

Village Board Meeting

Minutes

December 7, 2015

Present: Mayor Bill Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustee Vince Buono, Trustee Don Hackett, Trustee Patrick Trustee Landewe, Trustee Brian Martin, Trustee Terry Parisian, Special Projects Alex Wade, Fireman Ed Quirk, Times Reporter Robert Ford, , Videographer Mary Ann Wrolsen, 5 Students

Mayor Murphy called the Village Board meeting to order at 5:01 pm. Trustee Buono led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

No one present from the public to address the Board.

Motion made by Trustee Buono to accept the Village Board Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2015. Seconded by Trustee Hackett. Motion carried.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts;

- General Fund \$81,631.75
- Water \$11,212.50
- Wastewater \$22,268.17
- Special \$33,4121.63
- Short Lived \$3,539.00

Motion made by Trustee Hackett to accept the Abstracts, seconded by Trustee Landewe. Motion carried.

Alex Wade presented his report for Special Assignments. See report.

There was a final walk through of the sidewalk project. After expenses and reimbursements, the final cost to the Village is \$149,371.28.

Additional work on replacement of the bluestone sidewalk in select areas of Main and Partition Streets is in the reviewing stage. Portions of Partition Street are not being replaced due to ADA requirements. See map included for placement of new bluestone sidewalks. The engineer was impressed with Mullens work making the concrete look like bluestone in some areas. Some of the old bluestone that is in good condition will be reused in other areas.

Trustee Parisian had nothing to report.

Trustee Ladewe presented a letter the Building Department received regarding window air conditioners. The resident is concerned about air conditioners in upper floor windows that hang over the sidewalks. He would like to encourage the use of brackets on AC units in multiple family units where pedestrians would be endangered if the unit should fall on the public walkway. Trustee Landewe said there is currently no Village law that refers to window air conditioners, only an awning law. Would it be worth drafting a law? It may be better to wait until the warmer months to see exactly how many air conditioners actually hang over the road.

Trustee Hackett stated that it may be hard to enforce such a law. Alex Wade stated it is a privacy issue regarding the enforcement of proper installation. Trustee Landewe suggested it be set aside to review again in the summer. Possibly add to the awning law. Trustee Mayer agreed to wait until the summer. Trustee Parisian asked how does Eyal Saad feel about the law? Trustee Landewe stated that Mr. Saad had no strong feeling either way. Trustee Buono agreed to talk about it at a later date.

Trustee Buono had no report.

Trustee Hackett had no report.

Trustee Mayer reported that Holiday in the Village was a big success. Thank you to all the sponsors and the Chamber of Commerce. Trophies were distributed to the decorated firetrucks. The New Year's Eve celebration is being advertised on TV 23, the website and printed flyers.

- Chamber Holiday Party – Wednesday Dec 9
- Planning Board Meeting – Wednesday Dec 9 – Public Hearing for 160 Main Street & 161 Ulster Avenue
- Lighthouse TV Meeting – Thursday, Dec 10

Mayor Murphy presented a Shared Services Contract with the Town of Saugerties. A meeting was held a few weeks ago with Mayor Murphy, Terry Parisian, Greg Helmsmoortal, Steve Gakenheimer, Doug Myers, Bob Fanelli, and Fred Costello to go over shared services between DPW departments. A discussion followed regarding plowing, paving and overtime. The Village DPW will be able to use the Town's salt shed for storage also. The overtime and call out list was ok'd by the Union. The fee would be \$15,000 per year for 4 years due in June 2016. Mayor Murphy stated that the agreement works more in our favor due to what the Town has to offer. Trustee Hackett expressed his concerns reading Union contract issues. He would like more time to read over the contract.

Mayor Murphy mentioned that it would be a savings in equipment and manpower. It is a well thought out plan by Doug Myers and Bob Fanelli.

It was decided to vote on the contract at a later date.

Mayor Murphy presented a request from Mike Hopf regarding the Town's request for a break in the cost of water to fill their new holding tank.

The total cost for 800,000 gallons of water is \$3,224.00. Taking into consideration the chemical costs and electric for pumping and not including fixed costs such as labor etc. It will cost us less than \$500.00 to treat the 800,000 gallons. The town is our largest customer about \$450,000.00 per year and we have a good working relationship with the water department. They provide assistance and materials when needed. It is not water they sell to their customers.

Trustee Hackett questioned the \$450,000. There was a discussion regarding the \$450,000 being the amount that the Town pays to the Village for water.

Trustee Parisian said the true cost to the Village is only the \$500 for the chemicals to treat the water.

Trustee Buono mentioned that it would be only one time.

Taking all of this into consideration, should the Village provide the town with the water to fill their tank at no cost? Mayor Murphy made the motion to waive the \$3,224.00 fee. Motioned seconded by Trustee Buono. Motion passed.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #16 - RESOLUTION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TAX LIEN FORECLOSURE AGREEMENT.

The resolution gives Ulster County the ability to foreclose on several Village properties that are delinquent on their taxes.

Motion made by Mayor Murphy to approve the resolution. Trustee Mayer seconded the motion.

Vote – Mayor Murphy – Yes

Trustee Mayer - Yes

Trustee Hackett – Yes

Trustee Buono – Yes

Trustee Landewe – Yes

Trustee Martin - Absent

Trustee Parisian -Yes

Resolution Passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Mayer.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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