

Village Board

October 4, 2010

Present: Mayor William Murphy, Trustees Suzanne LeBlanc, Kelly Myers, Patrick Landewe, Jeannine Dirie and Don Hackett

Absent: Trustee Vince Buono

Others: SFD Chief Anthony Bell, Heather Plonchak-New Sau Times, Alex Wade

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

SFD Chief Anthony Bell presented a report (copy attached) to the Board regarding the fire on September 28th at 123 Partition Street. The fire destroyed the Wine Shop, damaged the English Garden, and rendered 5 apartments unfit for occupancy. Five additional area fire companies assisted the SFD. A neighboring building sustained some smoke damage. All occupants left the building safely however two firefighters were taken to the hospital with minor injuries. Food was donated by Mirabella's, Lucky Chocolates and the Lutheran Church with the SFD Ladies Auxiliary assisting. Mayor Murphy thanked the SFD saying he was on the scene by 8:15am and witnessed the tremendous coordination between the Fire Departments. He is in total admiration of all the firefighters. Chief Bell said he would like to see a "Knock Box" on all Village businesses – this box would be accessible to the SFD and contain keys to the business and apartments in the building eliminating the need for the SFD to break down doors to gain entrance to fight a fire. Trustee Dirie will mention this at the next Chamber of Commerce meeting. The Board extended a round of applause to the SFD for the wonderful job.

Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded the Trustee Hackett, to approve the annual SFD Halloween Parade on October 29th. Line up at 5:30pm in the Municipal lot behind Mirabella's and step off at 6:00pm. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Myers reported that several area businesses are organizing a benefit for the Village merchants that were affected by the fire. The fundraiser will take place at the Muddy Cup on Saturday Oct. 9th.

Mayor Murphy presented the Minutes of the September 20, 2010 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Landewe, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Mayor Murphy presented the Abstract for October 4, 2010: General - \$43,767.17; Water - \$10,323.26; Wastewater - \$19,855.50 and Stormwater - \$143,128.15. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Trustee Landewe thanked Supervisor George Terpening and his crew for the fine job at Seamon Park. The October 3rd Mum Festival was a good success. Trustee Landewe is meeting with the Town to discuss the development of a trail system linking the Esopus Creek Conservancy to the Lighthouse. Grants are being sought for the project.

Trustee LeBlanc had nothing to report on behalf of the Planning Board or TV23. At the ZBA, the Schuman application for an area variance has been withdrawn. The ZBA has received an area variance application from Melanie Gardner, a resident of Dock Street. She would like to construct a carport that will not meet the required front setback.

Trustee Dirie reported on a successful Garlic Festival, Mum Bowl and Mum Festival. The Flea Market sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce has been cancelled.

Trustee Hackett reported that the Wastewater Department continues to work hard to find an odor control solution for the treatment plant. Mayor Murphy advised the Board that engineers Brinnier & Larios have also been consulted. Trustee Hackett praised the SFD for their work at the recent fire on Partition Street.

Trustee Myers also advised the Board that after the fundraiser for the businesses damaged by fire at the Muddy Cup, there will be an afterparty at the Dutch Tavern with some of the proceeds of the evening going to the fire fund. Rae Stang of Lucky Chocolates is the event coordinator.

Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Dirie, to appoint Rosemary Brackett as Chair of the Tree Commission. Carried unanimously. The Commission is still one member short – please volunteer. The Commission is currently looking at sites for 12 trees to be placed within the Village. Trustees Landewe and Myers attended a recent Esopus Creek Conservancy event.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). He also advised the Board that the Bed and Breakfast, located next to the fire scene on Partition Street, sustained smoke damage.

Trustee LeBlanc presented Local Law #5/2010. This law amends the zoning enforcement authority within the Village. The law was seconded by Mayor Murphy and carried unanimously.

The Village Board held a moment of silence for Joseph Doyle, a former Village Trustee, who passed away last week.

Motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to adjourn. Carried. The Village Board adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

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