

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

Others: Heather Plonchak-New Saugerties Times, Bill Kemble-Freeman, David Radavanovic, Virginia Lupino, Ken White, Anthony Bell, Alex Wade, Mike and Nancy Campbell, Ed Quirk, M/M Jim Cornelison and others

Deputy Mayor Murphy called the Village Board to order at 7:00pm. Trustee Don Hackett led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Murphy and the Board welcomed new Trustees Don Hackett, Vince Buono and Kelly Myers.

Privilege of the Floor

Ken White, of Ulster Avenue, congratulated the new Trustees and wished them success. He asked the Board how Village businesses felt about the increase in meter fees. Trustee LeBlanc answered saying that most business owners were concerned about people parking at one meter all day and feeding the meter nickels and dimes. Business owners were in favor of the increase to keep the traffic moving. The increase also pays for the servicing of the parking meters. Mr. White said he thought that the increase would affect the businesses. Mrs. LeBlanc said that the Village has 9 free parking areas either business owned or municipal parking lots.

Mr. White also expressed concern that traffic laws were being ignored and the noise ordinance was not being enforced. He asked why the Police Department could not do something about cars and motorcycles whose drivers rev their motors causing loud noise. Mr. Murphy advised that the police have to witness the offense and determine the decibel level of the noise. Mr. White said the noise levels are definitely illegal and would like to see a roadblock setup by the PD. Trustees LeBlanc and Myers agreed. Mr. Murphy advised Mr. White that he would discuss a roadblock with the Police for a spot check of vehicles.

Elaine Cornelison addressed the Board. M/M Cornelison live on the corner of John and Lafayette Streets. Several weeks ago they approached the Village to gain permission to remove a diseased tree on Village property on Lafayette. The tree root system has caused the sidewalk to heave creating a dangerous situation. The Cornelison's are willing to pay to have the tree removed and stump ground. Trustee Myers answered that the Tree Commission (that would grant or deny permission) was still not in place. She wants to undertake a tree inventory in the Village. However, she understands that the tree is causing a dangerous situation and will call the Cornelison's shortly to take another look at the tree and issue a decision.

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

Motion was made by Trustee Dirie, seconded by Trustee Myers, to appoint Deputy Mayor William Murphy, as Mayor of the Village of Saugerties to fill the unexpired term

of Robert Yerick who resigned in March 2010. The Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment. Mr. Murphy accepted the appointment and was then sworn in as Village Mayor by Village Clerk Mary Frank to serve until the 1st Monday of April 2011.

Mayor Murphy then addressed the Board. He welcomed new Trustees Hackett and Buono once again. He thanked Mayor Yerick for his service. He advised that he would be available to meet with residents all day on Mondays and Wednesdays and on Thursday mornings. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening hours and Saturdays will be by appointment. Mr. Murphy also pledged to have the Board's agenda on the Village website by the Thursday before the Board meeting.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of March 15, 2010. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Dirie, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented the Abstract for April 5, 2010: General - \$37,661.10; Water - \$13,022.04; Wastewater - \$7287.11; Stormwater Separation - \$245.00; Water Distribution - \$12,290.00; Country Meadows escrow - \$3,748.94; Office Equipment - \$731.35. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Chief Anthony Bell had no report for the SFD.

Trustee Myers advised the Board that Mayor Murphy and DPW Super Bob Ciarlante took part in a panel discussion with the County and Town regarding shared services. Mrs. Myers reported that the list of services being shared with the Town of Saugerties is already pretty long. The new stickers for boat permits have been ordered. She is actively looking for members of the Tree Commission. Spring clean up is the week of April 12th.

Trustee Jeannine Dirie reported that the overnight parking ban is over. The docks will be placed as soon as the high water recedes. The water chestnut harvester is to be delivered to the Town of Esopus in May. The Village will borrow it as soon as possible to remove the vegetation from the beach area. There are a few trees in Seamon Park that may need to be removed. There was a furnace "blow-back" at the Seamon Park caretaker's house. Insurance will cover the clean up. The Webe PlayCenter at Donlon is closed until the fall. The proposed budget includes funds for badly needed new equipment. The Historic Review Board has approved the sign for FEZ. They are discussing the Lucky Chocolate door. The HRB would like to designate Fran Numrich's residence on Mynderse St. as historic. The HRB would like some time with the Village Board – perhaps at a special meeting and also recommends the reappointment of Michael Sullivan Smith to the HRB. There was a discussion of vehicles parking at the corners of Elm and Ulster – they cause blocked vision. The discussion will be sent to SAMA for comment.

Trustee LeBlanc thanked Mayor Murphy for tonight's agenda. She also thanked him for his cooperation on several items. Mrs. LeBlanc reported that a 2nd Public Hearing was held on the Partition Street Project on March 18th. Comments were equally divided between those who supported the project wholeheartedly and those who asked for some

changes. Some concerns were aired and alternate plans were presented by concerned citizens. Many people spoke about the financial advantages to the project.

Trustee LeBlanc reiterated that the main reason for the parking meter rate increase was to keep people from parking at the meter for the entire day.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached).

Mayor Murphy advised the Board that the 3rd phase of the water distribution project would begin any day. This portion of the project includes Post Street, Mynderse Street, and slope stabilization. Once again, heavy rains forced the water treatment plant to shut down and residents were served by the 3.5 million-gallon water tank with no interruption of service.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #7/2010. This resolution authorizes establishment of a new banking account to accommodate the USDA grant. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Myers and carried unanimously.

Trustee LeBlanc presented a proposal (copy attached) for changes to the Property Maintenance Law that include enforcement of the trash hauler licensing law. Mrs. LeBlanc would like the Board to review the proposal for discussion at the April 19th Board meeting.

Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Dirie, to appoint Robert Schnell as Acting Village Justice. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy announced that Friday, April 30 was the SFD's annual Chief's night. He offered his thanks to outgoing Fire Chief Joe Schaffer for a great job as Chief of the SFD for the last 2 years.

Motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Mayor Murphy, to enter Executive Session to discuss an ongoing legal matter currently before Ulster County Supreme Court. Carried unanimously. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:00pm and returned at 8:45pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Dirie, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Board adjourned at 8:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

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