

Present: Mayor Bill Murphy, Trustees Patrick Landewe, Kelly Myers, Don Hackett, Jeannine Mayer, and Brian Martin

Absent: Trustee Vince Buono

Others: Robert Ford- New Saugerties Times, students, Joe Bisignano, Mike Hopf, Bob Ciarlante, George Terpening, Eyal Saad, Dave Mason and others

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

Mayor Murphy welcomed the SHS students to the meeting and congratulated them for attending a Board meeting early in the school year instead of waiting until the end of the term.

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the September 6, 2011 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented the Abstract for 9/19/11: General - \$29,074.88; Water - \$3269.90; Wastewater - \$20,523.08; Stormwater Replacement - \$235,750.00; Short Lived Asset - \$28.26. Motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Eyal Saad presented the Building Department report. The annual commercial fire inspections have begun. The newly renovated Village Diner is reopening 9/20. The Partition Street Project is progressing nicely.

Trustee Landewe advised that the Mid-Hudson Economic Development Council is accepting public input for a 5 year plan. Trustee Landewe urged the public to notify the Village of any feral cat population in their neighborhood. The DEP is once again releasing 600 million gallons of turbid water per day into the Esopus for flood control. The LEWP has a meeting with the DEP on Thursday.

Trustee Mayer advised the Board that the recently held Family Day at Cantine Field was a success – thanks to Tina Merced for chairing the event. The Chamber meeting is September 27th, the Garlic Festival is September 24 and 25; the Mum Festival is October 3, the auction of the Lighthouses is October 8. Events are being held in Woodstock and Phoenicia for victims of Irene flooding.

Mayor Murphy advised the Board that he received a call from Assemblyman Pete Lopez inquiring about hurricane damage in Saugerties. Mr. Lopez apologized for not calling sooner, but a good portion of his district was devastated by recent flooding, including members of his family.

Mike Hopf presented the Water Department report (copy attached). The report focused on Hurricane Irene and the havoc it created for the Water Treatment Plant. Even though the plant was shut down for a total of 36 hours (due to heavy rain and high turbidity) all customers received water well within NYS mandated limits. Thanks to all employees for their efforts.

Joe Bisignano then addressed the Board. He is retiring and his last day of work is September 30th. Joe said he has been with for the Village for 32 years and worked with wonderful people. He cited some accomplishments made under his watch at the Water Department including construction of a \$1.8 million water plant, a new control panel at the plant, a 3 million gallon water storage tank, additional plant upgrades in 2000 and 2002, two major clean-ups of the reservoir, new control valves, a backflow control program, new computer billing and more. In addition the two main transmission lines from the plant to the Village were lined with concrete and many 100 year old water lines have been replaced throughout the Village. Joe thanked all the Mayors and Trustees he worked with over the years and said he is confident he is leaving the Water Department in Mike Hopf's good hands. Mayor Murphy formally thanked Joe for all his years of service. Village Clerk Mary Frank echoed the Mayor's words saying it was a pleasure to work with Joe and that he was always a gentleman. Joe received a warm round of applause from everyone in attendance.

SFD Chief Dave Mason presented the SFD report (copy attached). The SFD responded to 41 alarms in August. The firefighters spent a total of 568 man hours in August including servicing all the problems from Hurricane Irene (evacuations, basement pumping). Mayor Murphy thanked all members of the volunteer department saying Saugerties would not be the same without them.

Trustee Hackett advised the Board that some equipment at the Wastewater Treatment Plant was damaged due to Hurricane Irene but everything is now back to business as usual. Crews came back to work from vacation to maintain the plant during the hurricane and Trustee Hackett appreciated all their efforts.

George Terpening presented the Buildings and Grounds report (copy attached). He reported very minor damage at the Lions Club Playground, Waterfront Park and Seamon Park from Hurricane Irene. However the beach did not fare as well. Several supervisors are attending a FEMA workshop on Wednesday and the Village hopes for some compensation. George will be in contact with Central Hudson regarding light pole decorations on Ulster Ave.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). He advised the Board that Village roads fared pretty well from Irene. A sinkhole was repaired on Mill Lane with help from the Town excavator and some work was done on Esopus Drive.

Trustee Myers congratulated the DPW for their quick work removing downed trees from the hurricane. The DEP is releasing turbid water again with the goal to prevent further flooding. The LEWP is meeting with the DEP this week.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). He attended the recent UCTC meeting and was advised of the major funding cuts in the NYS DOT budget.

Trustee Mayer advised the public about Disaster Unemployment Assistance. The application deadline is October 3, 2011.

Mayor Murphy polled the Board regarding the proposed time change of Village Board meetings. Mayor Murphy would like to see the Board meeting at 5:00pm on the 1st Monday of every month to receive public comment and review Abstracts only. The 3rd Monday of the month would remain at 7:00pm and use the same structure currently in place. The Board unanimously agreed to try the new meeting time for several months but would return to the old schedule if public opinion requests the change. The next Village Board meeting will be October 3rd at 5:00pm in the Clerk's Office.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn. Carried. The Village Board adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk