

Village Board

March 19, 2012

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

Others: Deputy Police Chief Joe Sinagra, Robert Ford-New Sau Times, Bob Ciarlante, George Terpening, Eyal Saad, Mike Hopf, students, Bob Sperl, County Legislator Mary Warow, County Legislature Chair Terry Bernardo, Alex Wade, SFD Chief Dave Mason and others

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

There was no one from the public who wished to address the Board.

Mayor Murphy presented the Minutes of the March 5, 2012 Public Hearing and Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy introduced UC Legislature Chair Terry Bernardo. Ms. Bernardo thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. She introduced Saugerties Legislator Mary Warow – the two other Saugerties Legislators, Dean Fabiano and Robert Aiello, could not attend. Ms. Bernardo said she wants the Towns and Villages to work together with the County Legislature. She is making the Legislature more “user friendly” via emails, weekly recaps on the County website and meeting minutes more readily available. Ms. Warow advised the Board that her duties include serving on the Environmental Committee (currently looking at hydro-fracking) and on the Social Services Committee. She announced that a Public Hearing will be held to discuss the ban on “brine” use on county roads. Ms. Bernardo said she would support “truth in taxation” – explaining to Town residents what the County charges Towns for mandated services (such as the Board of Election charges) all to be broken down on the tax bill. She is also willing to discuss “making the Village whole” with the County paying unpaid Village taxes. She asked if there was anything the County Legislature could help the Village with. Mayor Murphy said there are two items that he could readily think of. The first is the proposed synthetic drug law currently being considered by the Village and Town of Saugerties. The second is the brown water being sent down the Esopus by the NYC DEP. Ms. Bernardo replied that she understands the problems with the DEP. She hopes that the NYS DEC hits the NYC DEP with huge fines. She is working to set a public hearing where some speakers will be subpoenaed and give testimony under oath. She spoke of the problems of severe flooding in Warwarsing due to leaks in the DEP lines. Ms. Bernardo promised to do all in her power to combat this situation. Mayor Murphy and the Board thanked the Legislators for coming, saying they appreciated the visit and dialogue.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for March 19, 2012: General - \$63,746.84; Water - \$9,752.47 and \$675.00 (prepaid); Wastewater - \$18,629.56. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented the proposed 2012/2013 Village Budget to the Board. The General Budget is \$3,194,772.00; Water - \$1,185,350.00; Wastewater - \$921,348.00. The General Budget results in a 0% tax increase. Mayor Murphy thanked everyone involved in the budget process for their hard work with special thanks going to Treasurer Julie Dunn. A Public Hearing on the Budget will be held 5:30pm on April 2<sup>nd</sup> with the regular meeting immediately following the close of the Public Hearing. Copies of the Budget are available on the Village website and at the Clerk's Office.

Deputy Police Chief Joe Sinagra addressed the Board providing specific data (copy attached) detailing police activity in the Village. In January and February of 2012 there have been 356 calls for service in the Village; 54 arrests; 5 DWI arrests; 12 drug related arrests; 222 traffic tickets; 295 parking tickets and 31 traffic accidents. Trustee Hackett took advantage of a "ride-along" recently with Sgt. Don Tucker. Trustee Hackett said he was very impressed with the Police Department operation.

Mike Hopf presented the Water Department report (copy attached). The total amount of water treated in February was 19,143,000 gallons. The plant was not taken off-line for high raw water turbidity in February. Personnel from the Kingston Water Department visited the Village and assisted with our Cross Connection Control Program. Many thanks to Jane Perry for her assistance.

SFD Chief presented the SFD report (copy attached). There were 2 structure fires and a total of 154 man hours. Applications for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade can be obtained at the Village Office.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). After a very mild winter, street sweeping has begun. Spring Clean-up will be the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>. Please – no debris in the street before March 31<sup>st</sup>. Work continues on the North Street Area Drainage Control project. Courtroom work also continues.

Eyal Saad advised the Board that the last day to submit MS4 information was March 19<sup>th</sup>. The report is due is due June 1<sup>st</sup>. Two derelict properties in the Village have been sold and will be renovated soon. Safety meetings for all employees are being held on a regular basis.

George Terpening presented the Buildings and Grounds report (copy attached). Spring clean-up has begun at all the parks. Thanks to the DPW for all the help with the beach clean-up.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). Phase Two of the Streetscape Project is slowly clearing hurdles with the DOT. Next step is to submit specifications and bid forms. The LEWP will hold another meeting on the DEP turbid water on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Hackett presented the Wastewater Department report (copy attached). The Department continues to work toward bulk storage compliance with the DEC. General maintenance work at the plant takes place daily.

Trustee Landewe reported there are two proposals for new construction on Valley Street. The Planning Board is reviewing the regulations for residences in the R3 Zoning District. Trustee Landewe is staying on top of the releases by the DEP from the Ashokan and is closely following the fracking/brine story.

Trustee Buono reported attending the last Economic Development Committee meeting and has visited several new boutiques to welcome them to the Village.

Trustee Mayer congratulated the Girl Scouts who are celebrating 100 years of scouting. The joint Village/Town Comprehensive Plan Committee continues to work on updating the goals for the plan. The recent TV23 workshop was a big success. Hudson Valley Magazine featured Saugerties on its front cover and named Saugerties as its number one destination. This year the public art display will be "Sittin' Around Saugerties" featuring Adirondack Chairs. Sign ups for sponsors and artists are available on the Saugerties Area Chamber of Commerce website.

The Board then discussed the Application to Keep Farm Animals submitted by Jeff Decker for property off Myer Lane. Mr. Decker has submitted additional letters from surrounding neighbors supporting the application. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve the permit. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented a request from Stan O'Dell to purchase a small piece (780.5 sqf) of Village property along East Bridge Street adjacent to a lot Mr. O'Dell already owns. Attorney Alex Betke recommends the sale. Mayor Murphy will ask Mr. Betke to author a resolution for the sale and the Mayor will discuss market value with Mr. O'Dell. The discussion was tabled until April 2, 2012.

Mayor Murphy presented the "Workplace Violence Prevention Policy". Eyal Saad asked for a change in the language in the "Education" section of the policy – changing the Mayor to the Safety Officer or designated person. Motion was made by Trustee Landewe, seconded by Trustee Buono, to adopt the "Workplace Violence Prevention Policy" as amended. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy asked if all Trustees had received the electronic copy of the Town of Saugerties proposed Local Law #1 regarding the sale, possession or distribution of synthetic drugs. Trustee Parisian said he has read that Senator Charles Schumer is promoting a nationwide ban of these products. Trustee Landewe asked Deputy Chief Sinagra how the Police Department would enforce this law. The Deputy Chief said the PD would notify store owners, perform spot checks and "stings" and send drugs to an independent lab for testing. The question remains – who pays for the testing? The Board feels the store owners should be made to pay. Trustee Hackett said he supports the law. Trustee Parisian said he recognizes this is a real problem and see the consequences at the Hudson Valley Mall which he manages. Mayor Murphy suggested setting a Public Hearing at the next Village Board meeting. The Board concurred.

Trustee Martin presented and read the Parkinson's Awareness Month Proclamation. The document proclaims April as Parkinson's Awareness Month in the Village of Saugerties.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk

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