLLARDS AT MAIN AND MARKET OF \$31,638.00;

AND APPROVE THE AWARD OF THE BID TO J. MULLEN & SONS, INC.

THIS RESOLUTION IS SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY REGION 8 NYS DOT.

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE HAS DETERMINED THAT PERMANENTLY DESIGNATED CROSSWALKS WILL ENHANCE THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF THE VILLAGE RESIDENTS; AND

WHEREAS, BIDS FOR THIS PROJECT WERE OPENED ON APRIL 4, 2014 AND READ ALOUD IN A PUBLIC FORUM; AND

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE IS ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF 80% OF THE COSTS THEREOF FROM THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUND; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUGERTIES TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE OF VILLAGE FUNDS TO FINANCE THE ABOVE PROJECT AND AWARD THE BID TO THE LOW BIDDER, J. MULLEN AND SONC, INC.

MAYOR MURPHY	<u>YES</u>	TRUSTEE MARTIN	<u>YES</u>
TRUSTEE LANDEWE	<u>YES</u>	TRUSTEE MAYER	<u>      </u>
TRUSTEE HACKETT	<u>YES</u>	TRUSTEE BUONO	<u>YES</u>
TRUSTEE PARISIAN	<u>YES</u>		

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