

Village Board

November 2, 2009

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Suzanne LeBlanc, Michael Campbell, Kelly Myers, William Murphy, Jeannine Dirie and Richard Moore
Others: Alex Wade, Don Hackett, Cal Hackett, students from SHS Government Class, Ed Quirk, Vinnie McGlaughlin, Marge Block and others

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

Mayor Yerick thanked the SFD for their organization of the annual Halloween Parade.

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

Mayor Yerick presented the Minutes of the October 19, 2009 Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Dirie, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for November 2, 2009: General - \$26642.44; Water - \$6,703.99; Wastewater - \$18786.25; Seamon Park - \$1963.82; Stormwater Fund - \$10001.25. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Mayor Yerick, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Mayor Yerick, to name M&T Bank, TD Bank North and Bank of Greene County, as the official banks for the Village. Carried with Trustee Dirie abstaining.

Trustee LeBlanc advised the Board that the Planning Board is holding a Public Hearing on Monday November 9th at 7:00pm on the McGregor/Cantine Island application for a minor sub-division. She also advised the Board that the recent Public Hearing on the Partition Street Project was well attended and received many comments.

Trustee LeBlanc presented Resolution #10/2009 for approval. This resolution asks the NYS DOT to reimburse the Village for the cost of the recent stormwater/sanitary sewer separation project on Route 9W. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Myers and carried unanimously.

Trustee Myers advised the Board that the DPW has completed work on the garage roof. They also assisted the Water Department in a recent major valve installation at the Water Treatment Plant. Leaf pickup has begun. The DPW is working on leveling manhole covers.

Trustee Dirie advised the Board that 12 new signs for the Municipal Parking Lots have been ordered. The pool and bathrooms at the Lions Club Playground and beach have been winterized. The Building and Grounds Department will begin work on the holiday lights very soon. Trustee Dirie said the Village and Lions Club have reached a verbal

agreement on the Lions Club Playground situation. The Village owns and maintains the equipment however the Lions Club will help financially. Tom Ham, a SCSD Board member is helping with the paperwork so the Village can obtain the old Cahill School Playground equipment. The Cahill PTA has approached the Village for permission to hold a street festival on May 20, 2010 to raise fund for their new playground. The Historic Review Board has approved the signage for Lucky Chocolate's new storefront on Partition Street. They approved a temporary sign for Speedy Mart. Michael Sullivan Smith, a member of the HRB, is spearheading an effort to give the Barclay Canal Raceway a Historic Designation. More information will follow on that.

Trustee Campbell mentioned that most of the comments at the recent Public Hearing on the Partition Street Project were supportive, however there was support for a "public walkway" through the property. Trustee Campbell reminded the Board that the developers will provide a public space that overlooks the falls. He also advised the Board that the Barclay Canal Raceway is located on the opposite side of the Esopus Creek from the Partition Street Project. In his opinion a walkway through the Partition Street Project is not feasible, however he does support the raceway proposal.

Mayor Yerick asked what are the criteria for Historic Designation. Alex Wade spoke; saying the criteria are outlined in the Village Zoning Code.

Trustee Murphy advised the Board that Congressman Hinchey has secured an \$800,000.00 grant to work on one of the major sewer trunklines in the Village. The line runs from Ulster Avenue, behind Price Chopper, through the woods down West Bridge Street to the Wastewater treatment plant. Many thanks to the Congressman for his effort. Trustee Murphy will report on the installation of the new valve at the water treatment plant at the next Board meeting.

Mayor Yerick said work on the merger/abolishment of the Village Police Department is ongoing. Some discussion followed.

Trustee Campbell also thanked the SFD for the successful Halloween Parade. He advised the Board that the annual "Holiday in the Village" would be held on Sunday, December 6th. There will be many fun events such as ice carvings and crafts for kids. The Committee would like to close Main Street from Market to Partition from 4:30pm to 5:30pm for a "World of Dance" performance. Some of other Trustee offered additional suggestions for the day. The Saugerties Historical Society will hold its annual House Tour on December 5th.

Trustee Campbell requested a moment of silence in memory of Bonnie Bell, the wife of Fire Chief Anthony Bell, who died on October 31, 2009.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). The two major projects on Route 9W are almost complete. Mayor Yerick thanked Mr. Wade for his oversight of these recent projects.

Mayor Yerick announced that Trustee Dirie would be the Village Board liaison to coordinate the Cahill School Playground fundraiser to be held in May 2010.

Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Dirie, to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a specific personnel issue. Carried. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:50pm and returned at 9:00pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to adjourn. Carried. The Village Board adjourned at 9:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk