

Village Board

July 2, 2012

Present: Mayor Bill Murphy, Trustees Vince Buono, Brian Martin, Terry Parisian, Patrick Landewe, Jeannie Mayer and Donald Hackett
Others: Robert Ford – New Sau Times, Alex Wade, Maryann Wrolsen, Carolyn Wilson and others

Mayor Murphy called the Village Board to order at 500pm. Trustee Parisian led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Maryann Wrolsen, Carolyn Wilson and another resident of Elm Street, addressed the Board. They are still not satisfied with the Police Department's response regarding the commercial sweeper parked on Elm Street. The group said a commercial vehicle should not be allowed to park on the street in a residential area nor should he be permitted to park on Elm because it narrows the street causing a dangerous condition. Mayor Murphy responded by saying that this issue has been addressed by the Saugerties Police. The PD posted a patrolman on the street for 5 mornings in a row checking to see how long the sweeper was left running when first started up. The PD reported that the operator never left the motor running more than 4 minutes. More discussion followed with the Mayor saying that a taxi is parked on Elm Street also – should he be asked to move? He also said that Chief Sinagra asked the owner of the sweeper not to park up close to Ulster Avenue and he complied. Mayor Murphy said he would speak to Chief Sinagra once again.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board minutes of June 18, 2012. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for July 2, 2012: General - \$29,029.10; Water - \$85,295.72; Wastewater - \$19,284.74. After some discussion, motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett complimented the SFD for all their work on the 4th of July parade. Everything is “business as usual” at the Wastewater Treatment plant.

Trustee Mayer reported that the Revolving Loan Committee recently approved a loan application for a local business. The “Sittin’ Around Saugerties” chairs have been installed. Opus 40 has many events scheduled for the summer. The Car Show is July 8th. The picnic to honor Maurice Hinchey is July 29th. A proclamation is needed to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Artists Tour being held August 4th. The Bed Races are August 8th. Several local businesses are hosting 1st Friday events – music and

specials at local businesses. The Saugerties Chamber supports having public restrooms available in the business district.

A discussion of restroom in the business district then began. Trustee Hackett said if the businesses want public restrooms for their customers, then the businesses should be willing to provide a space for the portable restroom in their parking lots. He is not in favor of the restroom being located in the back of the Municipal Parking lot off Partition Street. Several alternate locations were discussed. If a suitable location is found, the Board agreed to move ahead.

Trustee Landewe advised the Board that attorney Alex Betke recently conducted a training session for the Planning and Zoning Boards. The HRB did not approve a recent application submitted by the owner of 139 Partition Street for a temporary fence.

Trustee Parisian reported the DPW is busy with road maintenance, “Sittin Around Saugerties” chair installation, the removal of brush behind the Lynch Firehouse and more. The DPW has purchased attachments for the “bobcat”. Trustee Hackett asked when a dangerous tree would be taken down on Market Street and stump grinding. Trustee Parisian will talk with Bob Ciarlante.

Trustee Buono reported that he attended the recent UCTC meeting. The DOT is repaving 9W from the Town of Ulster into Barclay Heights. ConRail is not required to give advance notice on railroad crossing when repair work is done. UCAT signage at their bus stops has been reviewed and approved by Trustee Buono and Alex Wade.

Trustee Martin reported that all is well in the Water Department. The beach and pool are now open.

Alex Wade presented his Special Assignment report (copy attached). Streetscape II should go out to bid shortly.

Mayor Murphy advised the Board of a delivery problem at Saugerties Furniture Mart’s warehouse on Russell Street. Furniture manufactures are now using 53’ trucks to deliver merchandize to the warehouse. By NYS law, 53’ trucks are illegal on Village streets and the delivery trucks are being ticketed by the NYS Police. This is causing a huge problem for Saugerties Furniture Mart. Assemblyman Peter Lopez and Senator John Bonacic are trying to get special legislation through the Legislature to issue a variance to allow 53’ trucks on Russell Street. This effort will take several months. Meanwhile, the Saugerties Police have suggested a temporary loading zone be permitted in front of 139 Partition Street. The loading zone will be permitted Monday – Friday from 700am to 1000am. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Martin, for the Clerk to contact attorney Alex Betke to author a local law to allow for this loading zone. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Landewe presented a draft of a letter to the DEC commenting on the DEP's release of turbid water into the Esopus. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve the letter to be sent to the DEC. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #10/2012. This resolution establishes a standard workday for Trustee Terry Parisian in the NYS Retirement System. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve Resolution #10/2012. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Yerick read a Proclamation designating July 29, 2012 as Maurice Hinchey Day in the Village of Saugerties.

Discussion took place about the feral cat situation in the Village. Village Clerk Mary Frank reported a recent complaint from a resident of the Mill on East Bridge Street. The Village has a trap available for volunteers to capture cats. A volunteer then drives the cat to the SPCA in Kingston for a spay/neuter procedure. The cat is then returned to the area where captured. Trustees Landewe and Hackett will try to obtain an additional trap and attempt to schedule additional appointments at the SPCA for the say/neuter procedure. Volunteers are needed to help with this program. The Village does not have the personnel to trap feral cats but has put money in the budget to pay the cost of the spay/neuter.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk