

Village Board

January 22, 2008

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Suzanne LeBlanc, Michael Campbell, Kelly Myers, William Murphy, Michael Karashay and Mary Leahy

Others present: friends and families of the Youth Award Recipients, Alex Wade, Doug and Ashley Sanders, Ariel Zanglia-Freeman, Will Dendis-Saugerties Times and others

Mayor Robert Yerick called the Village Board to order at 7:00pm.

Mayor Yerick announced that two recipients of the Saugerties Community Youth Award would be honored at the meeting. He introduced Shawn Mullen and Jakob Perez. Jacob is a 9-year-old who rescued a friend from drowning. Shawn is an 18-year-old volunteer fireman who rescued occupants of a car that was over a ravine. The Mayor congratulated both young men and praised them for their efforts.

Trustee Bill Murphy then led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Doug and Ashley Sanders of Ulster Avenue addressed the Board with their complaints of truck traffic “jake-breaking” or engine breaking in front of their home on Ulster Avenue. They feel this is unnecessary since this occurs well within a 30MPH-speed zone. Trustee Leahy advised the Sanders that she has experienced the same problem on Malden Avenue and had some success in speaking to individual trucking companies. Trustee Campbell said that truck traffic and noise was a topic of many SAMA meetings however any laws prohibiting this activity are hard to enforce. Trustee LeBlanc suggested calling the Village of Catskill – they have a sign prohibiting “jake-braking”. It was mentioned that the sign itself is illegal and Village officials have been asked to remove it by the DOT. Mayor Yerick suggested a list of trucking companies be obtained and contacted about the problem. Trustee Leahy suggested a police saturation as a deterrent. Mayor Yerick thanked the Sander’s for their comments and promised the Village would try to help.

Mayor Yerick presented the Minutes of the January 7, 2008 meeting for approval. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee LeBlanc presented the Abstract for January 22, 2008: General - \$39,956.39; Water - \$8,797.50; Wastewater - \$11,893.19. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to approve the Abstract for payment. Carried.

Trustee Campbell advised the Board that Village website was up to date and reminded the Trustees about the TV23 grand opening on January 26th. Buildings and Grounds Superintendent George Terpening’s report is attached.

Alex Wade presented Local Law #2/2008. The law revises the current Abandoned Vehicle Law. A Public Hearing was set for February 19, 2008 at 6:30pm to receive public comment.

Trustee Myers presented the DPW report (copy attached). She added that residents should not put Christmas trees on the curb. The DPW will not pick them up. Trustee LeBlanc thanked the DPW for their effort with energy conservation.

Trustee Murphy presented the Water and Wastewater Department reports (copy attached).

Mayor Yerick presented the Police Chief's report (copy attached). Trustee LeBlanc asked how many vehicles are currently in service for the Police Department and what is happening to the two cars that were replaced by the grant from Senator Bonacic. Mayor Yerick replied that one car will be given to the Code Enforcement Officer (he currently uses his personal car) and the second car will be used as a reserve vehicle. Trustee Myers stated that this is a difficult time for the Board and she would like to reassure the public that work is being done behind the scenes. Mayor Yerick mentioned his response letter to David Radavanovic.

Trustee Karashay advised the Board that all was quiet in the SFD.

Trustee Leahy presented the Building Department report (copy attached).

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #2/2008 for approval. This resolution authorizes the Village to appropriate \$206,000.00 in "in kind" services for a "Project for Pedestrian Improvements". This funding is from a grant received from Congressman Hinchey two years ago but has been held up in the federal system. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Karashay and unanimously approved.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #3/2008 for approval. This resolution supports the joint application of the Village and Town for RUPCO to submit a grant application for \$500,000.00 for owner occupied housing rehabilitation. The \$1500.00 cost will be shared between the Town and the Village. The motion was seconded by Trustee Campbell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that he has received correspondence from our attorney informing the Town and Village that recent legislation has dealt another blow to the casinos hoping to locate in our area.

Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Karashay, to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Carried. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:10pm and returned at 9:19pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank, Village Clerk

