

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

Absent: Trustee Michael Campbell

Others: Penelope Milford, Alex Wade, Will Dendis – New Saugerties Times

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

Privilege of the Floor

Penelope Milford addressed the Board asking when the paving of Valley Street will be completed. Trustee Myers advised her that the DPW has recently begun its paving schedule and Valley Street is on the schedule. Ms. Milford also requested that the minutes of Village Board meetings be posted on the website in a more timely fashion.

Mayor Yerick presented the Minutes of the May 31st meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to approve the minutes. Carried. Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the May 21, 2007 meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee LeBlanc presented the Abstract for June 4, 2007. General - \$26,815.38; Water - \$5,180.61; Wastewater - \$7, 606.10. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to approve the Abstract for payment. Carried.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). Mayor Yerick complimented Mr. Wade on his efforts coordinating the 9W stormwater separation project. The “wall” is now on the schedule to be rebuilt. Trustee LeBlanc asked if 9W will be closed and traffic detoured? Mr. Wade replied that 9W would be open to one lane traffic. Trustee Myers said the project should be coordinated with the Valley Street paving. Penelope Milford asked if the look of the “wall” would remain the same? Mr. Wade believes it will remain the same. Trustee LeBlanc asked about the process for property maintenance violations. The Mayor explained that a complaint form is filed with the Clerk, who distributes the complaint to the correct departments. The violator is contacted and is given 10 days to correct the violation. The complaint is put in the Mayor’s “suspense file” for follow-up.

Trustee Myers advised the Board that the DPW is now on summer hours – a 6:00am start time. The shed at the DPW garage has been renovated. There is a large rock ledge behind the DPW facility that poses a danger of collapse. Bob Ciarlante, the DPW Superintendent, has a plan to remove the rock.

Trustee Murphy reported that the excavation for the “holding area” for the dredging at the reservoir is complete. They are waiting for a barge to be delivered to begin the next phase. The water treatment plant was shut down once again due to the very heavy rainfall. Water was provided by the 3 million-gallon tank and no service was disrupted.

The crews are working through the night to maintain quality water for all residents on the water system during heavy rains.

Mayor Yerick reported “business as usual” at the Police Department.

Trustee Karashay read a thank you note from fireman Jack Kolano.

Trustee Leahy advised the Board that Code Enforcement Officer Eyal Saad is busy with property maintenance pursuits – especially uncut grass and weeds.

Trustee Leahy reported on a new effort to restore the Gristmill located at Seamon Park. Repair of the Mill was begun in the 1970’s, but the effort was never completed and the structure is in total disrepair. Trustee Leahy has been contacted by a company in Catskill, NY who recently disassembled a mill. They are interested in reconstructing the gristmill at Seamon Park. A committee has been formed to explore this idea – Trustee Leahy, Alex Wade, Mayor Yerick, Marjorie Block and others. The committee would like financing from the Village to purchase structural beams, roofing and siding in the amount of \$10,000.00. The contractor from Catskill will donate his labor at no cost to the Village. A timetable for fund raising for additional monies will be established with a completion goal of 2009. Mayor Yerick said he would like to take \$10,000.00 from the Building and Grounds Capital Fund. Trustee LeBlanc spoke saying she feels the Board should ask for public opinion before authorizing this money – she also wanted to know what the Village’s financial commitment would be. Trustee Karashay asked if this first effort of \$10,000.00 would enclose the building and prevent any more damage. Trustee Leahy said yes. Alex Wade reported that Jim Kricker – an expert in gristmills – advised that the gristmill could be used as a working mill once restored. Mayor Yerick asked the Board if they felt the Village should take advantage of the opportunity to restore the mill at this time. He again advised the Board that the funds are available in the Building and Grounds Capital Fund. Trustee LeBlanc suggested postponing the vote for two weeks to get public input. Mayor Yerick said the Board was elected to make these kinds of decisions. Trustee Leahy said the contractor was available to begin the work now and did not want the Board to wait two weeks to make a decision. Trustee Murphy agreed that the work should be done. Trustee Myers mentioned that the gristmill is located near the playground area of Seamon Park and the building should be enclosed now. Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to authorize the expenditure of \$10,000.00 from the Buildings and Grounds Capital Fund for “seed money” to begin the restoration of the Gristmill at Seamon Park. Carried with Trustee LeBlanc abstaining.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that he received a request from Supervisor Helmoortel asking that a letter be sent to the Town stating that the Village will agree to supply water to Kings Highway. The Town is allowed by current contracts to purchase up to 600,000 gallons of water per day from the Village. This includes the Malden, Glasco and Barclay Heights Water Districts. The Town requests the Village sell them 30,000 gallons per day for Kings Highway. Since the Town does not exceed the 600,000 per day limit allowed, the Village Water Department sees no problem with the request for 30,000 gallons per day for Kings Highway. Mayor Yerick pointed out that as the project proceeds, a new

water district will be established and the rate will be the same rate as charged under the current contracts with the Town. The new agreement would be for a period of two years. It was further discussed that the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant has excess capacity and would accept wastewater flows from the Kings Highway project. Trustee Myers asked if residential properties along the Kings Highway corridor would be able to hook into the water line. Mayor Yerick answered yes. Trustee LeBlanc asked what the benefits to the Village would be. She does not feel that people working in industry on Kings Highway will come into the Village. Mayor Yerick disagreed. He went on to say that all the contracts for outside water districts are up for renewal in 2008 and will be renegotiated. Trustee LeBlanc asked if we have the water to sell if big industry comes to Kings Highway. The Mayor answered that the total present usage is under the 1.8 million gallons per day currently allowed by New York State. Future plans involve asking New York State for a bigger draw. Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Myers, to provide the Town with the requested letter of support. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that he has received a request from a Woodstock company to produce a film for National Geographic. The film will be shot in the Village and the closure of a section of Finger Street may be required. The Mayor and the Police are meeting with the production company this week and will keep the Board advised.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that he has offered to help Senator Bonacic locate a satellite office (hopefully in Saugerties).

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the Village received a request from a Village resident to rent the wading pool for a birthday party. After checking with our insurance company, the request was denied.

Local resident Mark Colligan has suggested a “swap day” in the Village. The Board expressed some concern about the disposal of left over “swap day” items. A decision was made to forward the request on to the Saugerties Chamber of Commerce for action.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that police surveillance for traffic violations was ongoing in the area of Second Street.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the Village would host the first presentation of the “Youth Awards” at the June 18th Board meeting. The meeting will be moved to the Firehouse to accommodate the anticipated audience.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk