

Village Board

August 15, 2011

Present: Trustees Jeannine Mayer, Don Hackett, Kelly Myers, Vince Buono, Brian Martin and Patrick Landewe
Absent: Mayor William Murphy
Others: Bob Ciarlante, Eyal Saad, George Terpening, Joe Bisignano, Mark Baker, Robert Ford-New Saugerties Times and others

Trustee Mayer called the Village Board to order at 6:30pm. Trustee Hackett led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Mark Baker, 85 Main Street, addressed the Board. He asked if the Trustees had read his recent letter to the editor in the Daily Freeman regarding the Farmer's Market. He demanded that the Village Board and the Saugerties Central School Board respond to his letter. Trustee Hackett asked if Mr. Baker had sent a copy of the letter to the Village Board. Mr. Baker replied he had not. Trustee Mayer advised Mr. Baker to provide the Board with a copy of his letter. Mr. Baker left the meeting to bring back a copy of his letter.

Trustee Mayer presented the minutes of the August 1, 2011 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 August 15, 2011: General - \$71,781.66; Water - \$1,534.46; Wastewater - \$6,973.08. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Mark Baker returned, providing a copy of his letter to the editor. He again demanded a response from the Village Board. He also asked the Clerk the status of an inquiry he had made earlier in the day regarding a boat parked on Lafayette Street. The Clerk advised Mr. Baker to call the Police Department. Mr. Baker refused to contact the Police Department, saying he made the complaint to the Village Office and expected a resolution. He then left the meeting.

Trustee Hackett reported "Business As Usual" at the Wastewater Department. The SFD responded to 14 alarms for a total of 159 hours in July 2011. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve Brandy Selke for membership into the RA Snyder Hose Company. Carried unanimously.

George Terpening presented the Building and Grounds Department report (copy attached). The Beach and Lions Club Playground will close before Labor Day – the majority of lifeguards return to college. Mum planting has begun at Seamon Park.

Trustee Brian Martin presented the Water Department report for July 2011 (copy attached). On July 24, 2011, the Water Department produced 1,659,000 gallons of water – the highest ever in our history. The temperature was in the high 90's and HITS had over 1800 horses at their facility.

Eyal Saad reported that he has issued several Building Permits for new swimming pools this season. The Building Department has issued 45 Building Permits so far in 2011. Mr. Saad suggested the Board consider some kind of fee be charged to owners of vacant buildings in the Village. There seems to be a decline in the need to send “grass letters” this summer.

Trustee Landewe advised the Village Board that there had been no Planning Board meeting in August, the ZBA is meeting on August 22nd and the HRB is scheduled to meet on August 23rd.

Trustee Landewe presented Resolution #16/2011 to the Board. This resolution supports the Town of Saugerties application for funds to develop a recreational trail network including trails on Village property on Dock Street and Lighthouse Drive. The Town applied for a similar grant in 2010, but was not selected. There now appears to be \$200,000.00 available of which the Village portion would be \$60,000.00 to \$80,000.00. Much discussion followed between the Board citing concerns that the proposed trail might follow a portion of Lighthouse Drive where residents are already complaining about vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Alex Wade suggested that the Village already has a 12' to 14' right-of-way on Lighthouse Drive to enable relocation of the road in the dangerous hill section. Mr. Wade suggested checking boundaries and getting estimates from contractors to move Lighthouse Drive 5' back from the edge of the drop-off enabling a trail to be constructed along the edge of the road. Trustee Buono suggested obtaining a survey for Lighthouse Drive and the Board agreed. Motion was made by Trustee Landewe, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve Resolution #16/2011. Carried unanimously.

Alex Wade then presented the remainder of his report (copy attached).

Trustee Myers said she plans to meet with Esopus Town Supervisor John Coutant on August 19th to discuss water chestnut removal.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). Drainage work continues on Latham Circle and paving continues on Robinson, Russell and Washington. Maintenance and signage work is underway on Lighthouse Drive.

Joe Bisignano advised the Board that the Town experienced a major water leak by the Kiwanis Ice Arena. Heavy rains caused the water plant to shut down on Wednesday and Sunday nite. Crews worked around the clock to handle these situations.

Trustee Mayer reported Old Timers Day was a success and the Village won 2nd place in the bed race. The Esopus Bend Paddle will take place on August 27th beginning at the

Village Beach. Zev Willy Neumann is holding an end of summer event at the Beach on September 4th.

The Trustees inquired if there is an application form for residents to complete when holding an event at the Village Beach or Tina Chorvas Waterfront Park. The Clerk advised that there is not nor is any fee charged. After more discussion, the Trustees tabled the issue to be discussed at a future Board meeting.

Trustee Mayer advised of upcoming events. She also reported that TV23 is collaborating with the Saugerties Central School District and Facebook on new projects.

Trustee Buono asked who will shepherd the Lighthouse Drive survey project. Alex Wade volunteered.

Trustee Hackett added that the Village owned property on Livingston Street needed to be surveyed and a "For Sale" sign put up on the property.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Wittenberg Center for Alternative Resources and the United Religions Initiative requesting use of the Tina Chorvas Waterfront Park for an event on September 21, 2011 from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Landewe, to grant the request. Carried unanimously.

The Trustees also reviewed a letter from Village resident Philip Magee, 94 Washington Avenue. He wrote to the Board many years ago requesting the Police issue tickets when vehicles block his driveway located across from the Cahill School. The problem is back and Mr. Magee is asking for assistance once again. After some discussion, the Board authorized the DPW to paint yellow lines on Washington Avenue marking his driveway. The Trustees asked the Clerk to forward Mr. Magee's request to the Police Department.

Trustee Myers advised the Board that a shorter decorative light pole will be installed at the Reis Parking Lot replacing a taller version of the pole. The taller poles' light is being blocked by an adjacent tree.

Alex Wade spoke on behalf of Mayor Murphy suggesting the Village contact residents of Clermont, Post and High Streets regarding the proposal changing the streets to one way. The Board agreed that letters be sent to all property owners of these streets, advising of the proposed changes and asking for comments be made to the Village by October 1st.

Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn. Carried. The Village Board adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk