

Village Board

March 21, 2011

Present: Trustees Jeannine Mayer, Suzanne LeBlanc, Vincent Buono, Kelly Myers, Patrick Landewe and Don Hackett

Absent: Mayor Bill Murphy

Others: Eyal Saad, Bob Ciarlante, Joe Bisignano, George Terpening, Police Chief Louis Barbaria, Willy Neuman, Heather Plonchak, students and others

Trustee Jeannie Mayer called the Village Board to order at 7:00pm. Trustee LeBlanc led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Trustee Mayer thanked Suzanne LeBlanc for her many years of service to Village residents while serving as a Village Board member. She congratulated Patrick Landewe and Brian Martin for their success in the recent Village Election. Trustee Mayer (who was also re-elected) said she looks forward to working with everyone.

Privilege of the Floor

Willy Neumann addressed the Board. He would like to organize an “art workshop” in the Reis Parking Lot on Saturday afternoons beginning sometime in May. He has secured permission from Frank Reis, the property owner, however he would like the event to be covered by Village insurance. Mr. Neumann feels this corner is very visible to the public and wants people to know that Saugerties is “a happening place”. Trustee LeBlanc asked who would be responsible for the clean up of the lot. Mr. Neumann said he would. Trustee LeBlanc said she would like the Village attorney and Chief Barbaria consulted before the Board gives the go ahead to Mr. Neumann. Mr. Neumann went on to say he would like to show movies on the building walls and perhaps include live music. Trustee Myers spoke supporting Mr. Neumann’s idea. Trustee Mayer said we could try the activity and if there are problems, we would stop. She also advised Mr. Neumann that she received permission from Frank Reis last year to construct a “Community Bulletin Board”. Mr. Neumann said he was not aware that permission was received but he was very interested in building it. Trustee Buono asked who was paying for the bulletin board – Mr. Neumann replied he would find the funds. Trustee Landewe said he would like to have a written proposal from Mr. Neumann before the Board grants approval for insurance coverage. He would also like to pass along the design for the proposed bulletin board to the Historic Review Board for their comments. Additional discussion followed with Trustee Mayer and Trustee Myers saying they would follow up with the appropriate people to move both projects forward.

Trustee Mayer presented the minutes of the March 7, 2011 Village Board meeting. She had one correction – the Car Show is July 10, 2011, not July 7<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the minutes as corrected. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for March 21, 2011: General - \$26,673.52; Water - \$8,647.04; Wastewater - \$8,046.00. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Landewe, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett had no written report from the SFD but advised the Board that they had pumped many basements during the recent rainstorms. The Wastewater Department report is attached. The WWD is exploring using the methane gas produced at the plant as an energy alternative. Trustee Hackett then excused himself from the meeting.

Police Chief Louis Barbaria addressed the Board. He advised that the consolidation of the two Police Departments is going very smoothly. Both Departments have come together and are working as one unit. The Chief went on to say that the Police Department wants to be responsive to all residents and the Village Board. He urged Trustees to call him with any feedback they receive. He reported that there has been an increase in calls for service in the Village. The Department has completed 8 days of mandatory firearms training and one officer is being trained in the use of "patrol rifles". The Department has also completed taser training. Last week, the Department stationed several patrol cars and officers in the Village business district. Almost 60 tickets were issued for red light violations, speed violations, cell phones, and seat belts. This request came from local businesses and was funded by the NYS STEP Program. The Department now qualifies for greater funding from NYS because of its increased officer total. Chief Barbaria said his Department would do their best to handle noisy bar patrons and will work on the loud motorcycle problem. He asked the Trustees to contact him with any situations the Police Department can help with.

George Terpening presented the Building and Grounds report (copy attached). He reported that the Emerald Ash Borer has infested several trees at the Village beach and one in Seamon Park. The trees must be removed.

Trustee Landewe advised the Village Board that Historic Review Board would be considering two applications currently before the Planning Board. He advised the Board that Susannah Satten has resigned from the HRB. Village resident Brian Wilson has expressed an interest in serving on the HRB. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Myers, to appoint Brian Wilson to the HRB to fill the unexpired term of Susannah Satten. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Landewe advised that several agencies are looking at the impacts of the turbid water releases by the DEP. Property owners should contact the DEP and County Government to report damage. The DEP was given the go ahead to release turbid water into the Esopus for one week in advance of a recent storm. Trustee Myers advised the Board that water is now overflowing the spillway at the Ashokan Reservoir and is presently the cause of the turbid water in the Esopus.

Trustee LeBlanc reported that the Planning Board declared Lead Agency Status for the review of two new applications. Both applicants are located in the Historic Business

District; the first located at 123 Partition Street and the second at 317 Main Street. A Public Hearing on both applications is scheduled for April 13 at 6:30pm.

Trustee LeBlanc then offered her congratulations to Jeannie Mayer, Patrick Landewe, Brian Martin and Mayor Murphy. She went on to thank all the Village department superintendents including Joe Bisignano, George Terpening, Bob Ciarlante, Mike Marino, Alex Wade, Treasurer Julie Dunn, Code Enforcement Officer Eyal Saad, office staffers Anita Yates and Helene King, former Mayor Bob Yerick, current Mayor Bill Murphy, attorney Alex Betke and Village Clerk Mary Frank for the help and support given to her as a Village Trustee. Trustee LeBlanc said she always put the interests of the taxpayers of the Village of Saugerties into any decision she made as a Trustee.

Eyal Saad thanked Trustee LeBlanc for her years of service. He had no written report but advised the Board the Building Department is very busy.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). A letter has been sent to the NYS DOT regarding the deterioration of the mats placed in the handicapped crosswalks asking the DOT to correct the situation. Mr. Ciarlante spoke directly to Chief Barbaria, who was still in attendance, asking that the Police Department be vigilant regarding residents who blows or plows snow into Village Streets. Chief Barbaria agreed to speak to his officers.

Trustee Myers reported that overnight parking restrictions ended on March 15<sup>th</sup>. She is working with Lucky Chocolate owner Rae Stang on a Community Garden for Village residents.

Joe Bisignano presented the Water Department report (copy attached). Trustees Buono and Landewe are reviewing all the applications for the Water Superintendents position (Mr. Bisignano is retiring) and will be interviewing candidates within the next month.

Trustee Mayer presented Alex Wade's report (copy attached).

Trustee Mayer reported that a preliminary draft of the Village Budget is on the Village website. She advised the Board of several community events taking place in the near future. Discussion on funding of the Discover Saugerties brochure was tabled until April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Buono advised the Board that he will be attending a SAMA meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and that he had recently attended at UCIDA meeting.

Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Myers, to set a Public Hearing on the proposed Village Budget for 6:30pm April 4, 2011. Carried. Trustee Buono went on to say that the Board would forgo its normal agenda on April 4<sup>th</sup>, to focus on a budget workshop and the organizational meeting. The public is encouraged to attend. The Board will vote on the 2011/2012 Budget on April 18, 2011.

Trustee Mayer reported on the March 18<sup>th</sup> bid opening for the two police cars. Three bids were received for each vehicle. The highest bidder for both cars was Darren Chlud bidding \$2002.00 for the Ford Taurus and \$502.00 for the Crown Victoria. Motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Buono, to accept Mr. Chlud's bid. Carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Landewe, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Board adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk

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