

Village Board

March 1, 2010

Present: Deputy Mayor Bill Murphy, Trustees Suzanne LeBlanc, Richard Moore, Michael Campbell, Kelly Myers and Jeannine Dirie
Others: Ron LeBlanc, Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Alex Wade, Heather Plonchak, Ariel Zanglia, David Radovanovic

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

Deputy Mayor Murphy began by announcing that Mayor Robert Yerick suffered a minor stroke on February 24th. Mayor Yerick is now home and doing very well. Deputy Mayor Murphy will serve as Deputy Mayor until the newly seated Village Board elects a new Mayor at the April 5, 2010 Village Board meeting. Mr. Murphy expressed his thanks to Mr. Yerick – Mayor Yerick was a great tutor and it has been an honor to work for him and now sit in his seat. Mr. Murphy commented that the voters have elected him as Trustee every 2 years since 2003 – he has never been appointed. He hopes to set mayoral office hours that may include Saturday mornings. He advised the Board that his family will come first and displayed a "Good Luck Daddy!" sign given to him before tonight's meeting from his daughters.

Deputy Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the February 16, 2010 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Campbell, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract: General - \$17,466.83; Water - \$613.28 and \$4,599.67; Wastewater - \$8590.27. Motion was made by Trustee Dirie, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

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

Trustee Myers advised the Board that the DPW is busy coal patching, servicing storms, performing preventative maintenance on equipment, building new flower boxes for street signs and more. Mrs. Myers presented a report (copy attached) on Senior Housing availability in the Village. Trustee Myers researched the topic in response to the Country Meadows Senior Housing project proposed for North Street and the project's application for a PILOT program. The report explains DSS chargebacks and compares the 5 or 6 senior housing choices.

Trustee LeBlanc thanked Trustee Myers for her research. Mrs. LeBlanc thinks that seniors may be on several waiting lists and is not a true indication of the need for additional senior housing in the Village. She said residents of the Mill could move to Country Meadows and then the Mill would have the problem of vacant apartments. Trustee Myers mentioned that in 15 to 20 years more people will reach senior citizen status and the need for senior housing will increase. Trustee LeBlanc is worried that

some senior complexes will experience financial problems. Deputy Mayor Murphy thanked Mrs. Myers for her report.

Trustee Campbell advised the Board that the Village website is up to date. He has offered to continue to maintain the website for the Village even though his term as Village Trustee is ending in April. Deputy Mayor Murphy has accepted his offer. Mr. Campbell advised the Board that Hors'n Around 2010 is underway sponsored by the Saugerties Area Chamber of Commerce and the Cahill PTA. Mr. Campbell also said that he has been proud to serve as Fire Commissioner. He went on to say that the SFD is a great group of volunteers. The SFD annual elections are coming up, as is a Brooks Barbecue fundraiser.

Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Moore, to support the joint Village/Town press release supporting the Village Police Department abolishment. Carried.

Trustee LeBlanc distributed the Time Warner Cable franchise agreement. She asked that the Trustees review the agreement once again, and be prepared to vote on March 15th. The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on the Partition Street Project at the Senior Center on March 18th. The Kings Highway water line installation should be completed by August of this year. The sewer line installation should be complete by October 2010. This is a \$5.3 million project: \$2.4 million from an EPA grant, \$1 million from Ulster County; \$1.55 million from an EFC grant and \$400,000.00 paid by the users on Kings Highway. The GEIS for the Winston Farm project is expected to take 15 months to develop and cost \$1 million. The Town is pursuing grants to develop the master plan for Winston Farm. The goal is that only 34% of the property will be developed.

Trustee Dirie noted that no new date has been set for Chamber of Commerce elections. On March 2nd, the Saugerties Historical Society will host a meeting to discuss the 200th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Town of Saugerties. She also advised the Board that Sunday March 28th will be Bob Yerick Day – an open house will be held at the American Legion from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to drop by and wish Mayor Yerick well in his retirement. Motion was made by Trustee Dirie, seconded by Trustee Moore, to increase the hourly fee at Donlon Auditorium from \$15.00 to \$25.00 effective immediately. This increase will not impact groups already booked for the season at Donlon. The \$15.00 fee will be honored for those groups. The Clerk will write to all groups that use the Donlon and advise them of the increase so they may budget accordingly. After more discussion, the motion carried unanimously. Trustee Dirie also advised the Board that the Historic Review Board minutes were forthcoming. The Buildings and Grounds crew is busy with general cleanup duties. Ms. Dirie reported that she has recently visited with the DPW, the water plant and the SFD to better understand the working of the departments. She was very impressed with her tours.

Deputy Mayor Murphy had nothing to report for the Water or Wastewater Departments.

Alex Wade presented his Special Assignment report (copy attached). The report updated the Board on the status of the Streetscape project. Mr. Wade encouraged everyone to install Carbon Monoxide detectors in their homes – it's now the law. Trustees LeBlanc and Myers thanked Mr. Wade for all his hard work on the Streetscape project.

Trustee LeBlanc advised the Board that she hopes to have an update on the “trash law” from attorney Alex Betke before the next Board meeting. She also advised that the budget meetings are ongoing.

Deputy Mayor Murphy thanked Trustee Moore for his many years of service to the Village Board. He will be missed. Trustee Moore replied that it has been his honor to serve on the Village Board.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk