

Village Board

March 17, 2008

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Michael Karashay, Michael Campbell, William Murphy, Suzanne LeBlanc, Mary Leahy

Absent: Trustee Kelly Myers

Others: Will Dendis – New Saugerties Times, Joe Bisignano, George Terpening, Bob Ciarlante, William Kimble, Alex Wade, Eyal Saad and others

Mayor Robert Yerick called the Village Board to order at 7:20pm. Trustee Mary Leahy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There was no one from the Public who wished to address the Board.

Mayor Yerick commented that he attended the Andrew Carnegie Day at the Kiersted House and the Library. It was a great event. Trustee Leahy added that there would be two public presentations of the drawings of the proposed library giving the residents an opportunity to comment.

Mayor Yerick thanked all Trustees for their hard work on the 2008/2009 Village Budget. Due to their cooperation, the proposed budget is once again 7.3881 per 1000 reflecting a 0% increase in the Village tax rate. The preliminary budget was presented to the Clerk on March 7, will be presented to the Board tonight, a Public Hearing will be held on April 7th and the final budget voted on April 21, 2008. All on time! Many, many thanks to Trustee Suzanne LeBlanc and Treasurer Julie Dunn for their hard work on the budget.

Trustee Suzanne LeBlanc presented the Abstract for March 17, 2008: General - \$31,271.72; Water - \$3,247.84; Wastewater - \$10,757.16. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Karashay, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Trustee LeBlanc thanked all the department supervisors and Treasurer Julie Dunn for their efforts on the budget. Everyone worked very hard and the tax rate will remain the same for Village residents again this year. The Capital Reserve Funds will need attention. If there are any questions, the Trustees can contact her or Julie. Mayor Yerick asked all Trustees to keep a close eye on their expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the Village Board March 3, 2008 meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). The sweeper will begin work shortly. Please try to remove your car from the street if you notice the sweeper working in your neighborhood. Spring clean-up will begin the week of April 21st. He also asked that the DPW be consulted when the Beautification Committee selects locations for tree planting.

Joe Bisignano presented the Water Department report (copy attached). Joe also advised the Board that the "MLOG" leak detection equipment has arrived. The department will begin installing the 160 units immediately. The goal for full installation is June 1st. The 160 units will be distributed in homes throughout the Village (especially corner properties). A receiver will be placed in the Village Police cars and the 11:00pm to 7:00am shift will collect data from the detectors during regular patrols. This system will allow the Water Department to detect small leaks and get them repaired before they become huge problems. This equipment was paid for by a grant from the NYS Education Department Archives Division in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Trustee William Murphy presented the Wastewater Department report (copy attached). He advised the Board that he recently did an extensive tour of the Wastewater Plant to address future needs.

Police Chief Kimble presented the Police Department report (copy attached). Trustee LeBlanc inquired if the Bike Patrol would begin in the spring. Chief Kimble replied he was optimistic that the patrol would begin again.

Trustee Michael Karashay advised the Board that the SFD pumped more than 40 Village residents basements on March 8th from 1:00pm to 5:30am and then again from 8:30am to 8:00pm on March 9th. Basements were flooded that had never had prior problems. After the pumping was completed the SFD then had to clean the pumps and hoses used in the effort. The new Ladies Auxiliary provided the volunteers with food and beverage. Trustee Karashay urges all Village residents to check their sump-pumps and open pipes before the next rains are forecast. Trustee Leahy reminded residents that any donations made to the SFD were always much appreciated. The entire Board thanked the SFD for their tireless effort on March 8 and 9.

Eyal Saad presented the Building Department report (copy attached). Mr. Saad reminded residents that garbage receptacles should be removed to the rear of the property after hauler pick up. Trustee LeBlanc commented that she has noticed many garbage cans left in the front of properties long after the cans have been emptied. That is illegal and she would like the offending residents notified.

Mayor Yerick thanked Trustee Leahy for all her work during her tenure as Village Trustee. She had the responsibility of the Buildings and Grounds Department and more recently, the Building Department including the Planning and Zoning Boards. Mary will join the Planning Board as its newest member on April 9, 2008. He sent best wishes to the Leahy family, Kevin, Colin and Rowan and said he will miss the children's visits to the office. He invited everyone present for cake and coffee following the Board meeting. Trustee Leahy thanked George Terpening and Eyal Saad for their cooperation and said she will miss everyone. A round of applause for Trustee Leahy followed.

George Terpening presented the Buildings and Grounds report (copy attached).

Trustee Michael Campbell presented his report (copy attached). He is pursuing the “no jake-break” signs and working on the submission to the Transportation Enhancement Program for a sidewalk/bike-path around Washington Avenue, Kraut Road, Canoe Hill to Market Street.

Alex Wade advised the Board that the Beautification Committee does not plant trees over utility lines but agrees that the DPW should be consulted about tree planting locations. Mr. Wade presented a revision to the Vehicle and Traffic Law to prohibit parking on Burt Street, 300 feet north from Route 9W. A Public Hearing on the revision will be scheduled for April 21, 2008.

Village Clerk Mary Frank reported that she, along with Trustees Karashay, LeBlanc and Myers, recently attended a Local Officials Day in Albany sponsored by Senator Bonacic. The group enjoyed the informative session.

Trustee LeBlanc inquired on the progress of the Fairweather Consultants regarding the merging of the Village and Town Police Departments. Mayor Yerick responded by saying he had met twice with the consultants and additional meetings were planned. There is no timeframe set for completion.

Mayor Yerick announced Officer Tyrone Chrisjohn has resigned from the Village Police effective April 30, 2008.

Trustee LeBlanc plans on attending a NYCOM session on Main Street development in Hyde Park in April. All other Board members are welcome to join her.

Trustee Karashay thanked Trustee Leahy saying it has been his pleasure to serve alongside her.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 8:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk