

Village Board

May 5, 2008

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

Absent: Trustee Michael Campbell

Others: June Overbaugh, Alex Wade, Heather Plonchak – New Saugerties Times, Mr. Vincent Hackett

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

Mayor Yerick introduced June Overbaugh – Chair of the Waterfront Advisory Board. The Board had asked the Waterfront Advisory Board to examine several issues related to the waterfront and Upper Esopus Creek. The WFAB prepared a report for the Village Board's review (copy attached). Mayor Yerick complimented June and her Board for the very thorough report. June then presented the report to the Village Board. She explained that the WFAB took a boat ride of the Upper Creek to get a first hand idea of the situation. The report includes the issues raised and proposed solutions; recommended changes to the Boat Launch Permit Application and changes to current charges; a copy of the Watercraft Law for the Village of Saugerties with proposed changes. Trustee Myers advised the Village Board that some neighboring properties abuse the beach parking lot. She would like to see a permit process for organizations that use the beach and the boat ramp for special events. Trustee Murphy and Trustee Moore suggested weekend or day passes and perhaps use extra personnel on the weekends to sell the permits. Mayor Yerick instructed June to meet with her Board to follow-through on the recommendations made and report back to the Village Board.

Vincent Hackett, a resident of Oakledge Park, thanked June and Trustee Myers for all the work the WFAB has done.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the April 21st Public Hearing. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the minutes. Carried. Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the April 21st regular meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstracts for May 5, 2008; General - \$37,604.80; Water - \$8,680.56; Wastewater - \$18,261.17; Seamon Park Fund - \$2947.50. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to approve the Abstracts. Carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Yerick to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue of a specific person. The motion was seconded by Trustee Karashay and carried. The Village Board entered Executive Session at 7:36pm and returned at 7:51pm.

Trustee Moore presented Resolution #8/2008. This resolution was to pass a RAN (Revenue Anticipation Note). The Village is due two large payments - \$50,000.00 from Senator Bonacic for reimbursement of the two new police cars and \$100,000.00 from

NYS for reimbursement of some Streetscape costs. This RAN allows the Village to borrow the \$150,000.00 for current expenses and will be paid within a year. Resolution #8/2008 was seconded by Mayor Yerick and carried unanimously.

Trustee Myers reported that the DPW has completed Spring Clean up. She advised the Board that the new pavers have arrived for Seamon Park. Mayor Yerick suggested that the Park Board put new notices in the local papers to promote sale of the pavers. Trustee Myers advised that she has been asked to help with a Town/Village grant to construct a mosaic art piece at the beach house at the Saugerties Beach. There are plans afloat to work with the Esopus Creek Conservancy and other organizations to celebrate the 400-year anniversary of the voyage of Henry Hudson. The planting of thousands of tulips is planned – Trustee LeBlanc suggested planting some of them at the entrances to the Village. Trustee Myers advised the Board that Village CWA employees have received their raises.

Trustee Murphy reported that the annual Water Quality Report has been mailed to residents.

Mayor Yerick reported that the Village Police handled 44 calls for service during a recent weekend. He advised the Board that the Police provide a vital service to Village residents and encouraged the Trustees to view the daily Police Blotter.

Trustee Karashay thanked the Board members who attended Chief's Night. Both Trustee Karashay and Mayor Yerick again thanked Brian Martin for all his years as Chief of the SFD. Trustee Karashay said he has met with the new SFD Chiefs to discuss their 5-year plan and other projects that he would like to see the SFD begin. The July 4th Parade applications are out. The Ulster County Fireman's Convention is scheduled for Saugerties on July 25 and July 26.

Trustee LeBlanc reported that she recently attended a very informative NYCOM Conference. Some of the topics discussed were "Smart Growth", innovative parking solutions, retaining the old structures, and maintaining a vital village center. She discussed raising the parking meter rates in the Village along with other ideas such as prioritizing parking rates, changing the meter hours, and somehow creating a turnover in parking spaces. Trustee LeBlanc said some communities fine trucks that violate local ordinances such as riding on the curb and having uncovered loads. She also spoke about installing a GPS fleet management system to keep better track of Village vehicles. Mayor Yerick suggested forming a committee to discuss parking issues and make recommendations. Trustee Myers said she does not want to create a hostile parking environment for residents or visitors.

Mayor Yerick reported that he recently took a tour of the TV23 facilities. Very impressive.

Alex Wade presented his "special assignment" report (copy attached). Mr. Wade touched on the DOT storm sewer separation project along with the reconstruction of the "Wall".

Mayor Yerick requested a timetable for all the projects. The DOT is doing a traffic count throughout the Village. Mr. Wade mentioned that 11 new trees are being planted – some were purchased by private donations – the others come out of Beautification Committee dollars. Trustee Myers inquired if Mr. Wade was satisfied with the size of some of the trees to be planted by the DPW. He replied he was satisfied.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that at the April 21st meeting, the discussion was so focused on the General Budget, the Water and Wastewater Budgets were never discussed or voted on. Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Water Department Budget for 2008/2009 of \$1,102,062.00 and the Wastewater Department Budget for 2008/2009 of \$1,025,039.00. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board he is still working on committee assignments for 2008/2009. He reminded the Board that Youth Awards would take place at the Town Board meeting on May 7th. He also reminded everyone that the Library vote was May 7th.

Alex Wade reported that he has read that Ulster County has very clean air.

Trustee Karashay offered congratulations to Trustee Moore, Trustee Myers and Trustee Campbell for their recent re-election to the Village Board.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Moore, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk