

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Michael Campbell, Michael Karashay, Richard Moore, William Murphy

Absent: Trustees Mary Leahy and Kelly Myers

Others: Police Chief Kimble, Joe Bisignano, Eyal Saad, Alex Wade, Bob Ciarlante, Will Dendis-New Saugerties Times

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

Victor Cornelius, grant writer for the Village, spoke. He has filed an application with NYS Record Management for a grant on behalf of the Water Department for water leak detection equipment. This grant will help with a new application to be filed with the EFC by the end of April 2007. The last application did not have a high enough number of "points" to be considered for funding. The EFC grant will help to replace water system lines on Post Street, run a new water line to Manor Lane residents, run a new line on North Street and more. This grant will be awarded by late summer. Mr. Cornelius is also working on a member item with Senator Bonacic for thermal imaging equipment for the Fire Department. Mr. Cornelius advised the Village Board that he has spoken to the Town Board regarding establishing an "expendable trust" to support the Library in their effort to build a new building. A change to the Zoning Law would make developers pay a recreation fee for sub-divisions. This fee would be placed in a trust to support the Library building project. Several other local communities have this program already in place. The Town is supportive. Trustee Leahy and attorney Alex Betke with work with Mr. Cornelius to develop this trust and draft a change to the Zoning Law to implement it.

Janet Carter, of the Library Board, thanked the Village for its past support and for this latest effort. The Library has raised about \$5000.00 to date.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the Public Hearing for February 5, 2007. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to approve the minutes as written. Carried. The Mayor presented the minutes of the regular Village Board meeting of February 5<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Karashay, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstracts for February 20<sup>th</sup>: General - \$12,323.05; Water - \$4,887.69; Wastewater - \$5,590.80. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Campbell, to approve the abstract for payment. Carried.

Alex Wade presented his Special Assignment report (copy attached). He attended a Census conference and mentioned efforts for sign enforcement on Ulster Avenue have been successful.

Trustee Campbell advised the Board that UCTC is meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The visits to the Village website have increased to about 300 per day.

Superintendent Bob Ciarlante delivered the DPW report (copy attached). Mayor Yerick complimented the DPW on the snow removal job after the Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> 12-inch snowstorm.

Superintendent Joe Bisignano presented the Water Department report (copy attached). The department repaired two leaks on Post Street. Bids for the work at the reservoir will be in the local papers shortly.

Trustee Murphy presented the Wastewater Department report (copy attached) in Mike Marino's absence.

Police Chief Kimble presented the Police Department report (copy attached). He thanks the Buildings and Grounds Department for their work in the police offices. Mayor Yerick commented that the Police averaged 6 calls per day and have an excellent closure rate. The Department is anticipating a new computer system – Ejustice- at no cost to the Village. The response time to a 911 call in the Village is 1 minute 53 seconds. The PD is performing vertical patrols (walk-thru on all floors) of the 2 senior citizen residences on a daily basis.

Trustee Karashay had nothing to report on behalf of the Fire Department.

Code Enforcement Officer Eyal Saad presented his report (copy attached). Progress is being made on the demolition of a derelict property on Livingston Street.

Buildings and Grounds Superintendent George Terpening was absent but a copy of his report is attached.

Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Karashay, to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a real estate transaction. Carried. They Board entered the session at 7:38pm and returned at 7:46pm.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that Trustee Moore and Treasurer Julie Dunn are working with attorney Alex Betke to draft a law giving seniors a property tax deduction. A copy of the law will be available for the Board's review shortly. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Yerick announced that a second taxi company has obtained a Village Taxi License.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that NYS has mandated that all municipalities must have a program that addresses violence in the workplace. No funding will be coming from the state. Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Moore, to contract with the law firm of Roemer, Wallens & Mineaux to conduct the program for \$1000.00. Carried.

Mayor Yerick announced the Meet the Candidates night is scheduled for March 6, 2007 at 7:00pm at the Senior Center.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Moore, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk