Village Board June 6, 2011

Present: Mayor William Murphy, Trustees Brian Martin, Vincent Buono, Kelly Myers, Patrick Landewe, Jeannine Mayer and Donald Hackett

Others: Youth Award Winners and Families, SHS Government students, Susan Bolitzer, Alex Wade, Heather Plonchak- New Saugerties Times, and others

Mayor William Murphy called the Village Board to order at 7:00pm. Trustee Landewe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Murphy introduced Mary Olsen, the coordinator of the Saugerties Community Youth Awards. He went on to introduce Sophia Gambino, Lauren Longtoe, Larissa Garcia and Alex Santiago, this month's Award Winners. Mayor Murphy gave a brief synopsis of each award winner's accomplishments (copy attached) and he and Mrs. Olsen presented the awards to the winners.

Privilege of the Floor

Susan Bolitzer, of the Esopus Creek Conservancy, addressed the Board. She thanked the Village for the beach clean-up for the annual "Decks and Docks" Tour. It was a very successful day with 46 visitors from out of town attending. Mrs. Bolitzer thanked all event sponsors, the UC Sheriff for the patrol boat, singers from SHS and others.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the May 16 and May 31 Village Board meetings. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Mayer to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for June 6, 2011: General - \$61,871.90; Water - \$7,730.50, Wastewater - \$56,295.48. Trustee Buono then presented the list of Village Tax Adjustments for 2011 (copy attached). Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Abstract and the properties listed for a Tax Adjustment. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Brian Martin advised the Board that the Water Department is flushing fire hydrants this week. New Water Superintendent Michael Hopf started work today – he will work with Joe Bisignano until Joe's retirement in September. The Buildings and Grounds Department has hired its summer help – some of them have also begun working this week. Mayor Murphy added that the summer crew will hand sweep the business district on Saturday and Sunday mornings throughout the summer. There was also discussion regarding early testing of water at the Village Beach.

Trustee Don Hackett advised that all is well at the SFD. The recent boot-drive fundraiser was successful. It's "business as usual" at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). The report included suggestions for one-way streets within the Village. Trustee Hackett suggested looking at Allen and MacDonald Streets in addition to those already on the list. Trustee Myers inquired about the traffic counters in place throughout the Village. Mayor Murphy advised her that the County had placed them and hoped the County will provide whatever data they collect to the Village.

Trustee Patrick Landewe advised the Board that a meeting to discuss a proposed trail grant will be scheduled shortly. He also discussed a feral cat trap, spay and release program in conjunction with the Animal Emergency Fund headed by Marie Post. Trustees Hackett and Buono are also working on this issue. The Public is encouraged to contribute with both dollars and manpower. Trustee Landewe also advised the Board that the HRB is still not pleased with the revised plans for SpeedyMart. The ZBA is considering an area variance application filed by the 1st Baptist Church on Partition Street.

Trustee Kelly Myers, along with Trustee Landewe, reported attending a meeting with the DEP and the DEC on May 27th. Several issues were discussed including the hiring of an independent consultant to be paid for by the DEP, draft notices for the public, keeping the public informed of all issues and more. The next meeting will be on June 10th.

Trustee Myers also reported that the DPW is busy with paving projects and that the Village will receive good CHIPS funds this year. The sweeper is now repaired, up and running.

Trustee Mayer advised the Board that the Town of Esopus is training workers to operate the Water Chestnut Harvester. They will come to Saugerties as soon as possible. Mayor Murphy reported that he met with Town of Esopus Supervisor John Coutant – the Supervisor wants to be sure the Harvester anchor will hold so the equipment and operator would not go over the dam. That should take place shortly.

Trustee Mayer also advised the Board that the Town would like to have a discussion with our Building Department and the HRB regarding the Town Sign Law. The Town is having trouble with enforcement. She also advised the Board of the upcoming events happening within the next few weeks.

Mayor Murphy submitted the name of Michael Mclary to become the Village representative to the Ulster County Planning Board. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to appoint Michael Mclary to the UC Planning Board. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy announced the death of Kathy Lachmann. Mrs. Lachmann was the long time owner of Lachmann's Pastry Shop, member of the Seamon Park Board and Village activist. He expressed Board condolences to the Lachmann Family. A moment of silence was observed in Kathy's memory.

Motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to adjourn. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank Village Clerk

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