

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

Absent: Trustee Richard Moore

Others: Alex Wade, Vern Snyder and Brian Doherty – NYS DOT, David Radavanovic, Ron LeBlanc, Steve and Terry Masardo, students from the SHS Government Class, Mary Ann Wrolsen, Heather Plonchak – New Saug Times, Myles Putman, Mark Hildebrandt and others

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

David Radavanovic addressed the Board with complaints of speeding by Village employees and waste hauler truckers on Dock Street. There are no sidewalks and he is concerned about safety. He has spoken to several employees and one became confrontational – Mr. Radavanovic filed a report with the Police and the Village. He would also like to see the waste haulers drop off closed on Sundays. Mr. Radavanovic wants the debris left on “Nanny Goat Hill” by the recent demolition of a shed removed by the owner. Trustee Murphy advised Mr. Radavanovic that his complaints would be investigated.

Mark Hildebrandt spoke, representing the Atonement Lutheran Church on Market Street. Several months ago members of the Church asked the Village to enforce a handicapped parking space in front of the Church. He wondered if anything was done because people are still parking in the handicapped area and blocking wheelchair access to the Church. Clerk Mary Frank explained to the Board that the Church had installed the handicapped sign and cut the curb themselves. The Village never designated the spot as handicapped parking; therefore the Police cannot enforce the parking space as handicapped. The Village would have to draft a law naming the parking space as handicapped. Mayor Yerick assured Mr. Hildebrandt that the Board would take action on the request.

Mayor Yerick then introduced Brian Doherty – Project Manager and Vern Snyder – Project Engineer on the “Wall Project” on Route 9W entering the Village from the south. Mr. Doherty advised the Board that this projects’ purpose is to stabilize the wall – the plan is to build another wall behind the “Wall” to hold it in place. The project is in the design phase, bids should be opened in early May 2009 and the work should be completed before school begins in September 2009. Traffic disruption should be minimal. The “bow” in the Wall will remain and the dip in the highway will be paved. Mayor Yerick advised that this project is being coordinated along with the sanitary and storm sewer separation project scheduled for the same area. The repaving of Route 9W will be the last project after the first two are completed. Trustee Myers asked if the “Wall” will last (not collapse) until next summer and should truck traffic be limited until the repair is completed. Mr. Doherty answered that the “Wall” is not in danger of immediate collapse and truck traffic does not have to be limited. The storm water separation project will be on the west side of 9W. Mr. Doherty was asked if the “Wall”

should be totally replaced – he replied that the stabilization will last a long time. More questions and answers followed. Trustee LeBlanc asked if the curbing would be replaced. The DOT will check on that. Mayor Yerick thanked the DOT for their presentation and they assured the Board that they would keep them updated on the status of the project via Alex Wade.

Mayor Yerick presented the Minutes of November 17, 2008 for approval. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Karashay, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Mayor Yerick presented the Abstract for December 1, 2008. General - \$280,640.21; Water - \$3478.43; Wastewater - \$60,144.82; Water Distribution - \$252,691.53. Motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Myers to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Trustee Campbell reported on the Holiday in the Village festivities scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The SFD is helping to replace the broken bulbs lining the buildings in the business district – many thanks to the firemen.

Mayor Yerick echoed Trustee LeBlanc's sentiments from the November 17<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting. It is very important for residents to support Village businesses and he urged everyone to do so. Trustee LeBlanc spoke saying that a strong business district supports everything else.

Alex Wade advised the Board that all is on track for the 2010 Census.

Trustee Myers reported that leaf pickup is over. The Christmas Tree was installed at the Reis Lot today. Thanks to the Reis Group for the use of the parking lot and for the sponsorship of the tree. The Building and Grounds Department is busy getting Seamon Park ready for the season.

Trustee Murphy reported that Main Street has been paved and Phase II of the Water Line Replacement Project is underway.

Mayor Yerick had nothing new to report involving the Police Department.

Trustee Karashay had nothing to report on behalf of the SFD.

Trustee LeBlanc advised the Board that she and Bob Ciarlante have gone to Catskill and met with the Catskill DPW Superintendent and learned how the "CATS" in Catskill were attached to poles. The Superintendent was very helpful and offered some equipment to help with the process of the "Hors'n Around project. Over 40 horses have already been sponsored – a reception to choose the horses will be held on 1/15/09.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the Saugerties Library has asked that the \$150.00 application fee for the Planning Board be waived for their expansion project. Motion was

made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Campbell, to waive the Planning Board application fee for the Saugerties Library expansion project. Carried.

Trustee Campbell reminded the Board that the Saugerties Area Chamber of Commerce meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm December 8<sup>th</sup> at New World Home Cooking. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #16/2008 (copy attached) for discussion. This resolution urges retailers to eliminate tobacco advertising from areas likely to be seen by children. Trustee Campbell spoke saying he would like the Board to work on a law banning crack pipes and other drug items for sale in the Village. Resolution #16/2008 was seconded by Trustee Karashay and carried unanimously by all those present.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Myers to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 8:12pm. Mayor Yerick spoke saying he neglected to discuss one additional topic with the Board. He called the Board back to order at 8:14pm.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that he has discussed the Water Line Replacement Project with Joe Bisignano, Trustee Murphy, Trustee Moore and Treasurer Julie Dunn extensively. The Village borrowed \$3.4 million from the USDA for the project to be broken down into Phase I, II and III. Phases I and II are currently underway. The cost estimate for the project was done almost one year ago. Since then, prices have increased. Costs for Phases I and II are currently running slightly over budget, and those phases are not yet completed. In an effort to be financially prudent, the Mayor is recommending the postponement of Phase III until the final figures come in for Phases I and II. Phase III is the Post Street stabilization project. Trustee Campbell mentioned that the cost will keep rising and hopes the project does not have to be postponed indefinitely. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Myers, to postpone Phase III of the Water Line Replacement Project. Carried unanimously by all present.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk

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