

Village Board

March 2, 2015

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

Absent: Trustee Vince Buono

Others Present: Alex Wade, Robert Ford, Brian Hubert, Ed Quirk, Bill Schirmer, Brian Hubert and others

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

#### Privilege of the Floor

Mr. William Schirmer of Market Street spoke against the merger of the Town Highway Department and the Village DPW. He fears Village residents will see a loss of service. Mr. Schirmer feels that the Village lost service when the Police Departments merged. Mayor Murphy responded saying the discussion between the DPW and The Town Highway Department is very preliminary. He said that the two departments are looking for ways to share services. He wants to be sure no one loses their job. Trustee Parisian said absolutely no decision has been made – the Village is looking at true costs for both departments. Trustee Hackett said the Village approached the Town several years ago about combining the Water and Wastewater Departments but the Town was not interested. Mayor Murphy defended the merge of the Police Departments saying he feels the Village now has better coverage. Mr. Schirmer replied that the Village Police would often have radar on Market Street to deter speeders. Since the merge, not so much.

Virginia Davies from Washington Avenue, asked about progress on a fence law. Trustee Landewe replied that he and Code Enforcement Officer Eyal Saad are reviewing fence laws from other communities. He went on to say that existing fences would not be impacted by any new law. Mrs. Davies asked if the fence law would address attractiveness. Trustee Landewe said no and any new law would not get involved in lot line issues between neighbors.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of February 17, 2015. Motion was made by Trustee Parisian, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented the Abstract for March 2, 2015: General - \$34,867.80; Water - \$7,045.38; Wastewater - \$16,986.08; "H" - \$430,298.24. Motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Parisian reported that the DPW has received its salt order. The estimate to repair the sweeper is \$18,000.00. It should be up and running in April.

Trustee Landewe advised the Village Board that the ZBA is considering an area variance application for a property on Dock Street. A Public Hearing has been scheduled. The Waterfront Advisory Board has been approached by the Esopus Creek Conservancy for an opinion on the removal of water chestnuts in the cove in the Esopus. Trustee Landewe will discuss this issue at the March 16<sup>th</sup> VB meeting.

Trustee Martin had nothing to report.

Trustee Hackett reported that Wastewater Superintendent Mike Marino is working with Brinnier & Larios on the RBC repair. Trustee Hackett has spoken to Code Enforcement Officer Eyal Saad who advised him that his department has sent 18 letters to property owners regarding snow shoveling. Trustee Hackett would like to get together with Trustee Landewe to try to resolve the issue of residents not complying with the snow clearing law. Mayor Murphy said to continue to bill property owners if the Village has to remove snow from sidewalks. Trustee Hackett reminded everyone that the SFD will hold a Brooks BBQ on Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Mayer reported that "Cruisin' Around Saugerties" will feature 36 cars throughout the Village and Town. The Auction Gala will take place on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn Richardson, the Saugerties Food Pantry Manager, recently addressed the Chamber detailing the mission of the Food Pantry. The Chamber will be making a donation to the Food Pantry in memory of Marie Post. The Library is celebrating its 100 year anniversary. PBS will be airing local resident Lacey Schwartz' movie on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

Mayor Murphy reported that the Village has received a letter from the Saugerties Emergency Services Association. The Association requests a status update regarding the construction of a training tower facility on Village owned property on North Street. Much discussion followed. Alex Wade spoke saying he did not believe that a tower could be built over the former Village landfill. Trustee Parisian mentioned that the residents of the proposed Country Meadows project could be adversely affected by a fire training tower located nearby. Discussion will continue.

Mayor Murphy advised the Board that Saugerties lost two outstanding citizens in the last several weeks. Marie Post and Burke Bartells. The Village Board observed a moment of silence in their memory.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Parisian, to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Carried unanimously. The Board entered Executive Session at 5:50pm and return to the regular meeting at 6:00pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Landewe, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully admitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk

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## SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

**Streetscape:** I'm finally up to date on all the extensive paperwork and all of the supplemental submissions which were requested by Region 8 DOT. This abstract contains the statement for the very first bill from our current engineers. It is marked #2 as they waived payment for their first bill. The time period was for early last summer and we never received this statement.

I'm still awaiting paperwork from Mullen for all of the extras for the first phase of this project. Its quite complicated and their project manager has been unavailable until recently.

**CRZ:** We just received the detailed regulations for the CRZ funds. The good news is that NYS is hiring an engineer to do the paperwork; The bad news is that Davis-Bacon and other very expensive regulations apply making initial cost estimates too low. To offset this, we will be allowed to get reimbursed for work performed by Village staff. (Up to 10% of the amount of the project.)

**Transportation Committee:** This months' meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum and severe weather. The Cornell representative is pushing for a sidewalk inventory. I feel that we have many other more pressing issues and that this project would consume most of our time.

**Ulster County Emergency Management:** I can now turn my attention to completing various forms for the county. The three major information forms were completed last year. I have four more detailed forms to go with a March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**Grants:** I am also free to work on grants for firefighting, parking, municipal revitalization, etc.