

Village Board

March 5, 2012

Present: Mayor William Murphy, Trustees Don Hackett, Jeannine Mayer, Patrick Landewe, Terry Parisian, Vince Buono and Brian Martin
Others: John Winters, Jeff Decker, Bob Sperl, Robert Ford – New Sau Times, Chief Barbaria, Deputy Chief Sinagra, Alex Wade and others

Public Hearing

Mayor William Murphy called the Public Hearing to order at 4:55pm. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comment on Local Law #1/2012 amending the Village Procurement Policy to NYS standards. Trustee Buono advised that the update of the Procurement Policy came from the suggestion of the NYS Comptrollers Office. There was no one from the public who wished to comment on Local Law #1/2012. Mayor Murphy closed the Public Hearing at 4:57pm.

Regular Session

Mayor William Murphy called the Village Board to order at 5:00pm. Trustee Parisian led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Realtor John Winters advised the Board that he is the listing agent for 30 acres of vacant land at the end of Myer Lane in the Village. He introduced current owner Bob Sperl, and the potential buyer, Jeff Decker. Mr. Decker spoke saying if he purchases the property, he has a five year plan. He will clear some of the property, build a one family house and then construct a 3 sided barn to house 2 horses and six chickens. He is before the Board tonight presenting his application for a permit to Keep Farm Animals. The issuance of the permit will play a role in the decision to purchase the property. Mr. Decker has spoken with neighbor, Buzz Smith, Jr. who has no objection to the animals. Mayor Murphy asked if he has spoken with Bob Lezette, who is another neighbor. Mr. Decker agreed to do that. The Board tabled the application and will address it at the March 19, 2012 Village Board meeting.

Police Chief Lou Barbaria then addressed the Board. He was in attendance to address the Police coverage in the Village. He read the article in the New Saugerties Times and asked if there were any further concerns. He advised the Board that by any measure, police presence in the Village is up. In the last year of the Village Police Department (2010), there were nine arrests in the Village for DWI. After the consolidation, in 2011 there were 35 DWI arrests in the Village. The overall arrests in the Village are much higher. The Police maintain a radio log that monitors foot patrols in the Village – The Trustees are welcome to view that at any time. Chief Barbaria offered a “ride-along” to any Board member. The Chief said his Department is working hard to ensure police coverage in the Village. He feels the Village residents are safer now, then before the

consolidation. Mayor Murphy added that he thought the Police coverage was very good. Chief Barbaria said it is very important to keep open communication between the Board and the Police Department. Mayor Murphy said the contracted payments to the Town for the Police Department were for the transition period of two years. Trustee Hackett said his concern was that the Village residents are getting “their bang for the buck”, but he has made further inquiries and feels more comfortable with the coverage. Trustee Buono advised the Board that Village Court revenue is way up; that is the result of police enforcement. Chief Barbaria and Deputy Chief Sinagra said they are available any time to discuss any situation. Please give them a call. Mayor Murphy and the Board thanked them for attending the Board meeting.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the February 21, 2012 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for March 4, 2012: General - \$42,617.72; Water - \$9837.92; Wastewater - \$9606.97. Motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett advised the Board that Wastewater Superintendent Mike Marino recently met with FEMA. The Brooks Brothers Chicken Barbeque will be held March 7th. One of the SFD bulletin boards is broken and must be replaced. Mayor Murphy said it will be done.

Trustee Mayer attended the last Saugerties Area Chamber meeting and the Police Chief will attend the March Chamber meeting.

Trustee Landewe advised the Board that the Historic Review Board will meet on March 7th at 7:00pm. Trustee Landewe attended the March 2nd meeting of the Ashokan Release Working Group – they are still working on the use of the release channel. The DEP is currently releasing 160 MGPD.

Trustee Parisian gave the Board a brief overview of the DPW’s recent activities. Trustee Parisian and Trustee Buono attended Local Government Official’s Day in Albany sponsored by Senator Bonacic. The Trustees met many power players in State government. Trustee Parisian observed that he felt that NYS Government is finally trying to meet the needs of the taxpayers.

Trustee Buono echoed Trustee Parisian’s sentiments of the Local Government Day experience.

Trustee Martin mentioned that there seems to be a heating system problem at the Water Treatment Plant. Mike Hopf is working on a solution.

Mayor Murphy advised the Board that he and Treasurer Julie Dunn met with FEMA officials today to try to recoup some expenses related to Hurricane Irene. The Fire

Department grants for \$16,500.00 worth of equipment have been approved and the Village expects the funds shortly.

Trustee Buono presented Local Law #1/2012 – an update of the Procurement Policy. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve Local Law 1/2012. Carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Buono, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

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