

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

Others: Robert Ford, Eyal Saad, Bob Ciarlante, Helene King, Alex Wade, Mike Marino, George Terpening, Mike Hopf, Dave Mason, Abby Hacker, Alain Doussant, Heather ? and others

Public Hearing

Mayor Murphy called the Public Hearing to order at 6:45pm. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comment on proposed Local Law #7/2012 that creates a loading zone on Partition Street 125 feet north from Russell Street with no parking from 7:00am to 11:00am Monday through Friday. Mayor Murphy explained that the loading zone is being created as a temporary solution so furniture can be delivered to the Saugerties Furniture Warehouse on Russell Street. NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law prohibits 53' tractor trailers on Village Streets. There was no one from the public present who wished to comment on the proposed law. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Buono, to adjourn the Public Hearing with the Mayor explaining that he has a meeting with the NYS DOT regarding this situation scheduled for August 31st. The DOT may propose an alternate solution rendering this local law unnecessary. Carried unanimously. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:50pm.

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

Privilege of the Floor

Heather, the new property owner of 139 West Bridge Street, advised the Board that the roots from a tree located on the tree lawn, are causing the sidewalks in front of her house to heave. She is concerned about liability. She understands that the tree is the responsibility of the Village but the sidewalk is the responsibility of the property owner. Mayor Murphy acknowledged that this is a problem on many Village properties. He went on to say that the Village could not afford to repair all these problem sidewalks. He assured Heather that the DPW would take a look at the tree and the sidewalk and offer suggestions to her. The Tree Commission will also be asked to look at the tree, although it appears to be healthy. Heather thanked the Board for its help.

Abby Hacker and Alan Doussant addressed the Board. They are the owners of 49 Ulster Avenue. They live in France and told the Board they never received their Village tax bill for 2012 that was supposed to be mailed to France. They did receive a tax bill in August that included a penalty because the taxes were not paid on time. Ms. Hacker and Mr. Doussant asked that the Village Board waive the penalty. Mayor Murphy responded that he was sorry they did not receive their tax bill; however he was not sure that the penalty could legally be waived. After much discussion, Mayor Murphy advised Ms. Hacker and

Mr. Doussant that he would investigate the legality of waiving the penalty and advise them of the law before weeks end.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the August 6, 2012 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for August 20, 2012 – General - \$29, 878.62; Water - \$59,659.82; Wastewater - \$90,898.82; Lighthouse Cove Escrow - \$1802.83; Trust and Agency - \$29,660.07. Before approving the Abstract, Trustee Buono presented Resolution #13/2012 which authorizes the following budget transfers:

Water Fund transfers \$8418.00 to the Capital Fund

Trust & Agency transfers \$29,660.07 to the General Fund

Water Fund transfers \$48,161.28 to the General Fund

Wastewater Fund transfers \$79,364.27 to the General Fund

Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve Resolution #13/2012. Carried unanimously. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve the Abstract for August 20, 2012. Carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Dave Mason presented by SFD report (copy attached). There were 13 calls for service totaling 160 man hours.

Mike Marino presented the Wastewater Department report (copy attached). In addition to his written report Mr. Marino advised the Board that work continues on a bulk storage retaining area at the plant. He also reported that long time employee Dexter Doyle is retiring at the end of August and employee Lynn Vrooman has passed the test and received his wastewater treatment plant operating certificate. Thanks to employee Joe Hunter for driving Mr. Vrooman to and from the test site. Central Hudson has installed natural gas to the plant – thanks to the DPW and Water Dept for their help with that project.

George Terpening presented the Buildings and Grounds report (copy attached). Arm of the Sea will present its annual show August 24, 25 and 26 at the Tina Chorvas Park. The beach and Lion's Club pool will close for the season on Sunday August 26th – the lifeguards are returning to college. Thanks to the summer crew – they did a great job!

Mayor Murphy advised the Board that the current fee for the use of Seamon Park is \$200.00 for all people who are not residents of the Village of Saugerties (there is no charge for Village residents). He feels that \$200.00 is too high and asked the Board to weigh in on the subject. After a short discussion, motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Martin, to lower the fee for reserved space at Seamon Park to \$100.00 per day. Village residents will not be charged for use. A \$50.00 refundable damage deposit remains the same. Carried unanimously.

Mike Hopf presented the Water Department report (copy attached). Trustee Hackett asked if there were any plans for water restrictions. Mr. Hopf said the reservoir was in good shape and no restrictions are needed at this point.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). The DPW was busy at the Wastewater Treatment Plant providing the excavation needed for installation of natural gas lines. Several dangerous trees were removed throughout the Village. Work was done in the parking lot at Village Hall.

Code Enforcement Officer Eyal Saad advised the Board that he served a court appearance ticket to the owners of property on Elizabeth Street who are in violation of property maintenance law. Diaz Ambulance will conduct CPR classes to Village employees on August 30th. Sixty Building Permits have been issued in the Village to date. Mr. Saad is reviewing a law from the Village of Haverstraw addressing absentee landlords.

Trustee Landewe advised the Board that the Planning Board will meet in September to review the Diamond Mills project and revisit the Country Meadows project on North Street. The EPA did not agree with DEC comments regarding the quality of water in the Esopus Creek. The Board asked Trustee Landewe to draft comments to the EPA supporting their position.

Police Chief Joseph Sinagra presented the police statistics for the month of July (copy attached). He reported that the trial camera located on the corner of Main and Partition is working well and assisting the PD in many ways. The Chief supports the actions of his officers with the arrest stemming from the recent fight in the SpeedyMart parking lot. Officer Loescher has been spending time at the Boys & Girls Club promoting communication between the Police and area youth. The PD recently conducted an undercover “sting” throughout the Town and Village targeting the sale of synthetic drugs – there were no violators. The Chief advised the Board that a woman was recently shot on Phillips Road in the Town. The Chief feels the shooting was accidental, done by someone who was target practicing – he urged residents to use caution when target practicing. School is opening shortly – watch out for children!

Trustee Buono has requested that Alex Wade contact the NYS DOT regarding the parking at the bottom of Partition Street. With several new businesses open near Diamond Mills, the need exists for more parking – those parking spaces should be metered. Trustee Buono has also asked Mr. Wade to look at widening the exit from the Municipal Lot onto Russell Street. The discussion of public bathrooms is continuing with Eyal Saad investigating locations.

Alex Wade presented his Special Assignment report (copy attached). The Streetscape Project will probably not begin until the spring of 2013.

Trustee Mayer reported that the next Chamber meeting is August 28th at TV23. She also reported on other upcoming events.

Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Parisian, to accept the resignation of Village Treasurer Julie Dunn with regret. Julie Dunn was the Village Treasurer for 9 years and did a wonderful job. She will be missed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Martin, to appoint Helene King as Village Treasurer and Lisa Mayone as Water/Sewer Department Clerk. Helene King is the current Water/Sewer Clerk and is familiar with the duties of the Treasurer. Lisa Mayone will replace Helene King. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Buono, to table action on Local Law #7/2012. The Mayor is meeting with the NYS DOT, Assemblyman Peter Lopez and others on August 31st to continue discussion of furniture delivery to Saugerties Furniture Mart by large tractor trailers. If the DOT provides a solution, there is no need for Local Law #7/2012 (a loading zone on Partition Street). Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono stated that Julie Dunn was a dedicated Village employee for 9 years. He and the Board wish her well in her future endeavors.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 8:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

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