

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

Others: students from the SHS government class, Eyal Saad, Joe Bisignano, Alex Wade, Bob Ciarlante, George Terpening, Police Chief Kimble, Fire Chief Schaffer, Maryann Wrolsen, Don Hackett, and others

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

Privilege of the Floor

Maryann Wrolsen said that since the water line replacement project began on Main Street, she has great water pressure.

Mayor Yerick presented the Minutes of the Public Hearing and Board meeting of October 6, 2008. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Karashay, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for October 20, 2008: water - \$4,226.58; wastewater - \$8,555.05; general -\$67,389.30; water distribution - \$452.61; Seamon Park - \$3000.00; prepaid – General - \$146,379.42; water - \$150.00; Water - \$425.00; Wastewater - \$585.97; Wastewater - \$7500.00.

Joe Bisignano presented the Water Department report (copy attached). The Main Street water line replacement project is going well. The contractor should be completed and the road blacktopped by November 15th. The Water Department will be moving onto another phase of the project shortly. Valve work needs to be performed on Valley Street forcing the closure of Route 9W on October 28th from 7:00am to 7:00pm. Traffic will be detoured onto Burt, Mill and East Bridge Streets. Trustee LeBlanc asked if the construction area on Main Street could be watered to cut down on the dust. Joe answered yes.

Trustee Murphy presented the Wastewater Department report (copy attached).

Police Chief Kimble presented his report for the month of September (copy attached). He advised the Board that his department responded to 22 public service calls and 7 violent domestic calls included in the 235 total service calls made by the police in September.

Fire Chief Joe Schaffer presented the SFD report for September (copy attached). It was a quiet month with only 8 calls for service. The annual Halloween Parade will take place on October 24th with line up at 6:00pm in the Municipal Parking Lot. Trustee Karashay advised the Board that the SFD has realized a cost saving on the Cascade System.

Eyal Saad presented the Building Department report (copy attached). He advised the Board that a new New York State ruling mandates that the Village now perform a fire safety inspection on all business within its boundaries. Mr. Saad is drafting a letter to the businesses informing them of this new requirement.

Trustee LeBlanc presented the revised Building Department fee schedule (copy attached). Building Department fees have not been increased in many years and this increase will bring the Village in line with surrounding communities. The Village costs are still a little less than the Town of Saugerties. Trustee Myers said these fees support the activity of the Building Department and she agrees with the proposal. Motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve the Building Department fees. Carried.

Trustee Campbell presented his Transportation and Communication report (copy attached). The projected costs for the TIP program for the next 7 years have risen from \$19 million to \$57 million in Ulster County – the DOT has only budgeted \$35 million. He also reported that the recent Flea Market was a good success.

Alex Wade presented Local Law #7/2008 proposing that Valley and Underwood Streets become one way from the North. Also included in the law is the proposal to make Division Street one way from Washington Avenue to Center Street. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Myers, to schedule a Public Hearing for 6:45pm on November 3, 2008. Carried. Mr. Wade also invited all to attend the Barn Aid concert on October 26.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). In addition to the report, Mr. Ciarlante advised that leaf pickup throughout the Village will begin the 1st week of November.

George Terpening presented the Buildings and Grounds report (copy attached). The Mum Festival was a great success. The crew and volunteers have been planting tulips at Seamon Park. Trustee Myers explained the new art at the Village Beach by artist Willy Neumann. It was installed this week and should remain at the beach for one year.

Mayor Yerick asked the Board if they were ready to discuss the application of Kelly Myers to raise chickens on her property at 12 Washburn Terrace. Trustee LeBlanc spoke, voicing her opposition. Mrs. LeBlanc said she does not feel the Village is a place for animal agriculture because of the density of the population. She said if the application is granted, it will set precedence for any future application that may come before the Village Board. She is also against the procedure of asking the neighbors for comments – she said it pits neighbor against neighbor – never a good thing. She does not want to involve the neighbors. Trustee Campbell commented that he also feels a vote to approve the application will set a precedent – he recommends denying the application and changing the law. Trustee Karashay said he feels there is a bigger problem in the Village with the feral cat population than denying an application for chickens. Trustee LeBlanc complimented Kelly Myers on her comprehensive application. Kelly Myers then spoke recusing herself as a Board member for this discussion and vote. She feels that she has 5

acres of property in the Village and can accommodate the existing law. She feels that each application should be judged on its own merit. She did not have to contact her neighbors but did so at the request of the Board. There is nothing in Village Zoning Law that prohibits raising hens in the Village. She has never had a complaint from any of her neighbors regarding drainage – in fact the DPW completed new drainage work in that area a few years ago. She volunteered that she would be willing to follow the Town of Saugerties mandates for agriculture. Mayor Yerick spoke saying he felt our Village law needed to be changed. He then called for a roll call vote regarding the Myers application: Trustee Murphy –yes; Trustee Karashay – yes; Trustee Moore – no, citing neighbor opposition; Trustee LeBlanc – no; Trustee Campbell – no; Mayor Yerick – no, citing reworking the law. The application was denied.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the contract of grant writer Victor Cornelius was being extended for an additional 6 months. It will be reviewed at that time.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the UC Legislature has passed a resolution to charge back the whole budget of the US Board of Elections to the Towns and Villages. There is great opposition to this by the Villages and Towns. Clerk Mary Frank explained that the Board of Elections does not run the Village election – that is the responsibility of the Village Clerk. If the UC Board of Elections were to run the Village Election, the cost would be around \$10,000.00. Today, the cost is less than \$1000.00. Mayor Yerick said he has already spoken with Election Commissioner Tom Turco who is not sure of all the details. The Mayor will keep abreast of the situation.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that UC has published an English/Spanish “Winter Watch” brochure containing helpful information for the public. The Village has copies on the counter.

Mayor Yerick reminded all Trustees and Supervisors to review their budget figures and hold the line on spending.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Moore, to adjourn. Carried. The Village Board adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk