

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

Absent: Trustee Michael Karashay

Others: Carole Fuhrman, students from the SHS Government Class, Heather Plonchak, Maryann Wrolsen, Cal 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.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that there were no major incidents on Halloween. He also advised the Trustees that he and Clerk Mary Frank attended a meeting with UC legislators regarding the HAVA (Help American Vote Act). The cost to implement this program (including the costs of new voting machines) by the Board of Elections will be passed on to the Towns. The UC Legislature will contribute almost \$500,000.00 and the balance split among the Towns. The Village budget should not be affected at this point, however that could change in the future. Mayor Yerick advised the Trustees that he has spoken with Election Commissioner Tom Turco who promised to attend a Village Board meeting and explain the changes as soon as everything was finalized. Mary Frank explained that the Board of Elections is not responsible for the Village Election. Village Clerks are the officials responsible for Village Elections across NYS. By doing so, the cost of the Village Election is minimal to Village taxpayers. There was more discussion. Trustee Myers suggested writing a letter to County, State and Federal officials to protest the additional costs to be borne by taxpayers.

#### Privilege of the Floor

Carole Fuhrman spoke saying she believes that the new voting machines are better designed to accommodate a person in a wheelchair.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the October 20, 2008 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for November 3<sup>rd</sup>: Water - \$6,683.14; Wastewater - \$13,767.11; General - \$54,523.93; Water Distribution - \$288,828.19; Seamon Park Fund - \$2,109.84. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Trustee LeBlanc advised the Board that the research report from the Economic Development Committee was due soon. She encouraged residents to participate in the "Hors'n Around Saugerties" program sponsored by the Economic Development Committee and the Saugerties Area Chamber of Commerce. Most of the proceeds will go the Saugerties Food Pantry.

Trustee LeBlanc presented Local Law #7/2008. Motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve the change to Division Street discussed at the just concluded Public Hearing. The proposed changes to Valley and Underwood Streets will be removed from this law and reintroduced after the NYS DOT agrees to the alternate proposal discussed at the Public Hearing. Carried unanimously by those in attendance.

Trustee Mike Campbell presented his report (copy attached). Some of improvement projects previously scheduled for 2009 have been rescheduled to 2013 by the NYS DOT. Mayor Yerick will oppose this delay. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Mayor Yerick, to increase the Village representation on the TV23 Committee from 4 to 5. Carried.

Mayor Yerick reported that Alex Wade is doing well after recent knee replacement surgery.

Trustee Myers reported that the DPW is finishing the driveway aprons on Lighthouse Drive. Leaf pick-up has begun and will end on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Leaves only please! The DPW must replace a sander – DPW Superintendent Bob Ciarlante found a new sander for less than the cost listed on the NYS bid. The cost of the new sander is \$4000.00 and will come from the \$10,000.00 equipment line. The Buildings and Grounds crew is busy getting the holiday lights ready for the season.

Trustee Murphy reported that Phase I of the water line replacement project is almost complete. The repaving of Main Street will begin next week. Work has begun on Phase II. Last weekend there were some low pressure problems on Main Street. Some valves were inadvertently closed – the problem was solved on Monday morning. The water treatment plant was shut down over the weekend due to high turbidity caused by the heavy rains. The crew worked around the clock to handle the problem and residents were served by the 3 million-gallon water tank – no disruption to residents. Trustee Murphy also reported that the sludge tank at the wastewater treatment plant was repaired in house for under \$1000.00. The repair should last 5 years. A Chlorine line at the plant was also replaced in house. Mayor Yerick complimented Trustee Murphy, Superintendents Joe Bisignano and Mike Marino and their crews for all their efforts.

Mayor Yerick reported that the Police Department personnel have completed their required firearms training. All personnel passed.

Mayor Yerick reported that the Partition Street Project is moving forward, however the developers will not be ready to present the project at the November Planning Board meeting.

Mayor Yerick urged everyone to vote in the November 4<sup>th</sup> election.

Trustee LeBlanc wished Alex Wade a speedy recovery.

Motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk