

Village Board

August 18, 2008

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Suzanne LeBlanc, Michael Campbell and Richard Moore

Absent: Trustees Kelly Myers, William Murphy and Michael Karashay

Others: Police Chief William Kimble, Bob Ciarlante, Mike Marino, George Terpening, Alex Wade, Assistant Fire Chief Anthony Bell, Maryann Wrolsen, Heather Plonchak – New Saugerties Times, Vince Hackett and others

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

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the August 4, 2008 Board Meeting. Trustee LeBlanc asked that a correction be made to the paragraph where she discussed the parking meter payment schedule. The corrected sentence should read “Trustee LeBlanc also reported the meter increase has been approved by the Chamber of Commerce”. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to approve the minutes as corrected. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for August 4, 2008: General - \$31,497.30; Water - \$6,980.21; Wastewater - \$6,515.05. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Campbell, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Trustee Campbell presented his report (copy attached). He advised the Board that Mayor Yerick received a positive response from Senator Schumer’s office regarding truck traffic. He reported that the Village and Town have submitted a proposal to the Transportation Enhancement Program for a bike/pedestrian path. Selections should be made August 20th. Mayor Yerick mentioned the deplorable CSX crossing at Ulster Avenue and the efforts to contact CSX about correcting the situation – to date not very successful. Trustee Campbell presented all Trustees with a pin for the Quadracentennial and Mayor Yerick presented a flag for the event. Trustee LeBlanc asked, “where are the crosswalks?”. Trustee Campbell spoke about the “ripple” at the corner of Partition and Hill Streets. He said both the Mayor and DPW Superintendent have spoken with Tom Story of the NYS DOT. Mayor Yerick said he would call once again.

Chief William Kimble presented the Police Department report (copy attached). There were 46 arrests, 27 public service calls and 72 “911” calls during the month of July. Late evening patrols have been increased. The UC Sheriff’s Office has increased patrols on the Upper Esopus. The two new recruits will be fully certified on Wednesday August 20th. Mayor Yerick advised the Board that he invited a member of the press to walk through the Village Court tonight, to witness the packed courtroom and people waiting outside to be heard. He said the packed courtroom is an indication of how busy the police are. The Mayor also advised the Board that he recently met with a local restaurant owner to discuss police enforcement of the law – he encouraged the owner to become

more responsible with individual security issues. Trustee LeBlanc once again asked Chief Kimble about the reinstatement of the bike patrol. He answered by saying three new recruits are “young guys” and he hopes to utilize them for the bike patrol. The Mayor asked for a startup date. The Chief promised “very soon”.

Wastewater Superintendent Mike Marino advised the Board that the Village sent out bid packages to 12 companies with specifications for uniforms for the employees. Three bids were received and opened. Mr. Marino recommended the Village accept the bid of Uniforms USA located in the Village. Mayor Yerick asked that a termination clause be included in the bid acceptance. Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Moore, to award the uniform bid to Uniforms USA for a four-year contract. Carried.

Mike Marino then presented his report (copy attached). He also advised the Board that he gave a tour of the facility to a SUNY New Paltz student who was presenting a paper for a biology class. Thanks to George Terpening and his crew for the ongoing grounds maintenance at the treatment plant. Inspections are ongoing with respect to illegal connections – homeowners are cooperating. The hydrojet was used 18 times in July. Trustee LeBlanc thanked Mr. Marino for her recent tour of the treatment facility.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that at the August 4, 2008 Board meeting, he should have taken a role call vote on Resolution 12/2008. He called for a role call vote – all Trustees present passed the resolution with a unanimous vote.

Assistant Fire Chief Anthony Bell presented the SFD report for July 2008 (copy attached). He thanked the Police and DPW for their help with the two parades sponsored and held in July.

Trustee LeBlanc reported that she had no economic development news to report. There were no items on the agenda of the Planning Board or Zoning Board in August, so no meeting were held. Mayor Yerick mentioned that his administration has put a big emphasis on beautification. The Village has spent around \$50,000.00 in legal costs in an effort to bring a Village property into compliance. The property is not only an eyesore in its neighborhood, but there are safety issues and building code violations. Trustee Moore added that the property owner refuses to comply and the legal costs have gone beyond initial estimates. Mayor Yerick asked if the effort was worth the expense. Trustee LeBlanc said this is once again an absentee landlord issue.

Mayor Yerick complimented Trustee LeBlanc and her 5-year-old granddaughter for their effort in picking up trash in their neighborhood.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). He advised the Board that local tree contractors are dumping their debris at the staging area on North Street. This is a practice that has to cease. The staging area is for Village residents to bring their yard waste. Now that the Village is transporting yard waste to the Town facility, the acceptance of tree contractor debris should not be permitted. He will speak to Trustee

Myers about putting a policy in place. Trustee Campbell is pleased that the DPW will no longer burn yard debris.

George Terpening presented the Building and Grounds report (copy attached). He announced that the Beach and Lion Club pool would close on August 31st. Trustee LeBlanc commented that the beach parking lots were usually full. Mr. Terpening agreed that weekends were a problem. He said that he is investigating enlarging the lot.

Alex Wade presented his "Special Assignment" report (copy attached). The report includes information on the historic designation of the Library, the status of the DOT projects and the Ulster Avenue CSX crossing. He mentioned that the wall mural project is going well. He also invited the Board to the annual Between the Tides Festival on August 24th at the Lighthouse.

Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Moore, to support the historic designation of the Saugerties Library. This designation was discussed at a Public Hearing earlier in the evening. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Yerick presented the legal services agreement between the Village and attorney Alex Betke for the purposes of the USDA funded water line replacement project. The Board ratified the agreement.

Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Campbell, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk