

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

Others: Alex Betke, Brendan Amodio, Neal Smoller, Jonathan Shapiro, Alex Wade, Ed Quirk, Dave Mason, Ariel Zangla, Robert Ford, members of the SFD, students and others

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

Privilege of the Floor

Neal Smoller, owner of the Village Apothecary, addressed the Board. He recently appeared before the Historic Review Board regarding the awning and signage on his building. He asked if there was a "better way" for business owners to obtain approvals required for properties in the Historic District. He asked for a less time-consuming and a more friendly procedure.

Mayor Murphy replied that the Board would be receiving a proposed law later in the meeting that addresses the HRB and zoning.

Ed Quirk spoke saying as a Village resident he attends almost every HRB meeting. It is his opinion that there is no rhyme or reason to the decisions of the HRB. He went on to say that two of the members have a "czarist" attitude and bully applicants. The HRB goes off point and ventures into areas where they do not belong. Mr. Smoller agreed that the HRB goes off point – they tried to change the design of his awning by saying their suggestion would be more energy efficient.

Jonathan Shapiro, a member of the HRB, spoke. He believes there should be better efficiency on the part of the HRB. It should not take 45 minutes to approve a sign application.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the October 20, 2014 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for November 3, 2014: General - \$74,899.92; Water - \$9,574.00; Wastewater - \$11,068.25; H - \$405,668.00; Seamon Park Fund - \$2926.00; Short Lived Assets - \$86.50. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Landewe presented Local Law #3/2014 to the Village Board. Trustee Landewe explained the proposed law. There are several items. The law would revise the Zoning Map to create a new BR (business/residential) District in the Livingston Street area. This new zone would permit property owners to have apartments on the 1st floor of their buildings. The law would change a vacant parcel in the R2 District to the B1 zone (the vacant lot on Washington Avenue behind the Village Diner). The law would "clean-up" the historic overlay for the Historic District and include the Clovelea property historic designation. The law consolidates the Historic Review Board into the Planning Board. The Planning

Board would increase to 7 members, 2 alternates and take over the duties of the HRB. Sign review for signage in the Historic District would fall to the Code Enforcement Officer. A wedding venue item would be added to the schedule of uses. Trustee Parisian advised the Board that there is a version of the Zoning Map circulated that was never approved. This proposed law would settle that issue. Trustee Landewe advised the Board that in the Village of Rhinebeck the Planning Board reviews all applications in their historic district and it works very well. This law will consolidate the resources of both boards and help to streamline the process and reduce the fees for applicants. Mayor Murphy set a Public Hearing on the proposed law for Monday, December 1st at 500pm. Motion was made by Trustee Landewe, seconded by Trustee Parisian, to declare the Village Board as Lead Agency under SEQRA as a Type 1 action with a coordinated review. Carried unanimously. Attorney Alex Betke will circulate the law to all interested agencies.

Trustee Hackett advised the Village Board that the SFD has completed its review of the bids received last month for a new truck for the CA Lynch Hose Company. The SFD Committee has recommended that the Village Board accept the bid from Tyler Fire Equipment of Albany, NY (a Pierce Manufacturing dealer) for a Saber Pumper Truck at a cost of \$449,732.00. Trustee Hackett advised the Board that this was not the lowest bid, however, this truck best meets the specifications of the SFD. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to accept the bid from Tyler Equipment. Carried unanimously. The Board discussed several options for financing the truck. Trustee Buono, Mayor Murphy, Treasurer Helene King and Attorney Alex Betke will meet to formulate the best plan. It will take at least 6 months to manufacture the truck. No decision has been made regarding the current CA Lynch truck – it could be sold, traded in, or other options. Any compatible equipment from the old truck will be transferred to the new truck.

Trustee Hackett advised the Board that the Saugerties Historical Society raised about \$1000.00 to cover fuel costs for the winter. He thanked the community for their generosity.

Trustee Parisian had nothing to report.

Trustee Landewe advised the Board that he attended a recent meeting of the Coalition of Lower Esopus Communities and met with the DEP.

Trustee Mayer advised the Board of upcoming events in the Saugerties Community. The Chamber raised \$4000.00 at the “Shine on Saugerties” event. Holiday in the Village is scheduled for December 7th. Planning continues for the Village New Year’s Eve celebration.

Mayor Murphy added that the Village is hosting the New Year’s Eve celebration in an effort to encourage residents to stay in Saugerties and patronize Village restaurants. But everyone outside of Saugerties is welcome too!

Trustee Martin had nothing to report.

Trustee Buono advised that there was a recent STAC meeting. Mayor Murphy inquired about the “Safe Routes to Schools” initiative. Trustee Buono will investigate.

Trustee Hackett and Trustee Mayer reported receiving phone calls about the postcard sent from the Water Department advising residents how to schedule appointments for the installation of the new water meters. Some residents felt the language on the card was "too harsh". Mayor Murphy said he would speak to Water Super Mike Hopf.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). He advised the Board that SHIPO has approved the plan for the Waterfront Park using the Community Rising Funds. The STAC Committee discussed by-laws for SAMA. Mr. Wade does not feel by-laws are needed.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

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SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Streetscape: The third payment for this season's work is on the abstract. There will also be a change order at a later date. (I expect it will take 2-3 months to process based upon past experience.)

Emergency Management: I have completed updating our information for the new director. Art Snyder has retired.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program: The CRZ program in partnership with FEMA is offering a special extra training session this Thursday in Middletown to aid in obtaining firefighting grants for CRZ communities. I have reserved a space for the village.

Alex Wade

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