Village Board September 2, 2014

Present: Mayor William Murphy, Trustees Don Hackett, Brian Martin, Vince Buono, Terry Parisian, Patrick Landewe and Jeannine Mayer

Others: Robert Ford, Ariel Zangla, Ed Quirk, Alex Wade, Virginia Davies, Danielle Panko, Chris Johnson, Chris Allen and others

Mayor Murphy called the Public Hearing to order at 4:55pm. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comment on Local Law #2/2014. This law provides for one handicapped parking space on Main Street located near the driveway of the Ivy Lodge. There was no one present who wished to comment on the proposed law. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to close the Public Hearing. Carried unanimously. The Public Hearing closed at 4:58pm.

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

Mayor Murphy presented the Minutes of the August 18, 2014 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Parisian, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for September 2, 2014: General - \$81,602.98; Water - \$14,476.98; Wastewater - \$22,329.65; Account H - \$83,703.88. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

## Privilege of the Floor

Danielle Panko, of 27 Elm Street, spoke advising the Board of her concern with the condition of the residence at 26 Elm Street. She said the house is an eyesore and is degrading surrounding property values. She feels the Village should enforce its property maintenance law. She spoke of her concern about lead paint, mold, and more. Mayor Murphy responded saying the Village could send the property owner violations and the Village Court could impose fines, however, that does not get the property into compliance. He would rather work with the property owner. It seems apparent that the owner is in need of assistance. Mayor Murphy said he appreciates that one neighbor is cutting the grass at 26 Elm. Trustee Hackett volunteered to try to speak to the homeowner or his family to see what kind of assistance is needed. Trustee Hackett and UC Legislator Chris Allen will check with the Community Action Committee to see if any help can be provided from the County.

Ms. Panko also advised the Board of her concern regarding a resident of Livingston Street who has been arrested for sexual harassment. She is concerned because she has a 3 year old daughter who visits her grandmother who lives on Livingston Street. Mayor Murphy responded by saying the Police Department conducted a "sting" on Livingston Street recently. Ms. Panko said she appreciated the police action but still has concerns about this gentleman. Mayor Murphy said he would speak to Police Chief Sinagra.

Virginia Davies, of Washington Avenue, spoke to the Board once again. She brought additional pictures of the fence recently installed by her neighbors. Mayor Murphy advised her that the Village Board will

consider a fence law, however the Board does not settle neighbor disputes. Mrs. Davies replied her request was for a fence law – she understands a new law will not solve her neighbor situation.

**Trustee Reports** 

Trustee Parisian had nothing to report.

Trustee Landewe had nothing to report.

Trustee Buono said he received a request from a local business to put 2 additional municipal garbage containers in the Business District. Trustee Parisian will speak with DPW Super Bob Ciarlante to discuss locations.

Trustee Martin had nothing to report.

Trustee Hackett had nothing to report.

Trustee Mayer reported of upcoming events throughout the Village and Town.

Trustee Parisian reported that Bob Siracusano, of Sawyer Motors, has been chosen to receive the "Heart of Ulster County" award by the UC Chamber of Commerce. The Board agreed it is a well-deserved choice.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). Snafu's continue with the crosswalk project.

Mayor Murphy presented the "Street Lighting Authority" letter from Central Hudson. This action will authorize the Village to own and maintain the 2 newly installed streetlamps in front of Sawyer Savings Bank on Market Street. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy and seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve this action. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Mayer reminded residents that a 9/11 memorial service will be held at 700pm at Cantine Field.

Mayor Murphy submitted 3 names for Board consideration as additional volunteers to the Tree Commission. Motion was made by Trustee Parisian, seconded by Trustee Martin, to accept Virginia Lupino, Diane Dwyer and Rae Stang, as volunteers to the Tree Commission. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy reported that the new play center at the Lions Club Playground is complete. Thanks to the Kiwanis Club and the Lions Club for their financial contributions and to Mike Schatzel Construction for donating all the excavation work.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #17/2014. This resolution supports the Village Justice Court to apply for a grant to the Justice Court Assistance Program for funds not to exceed \$30,000.00 for renovation and equipment. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Mayer and carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented Local Law #2/2014. This law designates a handicapped parking spot in front of the Ivy Lodge on Main Street. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve Local Law #2/2014. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett advised the Board that the Woodstock Feral Cat Project staff is willing to construct "cat shelters" for feral cats in the Village. The cost of construction is \$30.00 per box. Anyone wishing to donate funds may contact the Village Clerk.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 6:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank Village Clerk

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