

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Suzanne LeBlanc, William Murphy, Kelly Myers and Jeannine Dirie

Absent: Trustee Mike Campbell and Richard Moore

Others: students, Myrna Sameth, Ted Conathan, David Radavanovic, Eric Masterson – UWMarx, Heather Plonchak and others

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

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the Memorial Day Ceremony at the American Legion with guest speaker Roger Donlon, was very moving. Thanks to Jim Gage for the event.

Mayor Yerick also advised the Board that another horse from the Hors'n Around Saugerties project has been vandalized. The police arrested a suspect and he is currently in the Ulster County Jail. Mayor Yerick appealed to the public for help – please be on the lookout for folks who try to damage the horses and call the Police. Please don't place children on the horses – they are only decorative! Trustee LeBlanc agreed and said she has noticed many, many people in the Village looking at the display.

Chris Levitas and Eric Masterson, representing UW Marx, addressed the Board. UW Marx is the contractor for the Saugerties Area Library expansion project. They presented the Board with the "Traffic and Construction Logistics Plan" for their review and approval. Mr. Levitas advised the Board that the report was written with the help of Lt. Tom Rea and Code Enforcement Office Eyal Saad. He thanked them both for their input and help. Since the Board just received copies of the report, the Board declined to approve the report and will make a decision on approval of the plan at the June 15th Village Board meeting.

There was no one who wished to address the Board for Privilege of the Floor.

Mayor Yerick presented the Abstract for June 1st: General - \$30,480.46; Water - \$3,966.41; Wastewater - \$2,664.24; Water Distribution - \$134,845.39. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Dirie, to approve the Abstract. Carried with Trustee Murphy abstaining.

Mayor Yerick presented the Minutes of the Village Board meeting of May 18, 2009 and May 29, 2009. Motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the minutes of both meetings. Carried.

Trustee Murphy restated what was said at the previously held Public Hearing. There will be no water rate increase, however current economic times call for an 11% rate hike in sewer rates effective 12/1/09. For a resident who receives the minimum bill, this translates into a \$6.00 additional charge per year. Motion was made by Trustee Murphy,

seconded by Mayor Yerick, to raise sewer rates by 11% effective 12/1/09. Carried. Mayor Yerick said for years the Village held the line on sewer rates, eventually a rate hike had to be imposed.

Mayor Yerick reported that the Police Consolidation Committee is still working on a solution. He mentioned that last weekend the Village was packed with people walking, shopping and bar hopping.

There was no report from the SFD.

Trustee LeBlanc reminded the Board of the joint Village/Town Public Hearing to be held on June 17th at 6:00pm at the Senior Center. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments on the Time Warner Cable Franchise Fee. She also reported that the ZBA recently granted a use variance to an applicant on Willow Lane and that the Planning Board has scheduled a Public Hearing for a sub-division at the end of Main Street. Mrs. LeBlanc also reminded residents that grass must be cut on all properties. Trustee Myers asked if the Village has an ordinance governing yard sales. Trustee LeBlanc said there is no ordinance or policy in place, however she feels this is an area that should be addressed.

Alex Wade reported that the contracts have been signed on the long awaited storm/sanitary sewer separation project on Route 9W and Hill Street. Work will begin shortly.

Trustee Myers reported that the DPW has been operating with a small crew for the past several weeks with employees using their vacation days before the end of the fiscal year. The DPW has been helping the Buildings and Grounds crew with grass cutting. The DPW is also busy with the Hors'n Around Project, rounding the metal corners on the horse stands and the artist nameplates.

Trustee Myers also reported that she, Trustee Murphy, Mayor Yerick, Clerk Mary Frank, and DPW Superintendent Bob Ciarlante recently met with representatives from Central Hudson. It was a very informative session. Central Hudson advised the group that the Village of Saugerties has reached its capacity for electrical usage. So many residents have computers, flat screen TV's and additional electronic equipment, that the old electric lines cannot keep up with the usage. The Public Service Commission has ordered Central Hudson to upgrade the entire Village. The upgrade will involve installing higher poles that can accommodate thinner, more efficient electrical lines. To install these new poles, some trees may have to be removed. The Central Hudson representative went on to explain that there is a "utility corridor" that Central Hudson must maintain on either side of the wires and also above and below the wires. This is done for safety and to prevent service interruptions. Central Hudson agreed to escort Mr. Ciarlante around the Village where all the new lines will be installed to look at what trees may be affected and to alert the homeowners. There is a problem with "double poles". The new poles are installed by Central Hudson and Central Hudson removes its old wires from the old poles. Unfortunately, Verizon is not anxious to remove its wires from the old poles and

attach them to the new poles. There are lawsuits all over the country, trying to force Verizon to comply. So far, none have been successful. Trustee Myers said she is trying to contact Verizon. A suggestion was made to bury the utility lines. Central Hudson replied the cost is over one million dollars per mile – not feasible. Trustee Myers will keep the Board informed of the status of the project. She will also investigate how other communities protect their trees and possibly start a “shade tree commission”.

Trustee Jeannine Dirie reported “lots of folks in the Village” over the past weekend. The Farmer’s Market opened Saturday, Decks and Docks is June 7th and there will be music at the Waterfront Park on June 14th. Trustee Dirie reported that attorney Alex Betke has reviewed the MEGA contracts and given his approval. The Board should review the new contracts for discussion at the June 15th Village Board meeting. The hanging flower baskets will be installed this week. The Boy Scouts plan to build an arbor at Seamon Park. Proposed hours for the Beach are 12noon to 5:00pm. The Cahill School is donating their playground equipment to the Village – it will be installed at the Beach or Seamon Park. Trustee Dirie has received complaints about the timing of the light at Main and Partition. Alex Wade spoke saying he is working with the DOT on the situation. Trustee Dirie said she is working with DPW Superintendent Bob Ciarlante regarding signage at the Municipal Lot – a suggestions has been made to limit all day parking in the lot to the rear areas. Trustee Dirie attended the 5/27 meeting of the Historic Review Board – a new façade for the Hudson Valley Dessert Company was approved. She advised the Board of a request from the Kiwanis Club regarding vendors on the 4th of July. The Kiwanis sells “glo lights” at Cantine Field before the fireworks as a fundraiser – outside vendors also sell the lights at the entrance to Cantine Field. The Kiwanis asks that vendor licenses issued by the Village be limited to the Parade route and expire before dark. Motion was made by Trustee Dirie, seconded by Mayor Yerick, to limit the hours of vendor permits issued by the Village for the 4th of July from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Carried.

Trustee Myers advised the Board that the Vacation Bible School would be held from July 27 – July 31. The school is free and open to all. The parade will take place at 7:00pm on July 30.

Mayor Yerick announced the retirement of Police Sgt. Joseph Laquidara. Joe is an excellent officer and the Board wishes him the very best in his retirement. Trustee LeBlanc commented that she always found Sgt. Laquidara very professional and will miss him. Mayor Yerick announced that Police Chief William Kimble has reached 40 years with the Village PD. Congratulations to the Chief.

Motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Dirie, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk

