

Village Board

May 2, 2011

Present: Mayor William Murphy, Trustees Brian Martin, Vincent Buono, Kelly Myers, Patrick Landewe, Jeannine Mayer and Donald Hackett  
Others: Students from the SHS Government Class, Bill Schirmer

#### Public Hearing

Mayor Murphy called the Public Hearing to order at 6:45pm. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comment on proposed Local Law #3/2011. This law proposes to lower the speed limit on Lighthouse Drive to 25MPH from the intersection of Mynderse Street to the dead-end of Lighthouse Drive.

Resident Bill Schirmer addressed the Board. He spoke in favor of the law but urged the Board to have the police enforce the speed limit. He went on to say that speeding is a big problem on Washington Avenue, Market and Elm Streets.

Mayor Murphy agreed with Mr. Schirmer and assured him he would speak to Chief Barbaria about enforcement.

There was no one else present who wished to address the Board. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Buono, to close the Public Hearing. Carried. The Public Hearing closed at 6:50m.

#### Regular Session

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

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

Mayor Murphy advised that the Spring Clean up was ended. Any debris left in the street will be the property owner's responsibility to remove.

Trustee Martin advised the Board that the NYS DOT and Central Hudson will remove three trees located on Main Street across from the Family Lodge this Thursday. These trees are infected with the Emerald Ash Borer and must be taken down.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the April 18, 2011. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for May 2, 2011: General - \$16,966.12; Water - \$9,148.14; Wastewater - \$11,144.70, and Country Meadow Escrow Account - \$3254.80. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Frank Rea then addressed the Board regarding the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. Line up begins at 10:00am at Saugerties High School, with step off at 11:00am. The parade theme is “200 Years of Community Service”. The Grand Marshall will be chosen on May 20. Parade applications should be sent in as soon as possible. Applications are available at Village Hall.

Trustee Hackett reported that Chief’s night was a success. Dave Mason has succeeded Anthony Bell as Chief of the SFD. It’s business as usual at the wastewater treatment plant.

Trustee Martin will order the no smoking signs for the Parks. The signs are provided at no charge by the Tobacco Free Coalition. The Arm of the Sea theater group has modified its request for a tent at the Tina Chorvas Waterfront Park. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve a 20 x 30 rental tent, located on the North side of the Park, from August 1 – August 15, 2011. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Martin reported that the relocation of offices at Village Hall is almost complete. He advised the Board that the annual “Decks and Docks Tour” will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Martin advised the Board that the Water Treatment Plant was off line for 12 hours during the last rainstorm. Residents were provided with clean water from the 3 million gallon water tank. He also advised the Board that the search, interview and selection process for the new Water Superintendent was complete. The selection committee has recommended that the Board approve Michael Hopf to fill the position of Water Superintendent. Current Water Superintendent is retiring in September with over 30 years of service to the Village. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve the appointment of Michael Hopf to the position of Water Superintendent. Carried unanimously. Mr. Hopf will begin work at the Village on June 6, 2011. Mr. Hopf, who was present, thanked the Board for the opportunity and said he looks forward to working with everyone at the Village.

Trustee Buono advised that he attended the recent Ulster County Chamber of Commerce Breakfast along with Treasurer Julie Dunn and Clerk Mary Frank. Tom Struzzieri provided the Chamber with an update on the “Diamond Mills Project”. The Saugerties Area Chamber of Commerce is considering a program called “Return the Favor”. This program offers discount to veterans from local businesses.

Trustee Landewe reported that the HRB is in the process of updating its guidelines. The HRB is considering two applications: one on Main Street and another on Partition Street.

Trustee Myers reported that May is Building and Safety Month. She is still working with the DEP on the turbid water releases into the Esopus.

Trustee Mayer reported that Smith Hardware was named Business of the Year by the Saugerties Area Chamber of Commerce. She advised the Board of many upcoming events including several in recognition of the Bicentennial. Trustee Mayer distributed an

old Village ordinance regarding bicycles – the law was removed from the Codebook at the recommendation of General Code Publishers for being unenforceable and in some instances, obsolete. She also distributed a bicycle law that is in place for NYC. Trustee Mayer asked the Board to consider if a new bicycle law is needed. She has received complaints regarding bikes on sidewalks in the business district. Discussion followed regarding the need for a law or just instructing the Police to ask riders to walk their bikes in the business district. Mayor Murphy said he favors public awareness before enacting another law.

Mayor Murphy presented Local Law #3/2011 – lowering the speed limit on Lighthouse Drive to 25 MPH. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Landewe, to approve Local Law #3/2011. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Landewe presented Local Law #4/2011 for Board review. This law enacts a real property tax exemption for historic properties that are altered or rehabilitated. The exemption applies only to the increase in property value as a result of the renovation. The Town of Saugerties has a similar law. Motion was made by Trustee Landewe, seconded by Trustee Buono, to set a Public Hearing to receive comment on Local Law #4/2011 for May 16, 2011 at 6:45pm. Carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk