## Village Board

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees William Murphy, Richard Moore, Suzanne LeBlanc and Kelly Myers Absent: Trustees Michael Karashay and Michael Campbell Others: Students from SHS Government Class, Alex Wade, Eyal Saad, Bob Ciarlante, Joe Bisignano, William Kimble, Joe Shafer, Ron LeBlanc, Maryann Wrolsen, Heather Plonchak

Mayor Robert Yerick called the Village Board to order at 7:00pm. Trustee Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the November 3, 2008 Public Hearing. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the minutes. Carried. Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the November 3, 2008 Village Board meeting. Trustee LeBlanc asked that the minutes be corrected to read "the majority of the proceeds" instead of "all of the proceeds" in the last sentence of the 1<sup>st</sup> page. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to approve the minutes as corrected. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for November 17, 2008. General - \$33,683.21; pre-paid General - \$62,022.00; Water - \$2,095.81; Wastewater - \$5,977.57. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Trustee LeBlanc spoke, encouraging residents to patronize local businesses. Local businesses support local community organizations, pay taxes and raise property values. She then listed all the different types of businesses in the Village. She also reported that the "Hors'n Around Saugerties" campaign is going very well. She believes that 30 horses have already been sponsored. There was a short discussion on how the installation of the horses would be handled.

Eyal Saad presented the Building Department report (copy attached). Letters to businesses and areas of public assembly will be going out shortly reminding them of their fire safety inspections. The department works every day on building permits, inspections and violations.

Alex Wade advised the Board that the DOT will present drawings of the proposed "Wall" project scheduled for the spring of 2009 at the December 1, 2008 Board meeting.

Alex Wade presented Local Law #7/2008. This law designates Valley, Underwood and Division Streets as one way. The law was discussed at a Public Hearing on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Board received input from the residents. As a result of the input the law was modified. Both Trustee Myers and Trustee LeBlanc said they appreciated the public

input and were happy the DOT agreed to the modifications. The law was presented by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Wade also advised the Board that the paperwork for Streetscape Phase II was on track.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). The last day for leaves to be placed in the street for pickup is November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The overnight parking ban begins on December 15<sup>th</sup>, however if there is a snowstorm before that time, residents are asked to remove their vehicle from the street so the DPW can plow efficiently.

Police Chief William Kimble presented the Police Department report (copy attached). He is investigating the request for a "Children at Play" sign with the DOT. There is a concern that installing the sign indicates that the Village allows children to play in streets. The two new police officers have expressed an interest in participating in the Village "Bike Patrol" this spring.

Trustee Myers reported that George Terpening is at Seamon Park replacing all lights on the tree to be ready for the holiday season. She reported that the bathrooms at the Beach and Lion Club Playground have been winterized. The holiday wreaths will be placed on the lampposts on November 28<sup>th</sup>. The Reis Group will sponsor the Christmas tree placed in the Reis Parking Lot this year. The tree is donated by Mike Tiano. The DPW will be happy to help with the decoration of the Christmas tree. The Woodstock Jewish Congregation will place the menorah in the Reis Lot and the DPW will be happy to help with the installation of the menorah.

Joe Bisignano presented the Water Department report (copy attached). The rainy weather has been causing problems at the filter plant. The monitoring computer may have to be replaced at the plant.

Trustee Murphy reported that the blacktopping on Phase 1 of the waterline replacement project was delayed due to the rainy weather. It should be completed with a few days. Work has begun on Phase 2.

Trustee Murphy presented the Wastewater Department report (copy attached). He also reported that Superintendent Marino located a replacement part for a piece of equipment at the wastewater filter plant for thousands of dollars less than anticipated. He hopes the part will last into the next budget cycle before the entire piece of equipment needs to be replaced.

Fire Chief Joe Shafer presented the SFD report (copy attached). The SFD has scheduled training for members in December. There was some discussion of the SFD providing assistance in re-securing and replacing white lights on buildings in the business district for the holiday season.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #15/2008. This resolution changes the Village Election date from Tuesday March 17, 2009 to Wednesday, March 18, 2009. New York State has mandated that Village elections cannot take place on St. Patrick's Day and must be changed to March 18, 2009. Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Moore, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Yerick placed four names before the Board for membership into the SFD. They are Daniel Durling, Susan Smith, Alfredo Gonzales and Michael LoPinto. Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to accept the applications for membership. Carried.

Mayor Yerick announced that Clerk Mary Frank will have "Heat Smart New York" brochures available on request. The brochure contains tips on energy cost savings.

Mayor Yerick reminded the Board of the Revolving Loan that is available to Village businesses and are encouraged to apply to the Revolving Loan Committee for funds. Copies of the guidelines and applications are available from the Village Clerk.

Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Moore, to enter Executive Session to discuss contractual matters. Carried. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:58pm and returned at 8:32pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Myers, to adjourn. Carried. The Village Board adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank Village Clerk