

Present: Mayor Bill Murphy, Trustees Vince Buono, Kelly Myers, Don Hackett, Jeannine Dirie and Suzanne LeBlanc

Others: Rosemary Brackett, Virginia Lupino, Jim Cornelison, students, George Terpening, Eyal Saad, Joe Schaffer, Alex Wade, Bob Ciarlante, Heather Plonchak and others

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

Mayor Murphy welcomed the students for the SHS Government Class to the Board meeting. He explained the agenda and advised them to ask questions at any time during the meeting.

Privilege of the Floor

Rosemary Brackett and Virginia Lupino advised the Board that they were organizing a "Movie Night" at Cantine Field every Friday night from June 4 – August 27. The movies will be open to the public and free of charge. They will be shown in the open air, projected onto the ice rink outside wall. The Board was very enthusiastic in support of the project saying this kind of event is what makes Saugerties "cool". Ms. Brackett and Ms. Lupino are soliciting sponsors to cover the fee needed to acquire the films. Trustee LeBlanc suggest the Village or Trustees help sponsor the event. The ladies will keep the Board advised of any new details.

Jim Cornelison of John Street thanked Trustee Myers and DPW Super Bob Ciarlante for once again looking at the tree on Lafayette Street near his home. Trustee Myers said a decision would be made by the end of the week on the fate of the tree.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the April 5, 2010 Public Hearing and the minutes of the April 5, 2010 regular Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Dirie, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for April 19, 2010: General - \$22,190.17, Water - \$42,748.67; Wastewater - \$17,510.87. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

SFD Chief Joe Schaffer presented the Fire Department report (copy attached). Chief Schaffer will finish his 2nd year as Chief and will be honored at Chief's night on April 30. The newly elected Chief's are Anthony Bell, Dave Mason and Chris Wade. The Board thanked Chief Schaffer for his service.

Trustee Hackett presented the Wastewater Department report (copy attached). The DEC recently conducted an inspection of the wastewater treatment plant. The plant received a good report with the exception of a few minor problems which are being addressed. Mr.

Hackett has met with the department supervisor and crew to tour the plant and meet the men.

Trustee Suzanne reported that the ZBA has not met for several months – nothing has been on the agenda. The Economic Development Committee held its Hors'n Around Party for sponsors to choose artists. Artist Cody Bisignano will represent the Village Board's horse. TV23 will hold training classes on 4/29. There will be 2 new shows on TV23; one hosted by Marge Block. "Funky Camera" night will be held 4/28. The new studio at Saugerties High School funded by Time Warner and supervised by TV23 is almost complete. The Planning Board is completing its work on the Partition Street Project. The Planning Board asked the developer to address some parking issues on Nanny Goat Hill, some public access issues, landscaping and lighting issues. The Planning Board felt that the alternate plans submitted at the Public Hearing came too late in the process to ask the developer to consider them. A new UCAT bus route is coming to the Village. The schedules will be available shortly.

Eyal Saad presented the Building Department report (copy attached).

George Terpening presented the Buildings, Parks and Ground report (copy attached).

Trustee Dirie reported that she and Supervisor Terpening would be meeting to discuss needed building repairs. The Girls Scouts will overnight in the Donlon on May 21st. The Farmers Market opens on May 29th.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). Trustee Myers reported that the DPW would begin work on a drainage problem at the end of East Bridge Street shortly. A storm drain failed causing debris to enter the Esopus Creek that built up over time. The debris has caused the level of the creek bed to rise hindering the installation of floats in the creek. Permits have been obtained from the DEC to allow the DPW to remove sand and debris from the creek. The work was scheduled to begin last week, however the rented machine broke down and is being repaired.

Trustee Kelly Myers advised that she is still searching for members for the Tree Commission. She also reported that Water Clerk Helene King could now include messages on the water bills. The newly adopted tree law will be included as a message on the water bill to help to keep residents informed.

Alex Wade presented his Special Assignment report (copy attached).

Mayor Murphy presented the Police report and the Water Department report (copies attached). Trustee LeBlanc asked that the Police be advised of a complaint regarding large group of youths congregating on Partition and Main Streets in the evening hours. Mrs. LeBlanc would like the groups to be dispersed.

Trustees LeBlanc and Dirie presented changes in the Property Maintenance Law and Solid Waste Law. The two Trustees presented ways to achieve the goals of the law and

are currently working on an enforcement procedure. More discussion took place – the changes will be presented in the near future.

Trustee Kelly Myers presented the 6th draft of proposed changes to the Animal Law. She explained the changes and presented a set of procedures separate from the law. Trustee LeBlanc spoke saying she agrees that the old law needs changes, but likes the old law because it forces residents to come before the Village Board for a permit to own certain animals. She is afraid that the new law will open a “Pandora’s Box” to allow chickens, pigs, ducks, and farm animals in the Village. Trustee Myers replied that those animals would only be permitted in certain areas. Trustee LeBlanc said she questioned how the law would be enforced. Trustee Buono thanked Trustee Myers for her hard work on the revisions, however he is not in favor of allowing any farm animal in the Village. He agrees with the section on feral cats and the hoarding of animals. Trustee Hackett spoke saying he had no problem with the proposed changes. Mr. Buono said he is worried about enforcement of the new law. Trustee LeBlanc said saying the new law does not allow for neighbor opinion and the Village Board would have no say in the matter. Much more discussion took place. Trustee Myers agreed to remove the section concerning large farm animals. Trustee LeBlanc wants chickens taken out and Trustee Buono wants a permitting process. Trustee Myers asked that all Trustees give her additional input so a final version can be presented on May 3rd and a second Public Hearing scheduled for May 17, 2010.

Trustee Murphy advised the Board that current Village laws allow dogs in Village Parks. After discussion, the Board agreed that the law should be changed and the Clerk was directed to contact the Village Attorney to draft a change to the law.

Mayor Murphy presented the Budget for 2010/2011: General - \$2,927,953.00; Water - \$1,094,200.00; Wastewater - \$796,050.00. A Public Hearing was held on the Budget on April 5, 2010. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to approve the Budget for 2010/2011. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented the list (copy attached) of various Board appointments and individual appointments for the Village. He made no changes to any of the Boards or Village positions this year except to reappoint several individuals whose appointment had expired.

Trustee Hackett advised the Board that he had received information regarding “Heart Safe Communities”. This program instructs employees on CPR. Trustee Hackett will report back to the Board with more information.

Motion was made by Trustee Dirie, seconded by Trustee Buono, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank, Village Clerk