

Village Board

June 2, 2008

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

Absent: Trustees Richard Moore and Michael Karashay

Others: Chris Mayone – HITS, Brian Mason – SFD, Heather Plonchak – Saugerties Times, and students from SHS government class

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

Chris Mayone of HITS addressed the Board regarding the Block Party scheduled for June 14th from 6:00pm to 10:00pm on Main and Partition Streets. HITS has met with the Village Police to work out the safety issues surrounding the event. The band “Powerhouse” will perform at the corner of Main and Partition from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Extra parking will be available at Cahill School, Sawyer Savings Bank and the M&T Bank lot. Several restaurants will have bands later in the evening with about 70% of the businesses participating in the event. There will be wine tasting, face painting and sale specials in the participating shops. The Block Party will be cancelled in the event of rain. The PD will close the street around 5:00pm. The “Wolf” radio station will be broadcasting live, the Skateboard Park Committee will try to break a world record and there will be Olympic athletes signing autographs. Trustee Campbell advised the Board that the Block Party information is on TV23 and the Village website. There were no questions from the Board and the Mayor wished Mr. Mayone good success.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the recent Wing Fling was a huge success despite the rainy weather. The UC Chamber of Commerce looks forward to next year.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the Village Board May 19, 2008 meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Mayor Yerick presented the Abstract for June 2nd: General - \$19,511.41; Water - \$10,223.92; Wastewater - \$65,337.86. Motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Trustee Murphy advised the Board that the water/sewer bills were mailed on May 30th. Hydrant flushing will begin on June 9th. The camera used by the Wastewater Department needs repair. Trustee Myers mentioned that she is receiving supportive feedback from residents regarding the \$3.4 million water line replacement project. Trustee LeBlanc inquired about the investigation of illegal hookups into the sewer system. Trustee Murphy replied that Superintendent Marino would begin the process of checking sump pumps and roof drains shortly.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that over the last weekend the Police responded to 34 calls ranging from 911 calls, domestics, traffic violations and more. He said the summer is upon us and with that comes the problems associated with the season.

2nd Assistant Chief Brian Mason was on hand to answer any questions from the Board regarding the SFD. There were none. Mayor Yerick thanked all the volunteer firemen for their service.

Trustee LeBlanc had nothing new to report on economic development. She advised the Board that Eyal Saad has issued 30 building permits for 2008 to date. She reminded residents to keep their grass cut and remove garbage cans to the rear of their property once the refuse contractor has emptied the containers. She reported that the ZBA met on May 27th. A Public Hearing was scheduled for June 24th for an area variance at the corner of Montgomery and McDonald Streets.

Trustee Campbell presented his "Special Assignment" report (copy attached). There was discussion of a proposed grade separation study at the CSX tracks – the DOT wants the Village to contribute 20% - the Village feels this is located on a DOT highway and the DOT should pay for the study. He also advised the Board about the upcoming Quadricentennial celebration.

Alex Wade presented his report (attached). Mayor Yerick reminded Mr. Wade to stay on top of the wastewater/storm sewer separation project.

Trustee Myers reported that the DPW has completed several infrastructure projects including a drainage problem on Latham Circle. The Village Beach is ready for the Deck & Docks Tour sponsored by the Esopus Creek Conservancy. The hanging baskets are up in the Business District. Several new trees have been planted throughout the Village. The Buildings and Grounds summer crew is working and George Terpening is looking for a few more lifeguards. Trustee LeBlanc inquired to the status of the Waterfront Advisory Board's report. Trustee Myers said we are still waiting for a response from Chairman Overbaugh.

Trustee Murphy thanked the Board members for the tributes to his mother after her recent death.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #9/2008 which supports the mission of the Quadricentennial Commission. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Campbell and carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank, Village Clerk

