

Village Board

August 4, 2008

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Suzanne LeBlanc, William Murphy, Kelly Myers and Richard Moore

Absent: Trustees Michael Campbell and Michael Karashay

Others: Herm Wilcox, Maryann Wrolsen, Rich Michaels, Neal Smoller, Alex Wade and Heather Plonchak – New Saugerties Times

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

Privilege of the Floor

Herm Wilcox asked the Board when the debris at 71 Ulster Avenue will be removed. Trustee LeBlanc stated that it was an eviction and that the Police were handling the situation. Trustee LeBlanc will follow up with Eyal Saad in the morning. Mr. Wilcox also wanted to know about a vehicle that has been on jacks on Cross St. for quite some time. Trustee LeBlanc again stated she will follow up with Eyal Saad in the morning to get the status of the vehicle.

Maryann Wrolsen wanted to bring to the attention of the Board that there are numerous speeding vehicles in the Village and would like more police presence and signage. Heather Plonchak and Neal Smoller agreed. Speeding is taking place at all hours of every day not just weekends. The Mayor stated he would follow up with the Police Chief to address the matter.

Neal Smoller from the Village Apothecary asked the Board to consider making 2 ten minute parking spaces in front of the Apothecary for their patrons. They have witnessed 3 accidents since being open due to parking issues.

The Mayor announced there are new businesses open in the Village. He urged everyone to visit the Muddy Cup and Hudson Valley Desserts. He also noted the tobacco store has relocated to a very nice store.

Mayor Yerick presented the Minutes of the July 21, 2008 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstracts for August 4, 2008. General - \$38,186.59; Water - \$10,586.51; Wastewater - \$18,398.96; Seamon Park - \$437.50. Motion was made by Trustee Moore and seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the abstracts. Trustee Murphy abstained. Carried

Trustee Murphy reported that the large tanks at the wastewater plant are cracking. They have made repairs that will last approximately a year. He stated the tanks are 20 years old and will need to be replaced in the next 4 – 5 years.

Mayor Yerick reported for the Police Department. He has set up meetings with the Chief to discuss the speeding vehicle problems and problems with crowds and noise from local establishments in the Village.

Trustee LeBlanc reported the owner at 51 Livingston St. has 45 days to pay fines and replace sheathing of this property. She also wanted to remind the public about the unregistered vehicle law. People need to register the vehicle, remove it or store it in a garage. Citations will be issued. Trustee LeBlanc also reported the meter fee increase has been approved. The Village needs to hold a public hearing to change the law.

Alex Wade reported for Special Assignments. The Board must set a public hearing to designate the Library as a historic building to make them eligible for NY State preservation grants for their renovations. A motion was made by Trustee Moore to set a public hearing for the next Board meeting. Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc. Carried. The DOT has agreed to limit the repairs of the wall to the urgently needed areas. Properties across the street will not be involved. The DOT has also addressed our traffic light concerns. See attached report.

Trustee Myers reported for Buildings and Grounds. The beach has been very busy. The Waterfront Advisory Board met to discuss enforcement and parking issues. There are mixed comments regarding jet ski traffic. Some feel it has gotten better and some think there is no change. Arm of the Sea Theatre will be at Tina Chorvas Park in two weeks. Saint Mary of the Snow had a wonderful 175th Anniversary celebration.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution NO. 12/2008 allowing Brinnier & Larios to go out to bid on phase 2 of the water distribution project. The Mayor wants a detailed time line of the project schedule. Motion to approve Resolution No. 12/2008 made by Mayor Yerick and seconded by Trustee Murphy. Carried. (No roll call was made to approve the resolution. This will be done at the next Board meeting)

The Mayor announced that HITS was trying to have the National Pony Finals at their facility but they were unsuccessful. Tom Struzzi thanks the Village for their support.

Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Myers. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.