

Village Board

January 3, 2011

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

Others: Students from SHS Government Class, Anthony Bell, Brain Martin, Alex Wade and others

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

Mayor Murphy wished everyone a Happy New Year and looks forward to a good 2011 for the Village.

There was no one who wished to speak at Privilege of the Floor.

Mayor Murphy presented the Minutes of December 20, 2010 for approval. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Dirie, to approve the minutes as written. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for January 3, 2011. General - \$50,623.84; Water - \$8,795.45; Wastewater - \$12,046.72. Motion was made by Trustee Landewe, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve the Abstract for payment. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Kelly Myers reported that the DPW has demolished the structure at 51 Livingston condemned by the Building Department and recently acquired by the Village at a Sheriff's Sale.

Trustee Myers also reported that she and Trustee Landewe continue to meet with numerous officials on the turbid water situation in the Esopus. There are at least two meetings scheduled in the next few weeks and she will keep the Board informed of progress.

Trustee LeBlanc reminded residents that they have 24 hours to clear snow from sidewalks after a snowfall. Please do not throw snow into the street. Failure to comply will result in fines.

Trustee Hackett welcomed Mike LoPinto to the Wastewater Department. Mike transferred from the Building and Grounds Department. The Department received an odor complaint from an adjoining neighbor in December. The Department is working with the UC Health Department and NY Rural Water, however presently the Department is doing all it can to control the odor.

Trustee Hackett and SFD Chief Bell met with Chief Barbaria to discuss communication between the two departments. It was a good meeting and Trustee Hackett is very confident all will work well. Trustee Hackett reported that the Fire Chief's Car currently being driven by SFD Bell is in very bad mechanical shape. Trustee Hackett would like

Village Board approval to replace the Chief's Car with the Ford SUV no longer being used by the Police Department. After some discussion, the Board approved the vehicle transfer.

Brian Martin, the President of the Town of Saugerties Emergency Services Association, spoke to the Board. He presented a letter (copy attached) requesting that the Board consider allowing the Association to construct a three-story concrete building on Village property on North Street. The purpose of this building would be for training for all area Saugerties Fire Companies. Presently all companies have to travel out of Saugerties to the Town of Woodstock or the Town of Ulster for this training. This type of training includes rappelling out of the building using "bail-out" ropes and is mandated by NYS. The Association will seek grants for construction materials and may seek volunteers to build it. Trustee LeBlanc suggested that DPW Super Bob Ciarlante be consulted before any decision is made. Trustee Myers agreed to talk with Mr. Ciarlante.

SFD Chief Bell addressed the Board. He thanked them for allowing the former PD SUV to transfer to the SFD. He reminded residents that they are responsible to shovel fire hydrants on their property. He agreed with Trustee Hackett regarding their meeting with Chief Barbaria and advised the Board that all his concerns have been addressed to his satisfaction. The former PD's CPR equipment will be distributed among the SFD and the Village Office.

Trustee Buono attended a recent meeting of the Economic Development Committee. The new "public art" lighthouses and the 200th anniversary of the Town were discussed. Trustee Buono advised the Board that an informative brochure on ATV use is available on the NYS DMV website. The Village has been offered bus shelters by UCAT. Alex Wade commented that UCAT offered several shelters to the Village in the past, but most of the locations were on private property and property owners refused citing liability, litter and vandalism. There is one shelter located on Village property on Partition Street. Trustee Buono will review suggested locations.

Trustee Dirie thanked the CA Lynch Fire Company for the annual Christmas Candy Run. The Wine Shop has opened in a new location after the fire forced them to close last fall. Several new shops have opened in the Business District. Upcoming events include the Library Open House to be held on January 29th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Trustee Landewe reported that he is meeting with HRB Chairman Richard Frisbee to update the application process among other issues.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). The report updated the Board on the Streetscape Project Phase II.

Mayor Murphy introduced Resolution #1/2011. This Resolution designated March 15, 2011 as the date for the annual Village Election and names the Municipal Building at 43 Partition Street as the Polling Place. The Polls will be open from 12noon to 9:00pm. The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Buono and carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented Local Law #1/2011 for approval. This law lowers the speed limit on Washington Avenue from Main to Montgomery from 30MPH to 25MPH. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Dirie, to approve the law. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented Local Law #2/2011. This law amends the unlicensed vehicle law by allowing an unlicensed vehicle to be displayed for sale on private property for six months. After six months the vehicle must be properly registered with the NYS DMV or removed from the property. Motion was made by Trustee Dirie, seconded by Trustee Landewe, to approve the law. Carried with Trustee Myers voting no.

Mayor Murphy presented the following appointments for Board approval:

Christopher Wilson – Water Department

Tom Rea, William Kimble – Parking Meter Enforcement Officers

Joe Bisignano, Chris Wilson, Tom Rea, William Kimble, Anthony Schleuderer – Court Officers

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve the appointments. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy thanked the DPW crew for coming in at 1:00am to perform snow removal. The Business District looks great.

Motion was made by Trustee Dirie, seconded by Trustee Buono, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

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