

Present: Mayor Bill Murphy, Trustees Don Hackett, Patrick Landewe, Terry Parisian, and Vince Buono

Absent: Trustee Jeannine Mayer and Brian Martin

Others: Robert Ford – New Sau Times, Alex Wade, Jim McElrath

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

Mayor Murphy presented the Minutes of the August 20, 2012 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the minutes as written. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for September 4, 2012: General - \$25,156.23; Water - \$11,579.51; Wastewater - \$10,963.68. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Parisian reported that the DPW has completed the drainage work in the “cow flop” on Main Street. The crew has cleaned up the Municipal Parking lot on John Street, removing and replacing a fence and trimming up the property line. The repair work on the fountain is complete and it will be returned to Seamon Park. Mayor Murphy commented that the Police are enforcing the overnight parking restrictions in the Municipal Lot. He noticed that the overnight parking spaces are full and asked if the Board thought more overnight spaces were needed. Trustee Parisian asked if overnight permit parking for residents was ever considered by the Board. Trustee Buono wants the signage to be very specific in the Municipal Lots. The Board agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Privilege of the Floor

Jim McElrath, of 96 Market Street spoke. His home is located across the street from Sawyer Savings Bank. The lights from Sawyer Savings shine directly onto his front porch making it almost impossible to sit on the porch during the summer. Mayor Murphy said he had received Mr. McElrath’s letter and photos and agrees that the lighting is intrusive. Trustee Landewe spoke, saying he had spoken with Code Enforcement Officer Eyal Saad at length on this situation. Eyal has a letter prepared to go to Sawyer Savings Bank asking for another meeting to discuss the lights. There is a long history in the Building Department file documenting this problem. Alex Wade spoke saying he believed that the NYS Bank Regulator was using selective enforcement on Sawyer Savings. Mayor Murphy said that the light is distracting to drivers on Market Street as well. Trustee Landewe assured Mr. McElrath that Mr. Saad is pursuing this matter.

Trustee Buono complimented the SFD for their fine work in responding to a house fire in his neighborhood over the weekend. The SFD did an outstanding job.

Trustee Buono placed the names of Jack Wilsey, Karen Pavich, Bob Michaud and Bob Sinnott before the Board to be approved as members of the Village Ethics Committee. Trustee Hackett objected asking why the names that he and Trustee Mayer had submitted were not being considered. Those names were Sam Fisco and Ann Meiswinkle. Mayor Murphy said there obviously had been some confusion in the nomination process. After much discussion, the Board tabled a decision until the next meeting.

Trustee Hackett also complimented the SFD for helping out at the Farmer's Market and the DWI checkpoints over the past weekend. He announced that long time Wastewater Department employee Dexter Doyle has retired. The company that has proposed co-generation at the wastewater plant has thrown the Village a curveball. Trustee Hackett will continue to work on the project along with grant writer Victor Cornelius and Alex Wade. Trustee Hackett has measured the space between the fire escapes behind the Village Hall – 11x12 – in case that area might be considered for public bathroom facilities. Trustee Hackett and Trustee Landewe are fighting an uphill battle with feral cats. Please call the Village if you are interested in helping with this program.

Trustee Parisian said the odor from the wastewater treatment plant seems to be worse. Trustee Parisian said he spoke with someone who thought an additional odor control system would cost about \$3400.00. Trustee Hackett said a more realistic cost was \$8000.00. He will discuss the cost with Superintendent Mike Marino and Mayor Murphy.

Trustee Landewe reported that 123 Partition Street has received additional approvals from the HRB. The Planning Board held a workshop meeting with the developer of the Country Meadows Senior Housing project to discuss some proposed changes. NYS is no longer helping to fund strictly senior housing projects. The new buzz word is “inter-generational housing”. The developer would like to change the project to a combination of senior, supportive and workforce housing. The workshop focused on the process the developer must follow to return to the Planning Board with these changes. A Planning Board workshop is scheduled at Diamond Mills to discuss proposed changes in the site plan and the process the developer must follow to return to the Planning Board with the changes.

Mayor Murphy reopened the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #7/2012 at 600pm. The hearing was adjourned on August 20, 2012 in order for the Board to receive more comments before the vote. This local law creates a loading zone on Partition Street, 125 feet from Russell Street on the east side of Partition going north. Parking of vehicles is prohibited in the loading zone Monday – Friday from 700am to 1100am. Mayor Murphy explained that this law is being considered to allow 53' tractor trailers to deliver to the Saugerties Furniture Mart warehouse on Russell Street. He has had several meetings with the NYS Police, the DOT, Assemblyman Pete Lopez, the County and the Saugerties Police regarding this situation. The DOT suggests that the Village designate Russell Street one way from Washington Avenue to Partition. Mayor Murphy said that before the Village considers this change; all the property owners on Russell Street will be contacted by letter asking them to weigh in on the change. There was no one who wished

to comment on proposed Local Law #7/2012. Mayor Murphy closed the Public Hearing at 6:04pm.

Mayor Murphy presented Local Law #7/2012 for Board approval. The law was seconded by Trustee Buono and carried unanimously by all present.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #14/2012. This resolution supports the request of the Village Justice Court to apply for a grant to purchase equipment and for renovations. This amount shall not exceed \$30,000.00. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Buono and carried unanimously by all those present.

Mayor Murphy informed the Board that the Saugerties Police, along with NYS Police and County Sheriff's officers, conducted a DWI checkpoint in the Village over the past weekend. Five persons were charged with DWI. Mayor Murphy advised all residents to lock their cars because a rash of break-ins have taken place.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Buono, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 6:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

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