

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

Absent: Trustee Kelly Myers

Others: Joe Churnefsky, Antoinette Dougherty, Mary Brazier, George Terpening, Alex Wade, Joe Bisignano, Mike Hopf, Bob Ciarlante, Eyal Saad, Dave Mason, students and others

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

#### Privilege of the Floor

Antoinette Dougherty addressed the Board with her request to change Village Law regarding "Control of Dogs and Penalties for offenses". Her small Bichon Frise was recently attacked in her yard by two Pit Bulls when the Pit Bulls owner failed to maintain control of the leashed dogs. Mrs. Dougherty's dog "Buddy" was severely injured. Village Law does not address animals that attack other animals. Mrs. Dougherty presented a package to the Trustees that included pictures of the injured dog, a letter from her veterinarian, the current NYS Law, and the proposed changes to Village law. Mrs. Dougherty reported that the Pit Bulls owner gave false information and the dogs were not licensed or vaccinated. She is afraid the dogs may attack a child. Mayor Murphy advised her that he has spoken with the Town Police and they will now issue citations in the Village. He promised that the Village Board will look over her suggestions to change the law.

Joseph Churnefsky addressed the Board regarding the problem he has trying to exit his driveway onto Partition Street. Mr. Churnefsky said he has called the Police several times when his driveway is blocked, but they do not respond quickly. He has appeared before the Board in the past asking the Board to solve this problem. Mayor Murphy said the solution is not to remove the parking meters and designate the area as "no parking" (as Mr. Churnefsky has requested). Mayor Murphy instructed the DPW to paint the yellow lines marking the driveway entrance on Tuesday. He went on to say that the Village contacted surrounding property owners asking for an easement through their properties into Municipal Parking Lot – the owners were not willing to grant the easement. Mayor Murphy understands Mr. Churnefsky's frustration, however there is not much else the Board can do. Partition Street and the structures located on Partition were built in the horse and buggy era and residents have to live with that fact.

Mayor Murphy presented the Minutes of the June 6, 2011 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve the Minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for June 20, 2011: General - \$63,776.09; Water - \$98,260.35; Wastewater - \$12,360.55; Short Lived Asset - \$20,336.00; Water

Distribution - \$3,317.03; Partition St. Project Escrow - \$9.93. Motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono advised the Board that he will attend a SAMA/STAC meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>. The Bi-centennial banner will be installed shortly and the “Lighthouses” will also be in place by July 4<sup>th</sup>. He spoke with the DOT and our traffic light situation on Ulster and Market is “going through the chain of command at the DOT”.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). He reported on the grant award for the Comprehensive Plan update, streetscape and more.

Joe Bisignano presented the Water Department report (copy attached). Lots of rain has caused high turbidity – the plant was shut down several times. Leak detection is ongoing throughout the Village. A new truck was purchased via NYS Bid. Mr. Bisignano introduced Mike Hopf – Mike will replace Joe in September when Joe retires.

George Terpening presented the Buildings and Grounds report. Mowing and weed-whacking are ongoing. The beach and pool will open at the beginning of July. We are looking for additional lifeguards. There should be no swimming at the beach until the lifeguards are on duty. The water quality was checked – all is well. The Clearwater will be at the Waterfront Park next week for maintenance. The retrofit of the old lighting fixtures in all departments is nearly complete – the work was done using a grant from NYS and Central Hudson at no cost to the Village. Summer help is onboard. Dog owners are not cleaning up after their pets at Seamon and Waterfront Parks. Trustee Mayer will call the Town of Esopus regarding the water chestnut harvester. Roof work will begin in July.

Trustee Martin read the list of summer employees (copy attached) for the Village for Board approval. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve the hiring of the summer help. Carried unanimously.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). Street sweeping is done daily. Please do not place yard debris in the street. Solutions are underway for problems on Mill Lane and Latham Circle. Construction work is scheduled on Robinson and Russell.

Eyal Saad presented the Building Department report. The Partition Street Project is progressing with noise complaints found to be mostly unfounded. Grass cutting letters go out weekly to homeowners who are not maintaining their properties. Mayor Murphy would like to send private contractors to cut the grass on properties whose owners do not cooperate with notifications and add the cost to their tax bill. Water Department employee Chris Wilson has been using equipment on loan from Ulster County to begin GIS mapping.

Trustee Landewe reported that the Planning Board is reviewing the plans for 123 Partition Street. The Planning Board will wait for a decision from the HRB before ruling

on the site plan. The Building Inspector is reviewing a revised sign application from the “Cue”. Trustee Landewe will be attending a seminar on trail grants. Trustees Landewe and Hackett are researching available grants for monitoring water quality in the Esopus. Trustee Landewe submitted a letter to Ulster County Exec Mike Hein urging the County establish a program to monitor the water quality of the Esopus. Mayor Murphy reported that Mike Hein supports the idea.

Trustee Mayer reported that Saugerties made the cover of “Car and Driver” magazine and was chosen as one of the top 4 places to visit in NY. Greenway has awarded Saugerties a \$15,000.00 grant to help with the update of the over 10 year old Comprehensive Plan. Lighthouse TV23 has requested that the Village perform a yearly review of people appointed to the TV23 Committee. Trustee Mayer mentioned that these folks volunteer hours upon hours to the TV station. TV23 is hoping to establish a media camp for teens. Trustee Mayer attended a Girl Scout Award Ceremony on June 12<sup>th</sup> – Alicia Scott, who received the Gold Award, will attend the July 5<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting. Old Timers Day is August 6<sup>th</sup> and Kids Day at Cantine Field is September 10<sup>th</sup> – volunteers are needed.

SFD Chief Dave Mason presented the Fire Department report (copy attached). The SFD responded to 15 alarms, including one working structure fire, in May. The plans for the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade are coming along nicely. The SFD will assist with the installation of the bicentennial banners as soon as permission is received from Central Hudson. Mayor Murphy asked if the SFD could place the “no parking” signs on the parade route early on the 4<sup>th</sup> – the Village PD used to handle this chore. Chief Mason agreed. The annual SFD inspection will take place at 8:30am on the 4<sup>th</sup> – all Trustees are urged to attend.

Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Martin, to accept the application of David Wood to join the Washington Hook and Ladder Company and the application of Amber Bell to join the CA Lynch Company. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy reported that test results have been received from the water samples taken at the Village Beach. The water is safe for swimming.

Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Buono, to sell Village owned vacant property at 51 Livingston Street. Carried unanimously. Mayor Murphy will contact attorney Alex Betke for action to begin the sale process.

Mayor Murphy advised the Board that the Village has been asked by the Center for Spectrum Service for use of the Donlon for ½ hour on rainy days during the summer. The Center serves developmentally disabled kids and attends the Webe Playcenter when that is in session. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to allow the use of Donlon by Spectrum Services at no charge contingent on Spectrum adding the Village as an additional insured on their insurance. Carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Landewe, to approve the Inter-municipal Agreement between the Village and Town of Saugerties regarding the

Village of Saugerties Police Department abolishment and the terms of the Town of Saugerties Police Department's coverage of the Village. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to adjourn. Carried. The Village board adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk

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