

Village Board

March 3, 2014

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

Others present: Beth Murphy, Alex Nahow, Ed Quirk, Robert Ford and others

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

Beth Murphy and Alex Nahow were on hand to talk about a new Town/Village website. Ms. Murphy explained that this website was the idea of former Town Supervisor Kelly Myers. The new website hopes to address the needs of tourism and economic development. The Albany area firm of Tom Collins, Inc. was hired and paid by the Town to develop this website. The question now is should the Town/Village keep the new website; junk the website; or link it to the current website. The new website seems to contain much of the information on the current website. The Tourism Committee wants more input into the website and wants to take charge of the tourism portion of the website. Trustee Landewe commented that the website needs to address three audiences: tourists, current residents and economic development opportunities. Mr. Landewe asked if the tourism portion of the website was a duplication of the Chamber website. Mr. Landewe also had some questions and concerns about links to Facebook and Twitter. The Village will provide a copy of our Social Media Policy to Ms. Murphy. Mayor Murphy and Trustee Mayer asked what the Town has budgeted for the website development - \$10,000.00 was the answer. The consensus of the Board was to keep both websites for now and investigate what additional services Digital Towpath might be able to provide on the current website – such as virtual tours. Ms. Murphy will keep the Village Board in the loop on any new developments with this website.

There was no one present who wished to speak at Privilege of the Floor.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the February 18, 2014 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for March 3, 2014: General - \$51,133.59; Water - \$16,416.49; Wastewater - \$27,198.55. Motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Martin presented the request of the Arm of the Sea Theater for use of the Tina Chorvas Waterfront Park from Monday August 18 – Sunday August 24th. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Buono, to allow the use of the Park to Arm of the Sea. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono had nothing to report.

Trustee Parisian reported that February was a hard month for the DPW. A transmission on one of the large dump trucks will have to be replaced at a cost of \$5600.00. Mayor Murphy complimented the DPW on the great job they are doing with snow removal.

Trustee Landewe advised the Board that he has submitted a grant application for the Building Department for data capturing. The CRZ proposals are on track for funding. There is another pool of money called "Rising to the Top" that helps with flood mitigation and sheltering. Mr. Landewe is investigating those possibilities.

Trustee Mayer advised the Board that the 2014 "Discover Saugerties" brochure is coming. She and Trustee Landewe choose the Shine on Saugerties Lighthouse sponsored by the Village Board. First Friday in the Business District is March 7th.

Trustee Hackett had nothing to report.

Trustee Buono reminded everyone that budget discussion will begin next week.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #7/2014 proclaiming April as World Wide Parkinson's Awareness Month. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Landewe, to approve the resolution. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy congratulated the Saugerties Boys Varsity Basketball Team for their terrific season. Robert Ford congratulated James Bethel on his wrestling achievement.

Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

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