

Village Board

September 17, 2012

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

Absent: Trustee Don Hackett

Others: Bob Ciarlante, George Terpening, Eyal Saad, Mike Hopf, PD Chief Joe Sinagra, SFD Chief Dave Mason, Alex Wade, student Brendan Pagon and others

Mayor Murphy called the Village Board to order at 700pm. Trustee Mayer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of September 4, 2012. Motion was made by Trustee Parisian, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for September 17: General - \$246,158.79; Water - \$23,525.49; Wastewater - \$27,505.53; Seamon Park - \$3748.60. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Landewe, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

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

Saugerties Police Chief Joe Sinagra presented the police data for August 2012 (copy attached). There were 276 calls for service with 35 arrests in the Village. The Saugerties Police conducted a 2 hour traffic enforcement detail recently in the Village – 55 tickets were issued during that time period for various infractions. The PD reported an incident of illegal dumping in the Village to the DEC. The DEC apprehended and fined the offender. Chief Sinagra has spoken with the company that owns the street sweeper parked on Elm Street – the company has agreed to park the sweeper in the Municipal Parking lot at the corner of Ulster and High from now on. Trustee Buono commented that it is against the law to ride bicycles on the sidewalk in the Business District. Folks are supposed to walk the bikes on the sidewalk – it is very dangerous to ride on the streets in the Business District. Chief Sinagra said he would look into the problem adding that the PD is working on getting kids to wear helmets while riding bikes. The School Resource Officer is working with Diaz Ambulance to begin a program and offer free helmets. The PD Also gives away free car seats for those in need. Trustee Parisian asked about trucks on Main and Partition who double park while loading or unloading. Chief Sinagra advised that his rule of thumb is to assist in traffic flow and not ticket unless absolutely warranted. The trucks have no where else to load or unload except the street and the Chief understands that. Chief Sinagra will schedule a meeting with the Mayor to discuss parking tickets. The Village Court is now taking DNA samples required for all convicted of a felony. SFD Chief Dave Mason added that the SFD talks about wearing helmets during Fire Prevention Week at local schools. Chief Sinagra reported that Lt. Filak and Detective Swart are attending a homicide school.

DPW Super Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). Construction to help alleviate poor drainage in the Cow Flop is complete. Some road work is being done on Elm St. and Washington Avenue.

George Terpening presented the Building and Grounds report (copy attached). Thanks to the DPW for their work on repairing the fountain at Seamon Park. The beach and pool are closed for the season. The Mum Festival is October 7th.

Mike Hopf presented the Water Department report (copy attached). He reported that the Water Dept. received several "odorous water" complaints. Mr. Hopf contributed this to a bloom of algae in the reservoir. Hydrant flushing and additional chlorine have solved the situation.

Trustee Brian Martin made a request on behalf of the SFD. Renovations to the firehouse kitchen are now complete. These renovations were made using SFD funds – not tax payer dollars. The SFD would like the Village to reimburse the SFD \$1075.00 for the overhead kitchen door used to keep the kitchen secure. Mayor Murphy said he supports the request and would speak to Treasurer Helene King to determine if there were funds available for this request.

SFD Chief Dave Mason presented the SFD report (copy attached). The SFD responded to 10 alarms for a total of 60 man hours in August.

Eyal Saad presented the Building Department report. He thanked Jerry and Diaz Ambulance for their help with the recent CPR class for Village employees. Safety meetings are going well. Meetings regarding the outside lighting at Sawyer Savings Bank are ongoing. A report from the Village's new insurance carrier will be coming. The Water Department purchased a GPS that will help all departments. A Certificate of Occupancy will be issued shortly for the new Paraco facility on Ulster Avenue. Mr. Saad asked if the Board has had a chance to review the proposed law regarding rental properties and absentee landlords. Trustee Parisian said he feels the law would not be able to be properly enforced. Mr. Saad said he really wants some type of law that helps him to deal with absentee landlords. This law covers houses with 3 or more units that have absentee landlords. Mayor Murphy asked the Board to carefully review the proposal and come back with suggestions.

Trustee Landewe advised the Village Board that the ZBA will meet on September 25th to discuss applications for area variances submitted by Stan O'Dell on East Bridge Street. The Planning Board has received a revised site plan application from Country Meadows. The developer would like to change his North Street project from strictly senior housing to "intergenerational housing". Diamond Mills has also applied for a site plan revision. Joanne Dargan Johnson has applied for a Special Use Permit to convert her single family home on Bennett Avenue into a two-family residence. The Planning Board will meet on October 10th.

Alex Wade presented his “Special Assignment” report (copy attached). Pre work continues on the Streetscape project. There was a short discussion regarding the decorative lampposts at the corner of Main and Market – Mayor Murphy will speak with Chief Sinagra and the owner of SpeedyMart.

Trustee Landewe inquired if the Board had received his email regarding the “lake mower”. The Village has located this piece of equipment that has been stored for many years at the beach. The Esopus Creek Conservancy would like the Village to allow the ECC to use the equipment to help eradicate the water chestnuts growing in the upper Esopus. After discussion, it was determined that the true ownership of the lake mower was not known. Trustee Landewe will contact Marie Post to ask if she can answer this question.

Trustee Buono spoke about the article in the recent edition of the New Saugerties Times regarding the Ethics Board. He pointed out that the Village only has 6 candidates, not 12 as reported in the article. A decision will be made shortly by the Village Board. Mr. Buono would like “Temporary No Parking” signs to be installed on Cedar Street on Saturdays when the Farmer’s Market is in session.

Trustee Mayer reported that she attended the recent Chamber meeting held at TV23. The auction of the chairs was held on Saturday nite. The next chamber meeting will be held at SPAF on 9/25. The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the draft update of the Comprehensive Plan on November 15th. The Garlic and Mum Festivals are coming up. Art Lab is looking for new members. Estimates on the proposed public bathrooms are \$10,000.00. Trustee Martin objected to spending funds on public bathrooms. He advised the Board that the restroom facilities in the firehouse badly need attention. He wants them repaired before there is any more discussion on public bathrooms. A short discussion followed on what was needed to repair the SFD bathrooms. George Terpening was asked to contact plumbers for estimates on that work ASAP.

Eyal Saad mentioned that Judge Rightmyer is applying for a grant to have cameras installed in the municipal parking lot at the entrance to the Village Court.

Mayor Murphy advised the Board that letters were mailed to all property owners on Russell Street regarding the proposal to make Russell Street one-way. Only one response so far, with no objection to the proposal. Trustee Buono said he has spoken with the Masons about widening the municipal parking lot exit onto Russell. They will get back to the Village.

Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Frank, Village Clerk

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