

Village Board

October 3, 2011

Present: Mayor William Murphy, Trustees Don Hackett, Jeannine Mayer, Patrick Landewe, Kelly Myers, Vince Buono and Brian Martin
Others: Joe Churnetski, Robert Ford – New Saug Times, and Alex Wade

Mayor William Murphy called the Village Board to order at 5:00pm. Trustee Buono led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for October 3, 2011: General - \$193,220.24; Water - \$31,604.47; Wastewater - \$ 21,668.95. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor

Joe Churnetski, of 155 Main Street spoke saying that he had recently moved to the Better Community Housing building on Main Street. He said his car “bottoms out” when he exits their driveway onto Washington Avenue. Mayor Murphy said that many cars enter and exit that parking lot every day and this is the first complaint he has ever received. The Mayor asked if Mr. Churnetski has spoken with the building manager John Harris. Trustee Myers said the DPW would take a look at the driveway and repair it if the Village was at fault.

Trustee Hackett advised the Board that he has discussed a one week vacation “buy back” idea for non-union employees with Mayor Murphy. Treasurer Julie Dunn crunched numbers and is comfortable with a one week buy back. The Board agreed that it was a good idea and to ask Attorney Alex Betke to write a resolution for Board consideration.

Trustee Mayer advised the Board that she has received a contract from Planner Dan Shuster for his work on the Town/Village Comprehensive Plan. The Village received a \$15,000.00 grant to update the 10 year old Comprehensive Plan. The Shuster contract is for \$20,000.00. This will be discussed at the October 17th Board meeting.

Trustee Landewe advised the Board that he plans to attend a workshop regarding NYS Economic Consolidated Funding.

Trustee Buono reminded the Board that the Saugerties Area Chamber of Commerce will auction the Lighthouses at an event on October 8th. He also reported that he and Treasurer Julie Dunn attended a day long seminar regarding the new NYS 2% tax cap. He advised the Board that they will have to start the budget process earlier and could pass a local law to opt out of the 2% cap. This subject will also be discussed at the October 17th Village Board meeting.

Trustee Martin advised the Board that the Water Department will be flushing hydrants all this week in the evening. The Mum Festival was cancelled by the Mum Festival Committee on Friday afternoon due to the wet and slippery conditions at Seamon Park.

Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to adjourn. Carried.
The Village Board adjourned at 5:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

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