

Village Board

May 19, 2008

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

Absent: Trustee William Murphy

Others: Alex Wade, George Terpening, Bob Ciarlante, Mike Marino, William Kimble, Anthony Bell, Brian Mason, Brian Martin, Joe Schafer, M/M M. Proper, students from the SHS Government Class, Youth Award student Eric Waters, Mary Olsen, Susan Bolitzer, March Gallagher, Katherine Dewkett, John Mullen and others

Mayor Robert Yerick called the Village Board to order at 7:00pm.

Mayor Yerick presented a Saugerties Youth Award to Eric Waters. Eric was nominated by his art teacher, Corliss Block. She wrote that Eric is a kind and selfless person and helpful to all other students in her class. Eric was congratulated by the Board and graciously accepted his award.

Trustee Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Attorney March Gallagher addressed the Board. She represents Leading Edge Development Corporation. Local contractor John Mullen is one of the principals of the Corporation. They own the Cantine Mill Dam. The Corporation has an application before of the DEC to repair and perform maintenance on the dam. The first phase of the project is to repair the sluiceway located on the side of the dam. Kathy Dukett, the project's engineer, spoke. She explained that the first part of the project would repair the sluiceway by the following process: dewater to rehabilitate or replace the 60" gate, repair the piping and make it operational. The sediment will be collected and tested and after testing it will be disposed of properly. Work will begin on this phase as soon as the approvals are received from the DEC and last 6 to 8 weeks. Phase Two will take place in 2009 or 2010 and will involve lowering the water level to check the dam itself and perform whatever maintenance may be necessary. Attorney Gallagher assured the Board that Leading Edge would keep the Board advised of all progress of the project. Mayor Yerick thanked Ms. Gallagher and Ms. Dukett for their presentation.

Susan Bolitzer, of the Esopus Bend Conservancy, addressed the Board. She gave the Board an update of the activities happening at the Conservancy property. The local Boy Scouts will be visiting in June, nature walks are scheduled all year round, and the EBC is collaborating with local schools and coordinating visits from the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades as well as high school classes. 103 species of birds and 54 species of butterflies have been identified on the property. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Conservancy will hold a fundraiser at 11:00am at the Village Beach – Decks and Docks on the Upper Esopus. Ms. Bolitzer also advised the Board that the EBC would like a copy of the recent Waterfront Advisory Board's report – the EBC would like to provide comments.

Michele and Mark Proper, the owners of Miss Lucy's Restaurant, then addressed the Board. They are concerned about the HITS Block Party scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> from

6:00pm to 9:00pm. They object to the closing of Main and Partition Streets on a Saturday night – a night that their restaurant is very busy. They are in favor of the block party idea, but just not on a Saturday night. Chief Kimble advised the Proper's that the Municipal Parking Lot will be accessible from Russell Street. Mayor Yerick said that the intention of HITS is not to hurt business but to bring HITS clientele into the Village. Trustee Mike Campbell said he has spoken with Saugerties Chamber of Commerce President Kevin Brady who reported almost unanimous support from its members for the June 14<sup>th</sup> date and time. Marc Proper asked what about a Thursday night? Mayor Yerick responded by saying he was sure that HITS had done their homework and the block party would be a great thing for the Village. The decision on holding the block party was made for the community. Trustee Moore suggested that Miss Lucy's might be busier for a longer period of time on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Campbell advised that HITS was working on providing additional parking areas and trying to minimize any glitches that might occur. Trustee Myers said she would like to see the plan for the block party from HITS. Trustee LeBlanc suggested that all Village businesses advise their patrons in advance of June 14<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Campbell said he would work with the Chamber to help with the block party.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the May 5, 2008 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Campbell, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for May 19<sup>th</sup>: General - \$23,659.08; Water - \$12,625.13; Wastewater - \$8,267.29; Water Distribution System - \$222,879.50. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Trustee Karashay presented Fire Chief Brian Martin with an Ex-Chief's badge and thanked Chief Martin for his 12 years of service to the Village as Fire Chief. Mayor Yerick thanked Chief Martin for doing an outstanding job and wished the new Chiefs, Joe Schafer, Anthony Bell and Brian Mason good luck in the new positions. Chief Martin thanked the Board for their kind words. He then presented his report for April 2008 – there were 9 fires and 3 drills. The SFD also sent a truck along with Assistant Chief Bell and 5 firefighters to the recent Minnewaska fire. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Moore to approve Stacey Pangoalias for membership into the CA Lynch Fire Company. Carried.

Trustee Kelly Myers asked DPW Superintendent Bob Ciarlante to deliver the DPW report (copy attached). Street cleaning is ongoing. A gate has been installed at the North Street storage area to discourage illegal dumping – now people are dumping in front of the gate. Bob asked that the police put extra patrols in the area. Construction work on Post Street and Dock Street has been completed. Trustee Myers asked Buildings and Grounds Superintendent George Terpening to present his report (copy attached). Mowing and weeding are in full swing at all Village parks. The DPW will provide some help with the boat ramp. Trustee LeBlanc asked if the summer help has begun work - Superintendent Terpening answered yes – all were returning employees from years past.

Wastewater Superintendent Mike Marino presented his report (copy attached). There were no comments or questions on the report.

Police Chief William Kimble presented the Police Department report (copy attached). In the month of April there were 54 911 calls and 38 arrests. Chief Kimble reminds residents to lock their vehicles at night – larcenies are increasing. Mayor Yerick commented that the police are trying to improve services without raising costs. He mentioned a gang presence in the Village – not as prevalent as a larger municipality, but still a situation the police are dealing with. Trustee LeBlanc suggested that the bike patrols be reinstated to cut fuel costs. Trustee Myers said residents all need to be aware of their surroundings and be more vigilant about locking cars and homes.

Trustee LeBlanc presented Building Inspector Eyal Saad's report (copy attached). She reported that the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm to receive comment on the application of Bottini Fuel to locate an additional 30,000 gallon propane tank on their property on Ulster Avenue. Fire Chief Joe Shafer advised the Board that the SFD would review the plan and make recommendations to the Planning Board.

Mayor Yerick reported that he and Trustee LeBlanc recently attended a meeting at Town Hall to discuss the sale and development of the Winston Farm property. Over 25 local officials, including Senator Bonacic and Assemblyman Lopez, attended. The Winston Farm owners were also on hand to add to the discussion.

Trustee Campbell discussed the HITS Block Party scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>. He said there is overwhelming support from the Village businesses that he has spoken with. Mayor Yerick mentioned that one reason HITS moved to Saugerties was because the Village has a vibrant business district with shops and restaurants for HITS participants to visit.

Trustee Campbell also reported that Governor Patterson and Senator Schumer are supporting an effort in the Finger Lake region of the State to get large trucks off local roads and onto the interstate road system. Trustee Campbell is going to draft a letter from the Board supporting the idea and asking that our area be considered also.

Alex Wade reported that the contract for \$1,000,000.00 for the next phase of the Streetscape Project has been received and approved by the DOT.

Trustee LeBlanc spoke about the sale and closing of Lachmann's Bakery. She would like to salute the several generations of the Lachmann Family and the Pinerio Family for the many years of service to the community of Saugerties. She went on to say that a bakery is a mainstay of the community and hopes that the new owners will continue with some of the Lachmann traditions.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board of the death of Trustee Bill Murphy's mother Margaret "Dolly" Murphy. She was a long time resident of the Village raising six children. The

Board extends its sympathy to Trustee Murphy, his brother Attorney Tim Murphy, and the entire Murphy family.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Moore, to adjourn in memory of Margaret “Dolly” Murphy. Carried. A moment of silence was observed. The Board adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk