

Village Board

April 16, 2012

Public Hearing 6:30pm

Present: Mayor Bill Murphy, Trustees Jeannine Mayer, Brian Martin and Vince Buono  
Others: Robert Ford – New Sau Times, Ken White, Deputy Chief Joe Sinagra

Mayor Bill Murphy called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30pm. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comment on proposed Local Law #2/2012. This law prohibits the sale, possession or distribution of products containing synthetic drugs, and/or synthetic cannabinoid, in the Village of Saugerties.

Robert Ford asked what happens if NYS overturns a similar NYS law. Deputy Chief Sinagra responded not to worry about what NYS may do. He advised passage of the local law and deal with NYS if the state law is overturned.

There was no one else who wished to comment on Local Law 2/2012.

Mayor Murphy closed the Public Hearing at 6:40pm.

Regular Meeting 7:00pm

Present: Trustees Jeannine Mayer, Don Hackett, Brian Martin, Patrick Landewe, Vince Buono and Terry Parisian  
Others: Robert Ford – New Sau Times, Ken White, Deputy Chief Joe Sinagra, students, SFD Chief Dave Mason, Bob Ciarlante, Mike Hopf, George Terpening, Johanna Haglethorn, Heidi Brandt and others

Trustee Jeannine Mayer called the Village Board to order at 7:00pm. Trustee Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Ken White, a resident of Ulster Avenue, addressed the Board. He said he was also speaking on behalf of his neighbors on Elm Street. He showed the Trustees pictures of commercial vehicles that were parking for extended periods of time on Elm Street, a residential street. Mr. White went on to say that these vehicles cause problems with driveway use and is an eyesore for people living on Elm St. Deputy Chief Sinagra took the pictures and said he would review the Village Vehicle and Traffic Law and determine if the Police could take any action. Mr. White said if there is not a law preventing this activity, there should be one.

Heidi Brandt addressed the Board. She spoke on behalf of the SFD Ladies Auxiliary. The Auxiliary is once again sponsoring a bike tour to be held this year on May 20, 2012.

There will be two routes: a 5 mile family route and a 25 mile challenging route. Copies of the bike routes were given to Deputy Chief Sinagra and the Village Board wished the Auxiliary good success.

Johanna Hagelthorn and her daughter Sophia Foster then addressed the Board. Sophia had a school project that involved the hatching of duck eggs. Nine eggs have hatched and Sophia has presented an application for a permit to keep farm animals at 7 Cantine Island. She also provided a letter from the Cantine Island Homeowner's Association approving the raising of ducks at 7 Cantine Island. Sophia also presented a sketch of the duck house. After several questions by the Board, motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve a permit to keep ducks be issued to Sophia Foster at 7 Cantine Island. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Mayer presented the minutes of April 2, 2012. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for April 16, 2012: General - \$24,678.05; Water - \$16,228.55; Wastewater - \$12,611.36; Short Lived Asset (Water) - \$8553.80. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Landewe, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Water Supervisor Mike Hopf presented the Water Department report (copy attached). 20,728,000 gallons of water were treated in March 2012. Leo Boice Inc. has completed the water main reinforcement project in the Plattekill Creek near the Blue Mountain School. The Department is thinking about opening the reservoir for a family fishing event in May or June. Local fish and game clubs have expressed an interest in hosting the event.

George Terpening presented the Building and Grounds report (copy attached). Spring has arrived and the crew is busy readying all the Parks.

SFD Chief Dave Mason presented the SFD report (copy attached). The SFD had 23 calls for a total of 176 man hours. Trustee Hackett asked the Board to approve the recent elections held by the SFD: Chief – Dave Mason; 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief – Chris Wade; 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief – Walt Conlon; Secretary/Treasurer – Jack Kolano. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Parisian, to accept the election results. Carried unanimously. Trustee Hackett presented the name of Earl Martin IV for membership into the CA Lynch Hose Company. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Landewe, to approve Mr. Martin for membership. Carried unanimously.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). Spring clean-up began today. Work continues at the North Street storage area and the Courtroom area. Snow equipment has been removed from vehicles and the DPW is ready for spring.

Deputy Chief Sinagra spoke. He advised the Board that the recent bank robbery at Sawyer Savings was quickly solved with the help of the community. The suspects have

also been charged with 5 other bank robberies in other communities. All patrol vehicles will be converted to “black and white”. Chief Sinagra presented the Police Department data for March 2012 in the Village (copy attached): 261 calls for service; 35 arrests; 6 DWI’s; 94 UTT’s; 19 motor vehicle accidents and more. Chief Louis Barbaria will retire on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Deputy Chief Sinagra will be sworn in as Chief at 10:00am on 4/27.

Trustee Hackett advised the Board that he attended a recent seminar on alternative energy. He also attended the opening of SPAF on Ulster Avenue – the facility looks great.

Trustee Buono advised the Board that the NYS DOT is replacing the traffic signal on Rt. 9W by the Knights of Columbus. At a recent STAC meeting the Village Streetscape Project was discussed – the project should begin this fall. Other items that were discussed include the problem of cars stacking up on Burt Street/Rt. 9W behind cars making a left hand turn onto West Bridge Street and a suggestion was made to move parking spaces on Partition Street (by the new Pickle Store) from the west side to the east side. The EDC is discussing holding “bed races” on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in August. They are also working on a promotional DVD to be distributed to businesses interested in coming to Saugerties.

Trustee Landewe advised the Board that the Building Department has issued 24 Building Permits, 11 Certificate’s of Occupancy and 13 letters of violation to date in 2012. The next HRB meeting will be April 25 – the HRB requests that applications be submitted at least 5 days prior to the meeting to allow for proper review. Trustee Landewe continues to attend meetings regarding the DEP’s release of turbid water. He presented a letter from Arm of the Sea Theater requesting the use of the Tina Chorvas Waterfront Park for their annual performance from August 20 – August 26. Motion was made by Trustee Landewe, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the dates for Arm of the Sea’s annual performance. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Mayer reported that the Comprehensive Plan Committee continues its work and is requesting photos for the brochure. She updated the Board on upcoming events.

Trustee Mayer presented the 2012/2013 Budget for Board approval. The General Budget of \$3,194,772.00 passed with Trustee Hackett voting no. The Water Budget of \$1,185,350.00 passed unanimously. The Wastewater Budget of \$914,823.14 passed unanimously.

Trustee Mayer presented Local Law #2/2012 for approval. This Local Law prohibits the sale, possession or distribution of products containing synthetic drugs, and/or synthetic cannabinoid, in the Village of Saugerties. Motion was made by Trustee Parisian, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve Local Law #2/2012. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Mayer presented Resolution #8/2012. This resolution approves an inter-municipal agreement between the Village of Saugerties and the Town of Catskill. After

some discussion, motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve Resolution #8/2012. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Landewe asked for a discussion of the water chestnut problem in the Esopus near the Village Beach and the water bordering the ECC property. The ECC has suggested the Village rent the Mechanical Harvester from the Town of Esopus and participant in a joint effort with volunteers from the ECC to remove the water chestnuts from the creek. The ECC would raise funds to help pay for the harvester rental. Trustee Mayer advised the board that last year's rental quote was \$225.00 per hour for the equipment and \$20.00 per hour for the operator. Trustee Hackett suggested asking the Town of Saugerties for financial help. Trustee Parisian suggested the ECC raise funds and then the Village could discuss the situation. Trustee Mayer gave Trustee Landewe the correspondence from Town of Esopus Supervisor Coutant. Trustee Landewe will contact Supervisor Coutant to discuss the rental cost and other considerations.

Motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to enter Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person. Carried unanimously. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:15pm and returned at 8:31pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk

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