

Village Board

March 2, 2009

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

Others: David Radavanovic, Maryann Wrolsen, Jeanne Dirie, Ed Quirk, students from SHS government class, Alex Wade, Heather Plonchak-New Sau Times 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 he, Trustee Murphy and Trustee Campbell attended a press conference at Precision Flow Technology earlier today. Congressman Maurice Hinchey announced the award of \$3.5 million to the Solar Consortium effort in the Hudson Valley. Precision Flow President Kevin Brady announced he plans to hire 60 additional people this year. Trustee Murphy said that Precision Flow provides u/v filtration systems to wastewater treatment plants. That is a long-term goal for the Village wastewater treatment plant.

David Radavanovic invited all candidates and the public to attend a “meet and greet” event on March 4th at the Muddy Cup from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. He also spoke about the requirements for candidates to run for Village office. The candidates must be 18 years of age, a citizen of the USA and be a resident of the Village. He feels that one of the candidates may not meet the residency requirement. He said this candidate owned a business in the Village and owns property in the Village, however he may not be a “true resident”. Mr. Radavanovic just wanted everyone to be aware of his concerns.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the February 17, 2009 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Karashay, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for March 2, 2009: General - \$36,451.88; Water - \$7,183.89; Wastewater - \$15,095.95. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to approve the Abstract for payment. Carried.

Trustee LeBlanc reported that Code Enforcement Officer is busy with the new NYS mandated business fire safety inspections. The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on March 11 at 7:00pm to receive comment on an application for a Special Use Permit to convert office space into 5 apartments at the corner of Market and Lafayette streets.

Trustee Campbell advised that SAMA is once again looking at truck traffic through the Village. Training of Town and Village Police Officers to inspect truck for violations is involved and costly. The Village would only be eligible to receive \$15.00 of any fine imposed on the trucker. The NY State Police have an entire unit dedicated to this task. With the help on Town Police Chief Barbaria, the State Police will begin inspecting trucks at the entrances to the Village in the near future on a regular basis. Trustee

LeBlanc reported that she witnessed the State Police ticketing a truck on Main Street. She congratulated SAMA for its efforts with the State Police. Mayor Yerick reminded everyone that SAMA is a result of the Traffic Committee suggestions, organized by the Village and headed by Judith Spektor. Trustee Campbell mentioned that SAMA has also recommended that the snowbanks be cleared on Washington Avenue between Cahill School and the Library on a regular basis. Trustee Myers said she would speak to the DPW.

Alex Wade presented his Special Assignment report (copy attached). He also presented a report on a traffic study conducted by SAMA.

Trustee Myers reported that the Buildings and Grounds crew is working on getting ready for spring. The DPW is busy with snow removal and maintaining equipment. Paving for the streets affected by the water line replacement project will begin in mid-April. The Village saved over \$100,000.00 by using fill material in the road and paving just once.

Trustee LeBlanc asked why SAMA conducted the traffic study – Mr. Wade responded for informational purposes.

Trustee Murphy reported that work on the water line replacement project was continuing. As Trustee Myers reported, the paving of the affected roads will begin in mid-April. He also advised the residents that the Village Board is always working on improving the infrastructure of the Village. In 1978 there were 110 storm drains that flowed into the sanitary sewers. There are now 5 – those five will be corrected this year when the “Wall Project” is completed. Trustee Murphy showed a piece of the water line that is being replaced – the pipe was loaded with deposit after many years in the ground. He also displayed a section of a new pipe that is treated with a coating to help lessen the amount of material that collects within the pipe. Mr. Murphy also advised that the inflow and infiltration problem would be greatly reduced when the Wastewater Department begins the sewer trunk-lining project. The Village grantswriter is pursuing funds for that project.

Mayor Yerick reported that Officer Mike Carrado has retired and is being temporarily replaced with a part-timer. Officer Chrisjohn resigned – he is not being replaced. These two moves should save about \$58,000.00. The Mayor and Town Police Chief Barbara are continuing to move forward with the Feasibility Study to consolidate the two departments.

Trustee Karashay reported that it has come to the Fire Departments attention that NYS now requires drivers of emergency vehicles to carry CDL licenses when returning from emergency calls. The SFD is working with FASNY to correct this situation – legislation is on the floor of the Senate and Assembly now.

Mayor Yerick reminded everyone of the “Candidate Forum” on March 3rd at 7:00pm at the Senior Center.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Myers, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss ongoing legal strategy. Carried. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:50pm and returned at 8:05pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to adjourn. Carried. The Village Board adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk