

Village Board

April 18, 2011

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

Others: Alex Wade, Patrick Wadden, Joe Bisignano, Bob Ciarlante, Anthony Bell, Heather Plonchak – New Saugerties Times, Ariel Zanglia – Freeman and others

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

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the April 4, 2011 Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for April 18, 2011: General - \$50,730.05; Water - \$22,646.23; Wastewater - \$15,884.74. Trustee Landewe asked about the \$1041.27 payment to Richard Forbes. The Clerk explained it was insurance reimbursements for medication. Trustee Landewe also asked about the \$8,771.25 payment from the Water Department to Brinnier & Larios. Joe Bisignano explained that this payment was for the design of a system to cover a water main that became exposed in the middle of a streambed. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve the Abstract for payment. Carried unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor

Patrick Wadden, of Arm of the Sea Theater, addressed the Board. Arm of the Sea Theater, in partnership with Art Lab, is proposing a project called ART TENT. The tent would be a seasonal space for community art workshops, play rehearsals, small concerts and meetings. The tent would be 30' x 40' in size and maintained and insured by Arm of the Sea. The question for the Village Board is will the Village allow the tent at the Tina Chorvas Waterfront Park June – September? Most of the Trustees were receptive to the idea however there were some questions, including kid safety, vandalism and more. Mayor Murphy said the tent could be used as shelter during inclement weather when not in use by Art Lab. Motion was made by Trustee Landewe, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve the request pending site approval by Parks Superintendent George Terpening. Carried unanimously. Mayor Murphy requested that Trustee Martin and Superintendent Terpening inspect the site ASAP and report back to the Board. The deadline for Arm of the Seas grant proposal is May 3rd.

Mayor Murphy presented the Budget (copy attached) for 2011/2012. A Public Hearing was held on the proposed Budget on April 4, 2011. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Hackett to approve the proposed Budget as follows: General - \$2,512,751.00 at a tax rate of \$6.7639 per thousand (a decrease of 21% from last years general budget); Wastewater - \$990,528.00; Water - \$1,210,162.00 (both water and wastewater budgets are based on usage revenue, not tax dollars). Carried unanimously.

Joe Bisignano presented the Water Department report (copy attached). The Glasco Water Department repaired a large water leak, 2 service line leaks were found in the Village and several fire hydrants needed repairs. The water usage has decreased over 100,000 gallons per day since the discovery and repair of all the above. The plant was shut down twice during March due to heavy turbidity. Ulster County Health Department completed its annual inspection – the Water Department passed with flying colors. The 2010 Water Quality Report (copy attached) will be mailed to all users in the next few weeks.

Trustee Martin reported that the Buildings and Grounds crew is busy remodeling the Mayor's and Treasurer's offices. The Reformed Church will hold an Easter Sunrise Service at Seamon Park. Thanks to the DPW and the Coast Guard for their help in placing the boat docks in the water for the season.

Trustee Hackett advised the Board that this was Fire Chief Anthony Bell's last Village Board meeting. Chief Bell received a warm round of applause from the Trustees. Chief Bell presented the SFD reports for February and March (copies attached). He invited the Board to attend Chief's night on April 29th. Chief Bell thanked the Village Board for their support and cooperation during his tenure as Chief. Trustee Hackett advised the Board that the SFD recently held its elections for officers. Elected to the position of Chief was Dave Mason; 1st Assistant Chief – Chris Wade; 2nd Assistant Chief - Walt Conlon. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the election results. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett presented the Wastewater Report (copy attached). The Department has signed a contract (at no cost to the Village) to conduct a study for co-generation of the exhaust gas produced at the plant.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). The report covered the Census figures and more.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #11/2011. This resolution authorizes the mayor to execute all necessary agreements to receive reimbursement from NYS regarding the storm water construction project recently completed on Route 9W and Route 32. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Myers and carried unanimously.

DPW Superintendent Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). Spring clean up has begun. The street sweeper is experiencing mechanical problems. Several dangerous trees have been removed and potholes are being filled.

Trustee Myers advised the Board that surveys have been distributed to residents regarding the Esopus Creek turbid water release. They are also available at the Village Office. Trustee Myers compliments Marjorie Block and Leeann Thornton on the wonderful Gala recently held to celebrate the Town's 200th anniversary.

Trustee Landewe reported that the Historic Review Board and the Planning Board are reviewing plans for the SpeedyMart on Main Street and 123 Partition Street.

Trustee Landewe presented Resolution #8/2011. This resolution designates the Lion's Club Playground and Pool, the sand beach swimming area, playground area and restroom facilities at the Village Beach and the playground area at Seamon Park as tobacco free zones. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Martin and carried unanimously.

Trustee Mayer reported that there was no TV23 meeting in March. She attended a Saugerties Area Chamber of Commerce meeting where the owner of Ulster Publishing and the editor of the New Saugerties Times were invited speakers. Village Clerk Mary Frank attended the recent "Shine on Saugerties" event and chose the Lighthouse on behalf of the Village Board. Trustee Mayer said the Town Gala was a wonderful event. There will be a Stone House Tour on May 21st and more events are planned to celebrate the Town's 200th Anniversary. The joint Town and Village Comprehensive Plan revision meetings are on going.

Trustee Mayer presented Resolution #10/2011. This resolution endorses the application to the Hudson Valley Greenway for a grant to update the 10 year old Town/Village Comprehensive Plan. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Hackett and carried unanimously.

Trustee Mayer that there was another accident on lower Washington Avenue recently. She has been approached by some concerned residents about making some of the cross streets, such as Post, Russell and Montgomery, one-way. There was discussion from the Board saying some residents of those streets may object. Alex Wade advised that a study was done years ago on this subject. He will try to locate it for the Board.

Trustee Buono reported he is following the IDA projects via their website. There is no new business that could affect the Village. The Saugerties Economic Development Committee questioned where they could find a list of events for the community. Trustee Mayer advised there is a list on TV23 and the Village website. The SEDC is also discussing the purchase of Opus 40.

Trustee Murphy discussed a suggestion from resident Richard Jackson to change the "yield" sign at the intersection of Virginia and Finger, to a stop sign. After discussion, the Board directed the mayor to speak with the DPW about changing the sign.

Mayor Murphy introduced proposed Local Law #3/2011. This law proposes to lower the speed limit on Lighthouse Drive to 25MPH. A Public Hearing was scheduled for May 2nd at 6:45pm.

Mayor Murphy asked for a moment of silence to remember Thomas Beckert. Tom was a founding member of the New Vision Party and served on The Village Board from 1997 to 2000. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, the American Legion and more. Tom was a true gentleman in very sense of the word and will be missed by all that knew him.

Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Mayor Murphy, to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the proposed appointment of a particular person. The motion carried unanimously. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:20pm and returned to regular Session at 8:45pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Mayor Murphy to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 8:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

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