

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

Absent: Trustees Michael Campbell and Michael Karashay

Others: students from SHS Government Class, Heather Plonchak – New Saugerties Times, Mary Ann Wrolsen, David Radavanovic, George Terpening, William Kimble, Eyal Saad, Bob Ciarlante, Anthony Bell, Richard Frisbee, and others

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

Privilege of the Floor

Anthony Bell spoke, representing the SFD. Several months ago, the SFD requested that the Village Board consider the purchase of a new fire truck to replace an aging truck. Mr. Bell has found that the Department of Homeland Security may have funds available to purchase the truck. He asked that Trustee Campbell be assigned to investigate. Mayor Yerick suggested that instead of Trustee Campbell, the Mayor ask Village grant writer, Victor Cornelius to begin a search. Mr. Bell agreed. Trustee Myers inquired how much money was available – Mr. Bell said he believed up to \$750,000.00 per project. Trustee Myers also thanked the SFD for their very hard work installing the lights on Village businesses and working on weekends helping residents who lost electricity.

Richard Frisbee addressed the Board. He explained that he would like to purchase a small garage on Jane Street from Richard Jackson – see the attached map. The size of the property is well under the square footage allowed by zoning. His application for an area variance to the Village Zoning Board was denied. A ZBA member suggested he come to the Village Board for consideration. Mayor Yerick agreed to review the request with Trustee LeBlanc and Alex Wade agreeing that the request should be considered because the garage in question is “historic” and located in the Historic District.

Mayor Yerick complimented George Terpening and Pete Kramer for the work of the Kiwanis Club at Seamon Park. He also thanked Mike and Nancy Campbell for their efforts along with the Chamber of Commerce for the very successful Holiday in the Village last weekend. Trustee LeBlanc commented that the wreaths on the lampposts look wonderful and people love them.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the December 1, 2008 Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstracts for December 15, 2008: General - \$196,654.66; Water - \$17,737.50; Wastewater - \$13,020.96; Water Distribution - \$378.00. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to approve the Abstracts. Carried.

Alex Wade had no written report but advised the Board that a decorative lamppost was destroyed by an unknown vehicle at the corner of Main and Market. NYS is refining the contracts for the 2nd phase of the Streetscape Project. Mr. Wade added his compliments to George Terpening and his crew and the SFD for the beautiful holidays lights.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). The Christmas Tree is up at the Reis lot – thanks to M/M Mike Tiano of Glasco for donating the tree and to the Reis Group for sponsoring it. Overnight street parking is now in effect until March 15, 2009. He reminded residents that it is illegal to shovel or plow snow into the street after a storm.

George Terpening presented the Buildings, Parks and Grounds report (copy attached). He thanked his crew for their hard work with the holiday decorations. He also thanked Peter Kramer and Kevin Brown and other Kiwanis volunteers for the help with the Seamon Park displays. Mr. Terpening thanked the DPW for their help in removing the boat ramp. Trustee Myers commented that the entire community enjoyed the Saturday night festivities at Seamon Park.

Trustee Murphy advised the Board that both his supervisors were absent from the meeting however their reports are attached. Joe Bisignano had been at work since 1:30am and needed to rest. Mike Marino is attending an electrical class. In response to a complaint from David Radavanovic, Mr. Murphy has asked waste haulers to suspend Sunday drop offs. A letter will be sent to all involved.

Police Chief Kimble presented the Police Department report (copy attached). He has researched the NYS law regarding “Children at Play” signs and given the material to the Mayor for his review. Approval has been received for the equipment requested from the \$10,000.00 grant from Senator Bonacic. The PD plans on stepping up DWI patrols over the holidays. The Chief attended a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting where the guest speaker was Congressman Hinchey.

Anthony Bell presented the SFD report (copy attached). He reported that the volunteers enjoyed helping with the holiday lights – Village Pizza donated pizzas for the men and all the businesses and residents were very cooperative. He requested permission to use a fire truck for the 89th annual Santa Candy Run. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to grant use of the truck for the Candy Run. Carried.

Trustee LeBlanc advised the Board that the Saugerties Economic Development Committee has scheduled a Public Forum on January 29, 2009 regarding the future development of Winston Farm. The Development Committee is also considering conducting a “survey of Saugerties shoppers” in 2009.

Eyal Saad presented the Building Department report (copy attached). He advised the Board that the Partition Street Project site plan application was presented to the Planning Board on December 10th. Village Clerk Mary Frank explained that this application will

be an 8-month or more process saying the public will be given several opportunities to speak to the Planning Board. Anyone interested in viewing the application or the plans is welcome to stop by the Village office.

Trustee LeBlanc advised the Board that the parking meters would be updated to reflect the increased parking rates to go into effect January 1, 2009. Trustee Myers asked the status of the two-headed parking meter in front of the Village Apothecary. Trustee LeBlanc will check with Sal Cavallero.

Mayor Yerick encouraged everyone to view the “Bob and Greg Show” in January. Guest singers will be featured.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #17/2008. This resolution designates the Village Clerk’s Office to be the official polling place for the March 18, 2009 Village Election. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Moore and carried unanimously.

Mayor Yerick also advised the Board of the Partition Street Project submission. He noted that the drawings are conceptual. He encouraged the public to learn more about the project. Trustee LeBlanc said this was a long awaited and needed viable project for the undeveloped parcel on Partition Street.

Mayor Yerick asked if any of the Trustees had looked at the handicapped parking request from Mark Hildebrandt on Market Street. Trustee Myers said that she has reviewed the area and volunteered to speak with Mr. Hildebrandt. She said she believes that the Church wants the curb cuts kept clear and does not really need handicapped parking.

Mayor Yerick advised the board that the Village Board never officially approved the three new part-time Police Officers who began duty this summer. Chief Kimble assured the Board that extensive background checks were done on the Officers and they were all fully trained and qualified before beginning duty. Trustee Myers asked if they were paid per diem – the Chief answered yes – they are paid per diem with no benefits. Trustee Myers said this should help reduce overtime costs with the Chief agreeing. Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve Calvin Halstead, Ryan Hampel, and Anthony Schleuderer as part time Police Officers. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Yerick wished all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year.

Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to adjourn. Carried. The Village Board adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

