

Present: Mayor William Murphy, Trustees Patrick Landewe, Brian Martin, Don Hackett, Kelly Myers and Vincent Buono

Absent: Trustee Jeannine Mayer

Others: George Terpening, Sgt. Steve Filak, Mike Hopf, Frank Rea, Bob Ciarlante, Rosemary Brackett, Alex Wade and others

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

Mayor Murphy thanked the Siracusano Family and the staff of Sawyer Motors for their great Car Show. It was a wonderful day for the Village.

#### Privilege of the Floor

Frank Rea, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Chairman, addressed the Board. He reported the Parade was a very successful event and thanked all involved for their help. He thanked the outlying fire district companies for their help with the divisional lineups on parade day. The parade was one of the largest in history.

Rosemary Brackett addressed the Board saying she feels that the Police presence in the Village is “nil”. She said she never sees an officer on the street. Mayor Murphy spoke saying he strongly disagreed. Mrs. Brackett spoke about an incident at the Village Beach and the Police were not helpful. Sgt. Steve Filak also responded to Mrs. Brackett saying there is always a dispatcher on duty – no changes have occurred. Mayor Murphy advised that the PD have an extra officer on duty from 7:00pm to 3:00am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Trustee Myers reports that she has witnessed a patrol car parked at the Main and Partition Street intersection with an officer sitting in the vehicle but not walking the streets. Mayor Murphy said business owners have thanked him because the patrol officers are taking the time to enter the business and speak to the owners. Trustee Myers said she has received several complaints regarding bar noise from a Partition Street resident. Mayor Murphy said he has received the same complaints and the complaints are largely unfounded. Trustee Hackett reported a problem on Montross Street and the police responded within one minute. Trustee Buono asked if GPS reports for the patrol cars were available to the Public. Sgt. Filak was not sure, but would ask Chief Barbara and advise Trustee Buono. Sgt. Filak also said the noise complaints seem to be largely unfounded but suggested the complainant call the NYS Liquor Authority to lodge a complaint. Trustee Buono inquired about bicycle riding on sidewalks in the business district. Sgt. Filak said the police must be called and the appropriate action would be taken. Heather Plonchak (of the New Saugerties Times) asked if no bicycles were allowed on sidewalks. Sgt. Filak responded by saying all matters would be dealt with on a case by case basis. Trustee Myers suggested asking adults to walk their bicycles on the sidewalks of the business district.

Sgt. Filak went on to report that the Police department handled the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and the July 10<sup>th</sup> Car Show. The Police Department met with all the involved participants and developed plans for both events. The Police welcome and comments or suggestions for future event planning. Sgt. Filak said the next event will be Old Timers Day on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Murphy presented the Minutes of the July 5 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for July 18, 2011: General - \$26,659.84; Water - \$5,679.45; Wastewater - \$17,124.28; Short Lived Asset - \$920.00. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Martin to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Landewe advised the Village Board that the Planning Board did not meet in July. The Zoning Board of Appeals is considering the area variance for the First Baptist Church. The Historic Review Board is giving advice to Branden Amodio regarding his renovation of property on Partition Street. The LEWP met with the DEC regarding the DEP. They are discussing enforcement action and the SPEDES Permit.

Mayor Murphy advised the Board that the Clearwater organization has given the Village permission to paint the graffiti on the retaining wall on their property. The mayor suggested Superintendent Terpening get in touch with the Sheriff's Department to ask for a work crew. A Village resident is donating the paint.

Trustee Myers reported the Tree Commission is discussing trees in front of Mother Earth and the Reis Parking Lot. The tree at Mother Earth will be trimmed and a shorter light post will be installed at the Reis Lot. The Commission voted to notify all residents before a tree is planted in front of their residence. The ARWG will meet at the Ulster Town Hall on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm to discuss the water releases by the DEP into the Esopus. The public is urged to attend.

DPW Superintendent Bob Ciarlante showed the Board pictures of the paving underway on Washington Avenue, Russell and Robinson Streets. This project is funded with NYS CHIPS dollars. The "Shine on Saugerties" Lighthouses have been installed. A long-standing drainage problem on Latham Circle has been solved with the installation of 170 feet of pipe. Twelve trees have been planted in locations throughout the Village. Mr. Ciarlante thanked his crew, especially Joe Staccio, for all their hard work so far this construction season. Mayor Murphy said how appreciative he and the Trustees are of all the Departments and how each Department cooperates and share personal with each other. Mr. Ciarlante said the DPW also cleaned up the streets after July 4<sup>th</sup> and the Car Show.

Trustee Hackett presented the SFD report (copy attached). The SFD installed more than 30 "200 Year" anniversary banners for the Town on utility poles in the Town and

Village. Trustee Hackett congratulated Joe Schafer, Sr. on being named Fireman of the Year for the SFD. Painting work is on-going at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There have been no odor complaints.

Mike Hopf presented the Water Department report (copy attached). Trustee Buono inquired as to the status of the meter to monitor the flow of water over the dam. Mr. Hopf reported they are waiting for the flow to recede over the dam to begin the installation for the safety of the installer. Trustee Hackett asked about the reservoir water level. Mr. Hopf replied that there is a good flow of water over the dam.

George Terpening presented the Buildings and Ground report (copy attached). Both the beach and Lions Club Pool are very busy. Mayor Murphy asked about smoking and dog "poop" on the beach and in the parks. Mr. Terpening said there are still cigarette butts and dog "poop" in both places. Trustee Buono said he visited the Lions Club Playground and found it to be in great shape. Mayor Murphy complimented the crew that cleans the sidewalks on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Trustee Buono advised the Board that he is moving forward with a plan to revoke vehicle privileges to Department Supervisors. He will check with Alex Betke about revising the current law. Trustee Buono thanked Trustee Landewe for the help in trapping feral cats in the Montross Street neighborhood. Two traps were set; one cat was captured and transported to the UCSPCA to spaying. Help is needed to transport the cats to the SPCA for drop off and pick up. Trustee Hackett also thanked Trustee Landewe for his effort.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). Much discussion took place about a proposed dangerous dog law between the Trustees. Drafts of the new law will be sent to the Village attorney for comment.

Mayor Murphy asked the Trustees to give him comments on the letter received from several Lighthouse Drive residents. The letter expresses several concerns and asks the Village to take action. Suggestions were made regarding pedestrian signage, reflecting mirrors and more. There was discussion involving a new trail to the Lighthouse that would help with pedestrian traffic.

The issue of renting the water chestnut harvester from the Town of Esopus was discussed. The Village received a letter from Esopus Town Supervisor John Coutant with a quote of \$6,000.00 for the rental. Trustee Myers was disappointed in the cost saying the Village was a co-sponsor of the grant used to purchase the harvester and should be given some consideration in rental costs. Trustee Landewe spoke saying he wondered if harvesting the water chestnuts is necessary. He feels the water flow from the channel will keep the water chestnuts away from the beach area. George Terpening said he would like to see the chestnuts cut. Trustee Myers said harvesting some of the chestnuts will keep them in check. Trustee Landewe did not agree saying the whole creek needs to be addressed. Trustee Myers asked if the growth outside of the beach area was all water chestnuts. Trustee Myers volunteered to call the Town of Esopus and speak to the Supervisor.

Trustee Myers spoke about her concern with Village convenience stores selling and displaying drug paraphernalia especially glass pipes made for smoking crack cocaine. She feels the Village needs a law to address this situation. Trustee Myers will put together a draft law and ask the Village attorney for comment.

Village Clerk Mary Frank spoke on behalf of Trustee Mayer regarding the Village entry into the “Bed Race” on Old Timers Day. Trustee Mayer is looking for help – she needs volunteers to help with bed construction, costume sewing and “race personnel”. Frank Rea said he was sure the SFD would be happy to help.

Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk

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