

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Richard Moore, William Murphy and Kelly Myers

Absent: Trustees Suzanne LeBlanc, Michael Karashay and Michael Campbell

Others: Eyal Saad, William Kimble, Robert Ciarlante, Mike Marino, Joe Bisignano, Joe Shaffer, Heather Plonchak-New Saugerties Times

Mayor Yerick called the Village Board to order at 7:05pm. Trustee Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Yerick commented that the recently held Gladys Hutton Day at Cantine Field was a great success. Gladys and her husband John were honored for their many years of volunteer service to the Saugerties Little League. Trustee Bill Murphy represented the Village at the ceremony. The Mayor attended the opening of the Dick Smith photo exhibition at the Kiersted House. The photos are wonderful and the opening was a great event. The HITS blockparty was well attended despite the rain. Mayor Yerick said that the businesses that remained open were very busy – he wished that more of the businesses had participated and remained open.

The Mayor also reminded the Board of the upcoming July 4th parade. Bob Ciarlante has a float available and George Terpening and his crew will decorate it.

Mayor Yerick presented the Minutes of the June 2, 2008 Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for June 16, 2008: General - \$54,145.73; Water - \$10,715.31; Wastewater - \$12,811.86. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Police Chief William Kimble presented his report (copy attached). He reported that the HITS blockparty went smoothly and the Farmers Market opened without a hitch. Chief Kimble advised the Board that the number of violators of the “Open Container Law” is on the rise.

Fire Chief Joe Shaffer presented his report (copy attached). He reported that his Department would undergo training to fight propane fires on July 10, 11 and 12th.

Eyal Saad presented the Building Department report (copy attached). The Planning and Zoning Boards have been busy. He reminds residents to remove their refuse containers from the street and keep the grass on their properties cut.

Alex Wade reported that he and the Mayor are meeting with the DOT on Thursday to discuss the “Wall” project and other issues. They are also scheduled to meet with the DEC regarding the issue of the old closed Village landfill. There has been some illegal dumping on the site by unknown persons. The DPW has installed a gate to deter the

illegal dumping, but that has inconvenienced Village residents who legally used the site to deposit their yard waste. Kelly Myers would like to see fines for people who are breaking the law.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). He announced that the North Street storage area will be open on Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm for Village residents to dispose of yard waste only. His crew is currently working summer hours 6:00am to 2:00pm.

Trustee Kelly Myers presented George Terpening's report (copy attached). The Beach and Lions Club Pool are scheduled to open at July 1st.

Trustee Myers reported that the Town of Esopus has contacted her. They are applying for a grant for a water chestnut harvester and would like a letter of support from the Village to include in their grant application. The harvester could be shared by the Town of Esopus and the Village of Saugerties via a future contractual inter-municipal agreement. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Moore, to support the Town of Esopus' in the grant effort for a water chestnut harvester. Carried.

Mike Marino presented the Wastewater Department's report (copy attached).

Joe Bisignano presented the Water Department report (copy attached). He advised the Board there was a problem with a vertical flow turbine pump. A hoist had to be built to remove the pump and repairs were made within four days. Joe will request a line be added to the Water Budget to purchase back up pumps. Trustee Murphy complimented Superintendent Bisignano for his prompt response in getting the pump repaired immediately at very little cost.

Trustee William Murphy presented Resolution #10/2008. This resolution awards Merritt Construction (the lowest bidder) the construction project to replace water lines on Main Street to Malden Avenue. Motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve Resolution #10/2008. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Murphy also distributed a memo from Trustee LeBlanc and him. The memo asks the Board to consider a change in Village Law regarding vehicle use by any future newly hired superintendent who has the use of a Village vehicle. The new policy would prohibit the superintendents (with the exception of the Police and Fire Chief) from using Village vehicles for transportation to and from their place of residence. He asked that the Board comment on this recommended change before a Public Hearing is scheduled and the law changed.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that he is still working on committee and board assignments for 2008/2009. The next Village Board meeting is July 7th at 7:00pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Myers, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk