

Present: Mayor Bill Murphy, Trustees Vince Buono, Suzanne LeBlanc, Don Hackett and Jeannine Dirie

Absent: Trustees Kelly Myers and Patrick Landewe

Others: Alex Wade, Barry Benepe, Judith Spektor, Benno & Josepha Schmidbauer, Brett Reynolds, students from SHS Government Class, students and families receiving Youth Awards, Mary Olson, Heather Plonchak and others

Mayor Bill Murphy called the Village Board to order at 6:45pm. Trustee Dirie led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Board opened with an informational meeting. Alex Wade introduced Brett Reynolds, from Foit-Albert Associates. Foit-Albert is the firm who has designed the Pedestrian Improvements throughout the Village. This project will remove existing curb cuts and replace the orange ADA warning pavers with metal ADA warning pavers. In addition existing crosswalks will receive stamped pavement, new period streetlights and new street signs will also be added. Judith Spektor remarked that she hoped there could be a change in the “stop bars” for vehicles at the Main & Partition Street intersection. Trustee LeBlanc asked how long the ADA warning pavers would last – she was advised the pavers are made of steel and are expected to last as long as catch basin covers. Alex Wade advised that the start date for the project is late fall or spring of 2011. There will be considerable traffic disruption during the project and every effort will be made to the public informed. Mayor Murphy thanked Mr. Reynolds for his presentation.

Next on the agenda was the presentation of Youth Awards to 5 area young students by Mayor Murphy and Mary Olsen representing SAGE. Elissa Zmiyarch, Michael Brako, Grace Licalsi, Jake Vernon and Evelyn Robinson all received awards and given a warm round of applause by all in attendance.

Privilege of the Floor

Judith Spektor addressed the Board with concerns of “tree lawns” that seem to be disappearing in the Village. She cited Better Community Housing on Main Street as an example – they paved the area between the curb and the sidewalk that had been grass. She asked that the Village consider taking action before this becomes a widespread practice throughout the Village. She also asked the Village to find funds to plant trees throughout the Village. She commended Trustee Kelly Myers for her work to protect the tree canopy in the Village and offered to help improve the tree-scape of the Village. Mayor Murphy responded by saying he believes there are funds in the budget for the planting of trees.

Joe Cherneski spoke. He thanked the Village for its support of Lifespring. Classes for adults are available in the spring and fall that cover many subjects and offer seniors a chance to make new friends.

Benno Schmidbauer, a Burt Street resident, spoke. He reminded the Board of the recent stormwater/sanitary sewer separation project on Route 9W in front of his residence. The sewer line to his house had to be replaced (at a cost to him of \$7000.00) shortly after completion of the project. According to Mr. Schmidbauer, the Village hired a contractor to camera the line to determine the problem, after which Mr. Schmidbauer paid his own contractor to replace the line. He received a letter from former Mayor Yerick asking for a payment of \$437.50 for the Village contractor. Mr. Schmidbauer read a letter sent to Village Attorney Alex Betke in January 2010 refusing to pay the Village contractor. Mr. Schmidbauer will not pay this bill and wants the matter resolved. Mayor Murphy said he would investigate the situation immediately and provide Mr. Schmidbauer with answers.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board minutes of May 17, 2010 and May 28, 2010. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for June 7, 2010: General - \$84,581.38; Water - \$6,047.75; Wastewater - \$58,834.99; Water Distribution - \$2125.00. Motion was made by Trustee Dirie, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Trustee Hackett reported that all is well at the Wastewater Plant. The Department collected \$11,287.50 in fees from septic haulers in May. Everything is running smoothly at the SFD.

Water Superintendent Joe Bisignano addressed the Board. He informed the Board that on June 4, 2010 he had applied an aquatic control chemical to kill algae in the reservoir. The chemical is applied to the reservoir 4 times per year and has been applied for the last 31 years. On Saturday, he received a call advising him of 20 dead fish in the stream below the reservoir. The DEC and UC Health Department were called. The DEC investigated and found no connection of the chemical application and the dead fish. Hydrants will be flushed this week. The new water line on Kings Highway will also be filled this week. The Water Department will be checking the water meter at the Glasco District for accuracy. A tour of the water Treatment Plant will be given to the public sometime in August.

Trustee Dirie reported lots of events in the upcoming weeks: plant sale at the Saugerties Historical Society, the flea market, the Partition Street Project Groundbreaking, the Decks and Docks tour, there is an art show at the Dutch Tavern, a sailing school at the Lynch Marina and the Hors'n Around display will be installed by July 4th. Mayor Murphy added the Farmer's Market, the opening of the skate park, the Memorial Day Celebration at the American Legion and the Library Book Fair to the list.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached).

Trustee Buono reported that he was the only one to attend an Economic Development Committee meeting – the meeting was rescheduled. The SAMA Committee recently discussed Village beautification, traffic signals, the international parking sign has been ordered, truck traffic, Tissal Road and more. A meeting has been scheduled for this Thursday with the owners to discuss connecting the parking lots on Partition Street.

Trustee LeBlanc advised that residents make sure to cut the grass on their properties. The ZBA discussed an area variance for the Family Lodge at their May 25th meeting. The ZBA and Planning Board will hold a joint Public Hearing on the Family Lodge application on June 9th.

Trustee Buono advised the Board that he recently attended a NYCOM Conference. He would like to hold a workshop for Board members to share what he learned at the conference.

Mayor Murphy presented Local Law #2/2010 – No Dogs Allowed in Village Parks. A Public Hearing was set for June 21, 2010 at 6:45pm.

Trustee Dirie presented Local Law #3/2010 - amending the regulation of solid waste within the Village. Mrs. Dirie advised that the Village already had a licensing provision for waste haulers on the books however it has never been enforced. She asked the Board to consider what the annual licensing fee should be - \$50.00 or \$100.00 per year? Mayor Murphy suggested that other communities be contacted about their fees. Trustee LeBlanc added that this amendment would also get trash containers away from the front of properties. Mayor Murphy suggested that neighbors help out neighbors – if you see a trash container on the street, move it to the rear of the property for your neighbor. A Public Hearing was set for June 21, 2010 at 6:30pm.

Mayor Murphy presented a brochure from the Historic Review Board. The HRB asks that the Village Board review the brochure and approve it for distribution. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Dirie, to approve the brochure for distribution. Carried.

Mayor Murphy presented the names of Village residents to be appointed to the Tree Commission. They are: Kelly Myers, Rosemarie Brackett, John Stafford, Bob Yerick and Alex Rappaport with Lindsey O’Leary serving as a student intern and Barry Benepe as an advisor. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the appointments. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy reminded the Board that the July 4th parade would be held on July 5th.

Mayor Murphy advised the Board that the Vacation Bible School would be held the week of July 26th. The annual parade will take place on July 29th. The Village Police will provide an escort.

Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Buono, to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss litigation currently in progress. Carried unanimously. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:13pm and returned at 8:50pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Dirie, to adjourn. Carried. The Village Board adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk