

Present: Mayor William Murphy, Trustees Suzanne LeBlanc, Vince Buono, Kelly Myers, Patrick Landewe, Jeannine Dirie and Don Hackett
Others: Alex Wade, Eyal Saad, Anthony Bell, Heidi Brandt, Heather Plonchak and others

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

Mayor Murphy informed everyone that petitions for the annual Village election were due to the Clerk by 5:00pm on February 8, 2011. He also spoke about the condition of the streets and sidewalks in the Village. This winter's weather has been exceptionally severe and the snow and ice accumulating on the sidewalks is a real safety hazard. He has spoken with Police Chief Barbaria and the police will issue tickets to property owners who have not cleared their sidewalks 24 hours after a storm. Mayor Murphy went on to say that the Buildings & Grounds Department crew has begun to shovel dangerous sidewalks. The Village will bill the property owner for the work.

Privilege of the Floor

Heidi Brandt, representing the Ladies Auxiliary of the Saugerties Fire Department, addressed the Board. The Auxiliary is seeking Board approval to hold a "bike tour" on May 22, 2011 as a fundraiser for the organization. Biking expert, Scott Leary, has mapped 2 routes for the event. A 5-mile family event route and a 25-mile serious biker event route. The route will follow already established bike routes in the Village and Town of Saugerties. Trustee LeBlanc inquired if the Auxiliary had contacted the Chamber of Commerce. They have not – the bike route does not travel through the Village Business District. Mayor Murphy suggested starting the routes at Cantine Field. After many questions and answers between the Board and Ms. Brandt, Trustee Dirie volunteered to contact the Chamber of Commerce and the Police Department regarding the event and to be the liaison between the Auxiliary and the Board. The Board requested a map of the routes to be followed. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to support the "bike tour" event pending Police Department approval and Chamber notification. Carried.

David Radavanovic spoke also urging property owners to clear their sidewalks. He feels it is a serious safety issue.

Trustee Myers advised the Board that there have already been three overnight removals of snow in the business district by the DPW this winter. The fourth is scheduled to begin at 1:00am on Wednesday, February 9th. She also asked residents to shovel around fire hydrants located on or near their property. Mayor Murphy added that the DPW would not remove snow banks on residential streets. He urged caution when at an intersection or leaving a driveway. Trustee Myers said that a "snow emergency" was declared in the Village last Wednesday – Friday. This no parking ban allowed the Village DPW and the NYS DOT to widen the streets before the next major snowstorm hits. That work

unfortunately caused some driveways and sidewalks to become snow and ice covered again. Trustee Myers urged public cooperation.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the January 26, 2011 Village Board meeting. This meeting was scheduled in place of the January 18, 2011 Board meeting cancelled due to inclement weather. Trustee LeBlanc requested a correction in the minutes regarding her comments concerning Opus 40 contained on page 2 of the 1/26/11 minutes. She corrected the minutes to say “the Town’s plan for Opus 40 with expenses up to \$1,000,000.” Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Dirie, to approve the minutes as corrected. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for February 7, 2011 as follows: General - \$171,971.39; Water - \$16, 993.38; Wastewater - \$21,315.16; Short Lived Asset Fund - \$1500.00. There was some discussion on several items listed on the Abstract, all answered to the satisfaction of the Trustees. Motion was made by Trustee Landewe, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy thanked Trustee Hackett for his work on the employee cell phone plan. The cell phone cost was substantially reduced.

Trustee Landewe advised the Board that he had received the annual request from the Arm of the Sea Theater for use of the Tina Chorvas Waterfront Park from August 9 – 14, 2011 for their Esopus Creek Puppet Suite event. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the use of the Park. Carried unanimously. Trustee Landewe also reported that the Buildings and Ground crew was busy removing snow and helping with sidewalk clearance. The Historic Review Board is meeting and working hard to resolve outstanding issues in the Historic District.

Trustee Myers thanked the public for cooperating with the recent snow emergency parking situation. She reported that there has been some good success with dealing with the DEP on the turbid water situation in the Esopus Creek. The DEP discontinued the discharge of turbid water and flushed clean water into the Esopus from Friday January 28th – Tuesday February 2nd. There will be an informational meeting at the Senior Center on Thursday February 10, 2011 at 7:00pm on the Esopus situation. All are urged to attend. Trustee Myers will attend a technical meeting for future study of the Esopus Creek. She will keep the Board advised. She would like to see a fund established to pay for damages sustained by the turbid water.

Trustee Dirie reported on some recent events including the retirement tribute for five recent Village retirees, the Library opening, the 10th anniversary of the Kiwanis Ice Arena, and more. She also advised the Board of several upcoming events.

Trustee Hackett reported that all is running smoothly at the Wastewater Treatment facility. The crew helped the Water Department with some breaks. The Fire Chief’s car needed some emergency repair.

Trustee Buono advised there was no news from the Economic Development Committee. SAMA continues to follow-up on the taxi issue, bus stops, bus shelters and more.

Trustee LeBlanc reported there was no news from the Planning or Zoning Boards. She said she would be contacting each Trustee individually regarding purchase of a “lighthouse” for the “Shine on Saugerties” project.

Alex Wade presented his Special Assignment report (copy attached). He updated the Board on the Storm Sewer Separation reimbursement and Streetscape II. He advised the Board of a NYS DEC tree grant for the Village. It is a simple grant for \$1000.00 and requires no match but does require a resolution from the Village Board for approval.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #5/2011, which authorizes the above tree grant. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Buono, to approve the resolution. Carried unanimously.

Trustee LeBlanc inquired if grant writer Victor Cornelius was pursuing any grants on behalf of the Village. Mayor Murphy replied that he had met with Victor last week and Victor was pursuing several items. Mayor Murphy will advise the Board as soon as the grant opportunities become available.

Trustee LeBlanc inquired if there was any interest regarding Village owned property on Livingston Street. Mayor Murphy said there are several suggestions including a community garden, a park or to sell the property for development. Trustee Myers said she favors a community garden space.

Mayor Murphy gave congratulations to the Town of Saugerties on the 10th anniversary of the Kiwanis Ice Arena.

Code Enforcement Officer Eyal Saad notified the Board that sidewalk clean up has been ordered and begun on several properties.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Landewe, to enter Executive Session to discuss Village personnel vehicle use. Carried. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:19pm and returned to the regular session at 8:55pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Landewe, seconded by Trustee Dirie, to adjourn. Carried. The Village Board adjourned at 8:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

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