

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Suzanne LeBlanc, Kelly Myers, William Murphy, Michael Karashay and Mary Leahy
Absent: Trustee Michael Campbell
Others: Eyal Saad, Alex Wade, Bob Ciarlante, Mike Marino, William Kimble, Joe Bisignano, George Terpening, Judith Spektor, Will Dendis-New Saugerties Times, Brian Martin and 30 students from the SHS Government Class.

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

Mayor Yerick introduced Jim Gage and Jack Kolano to the Board. Mr. Gage and Mr. Kolano have each served the Saugerties Fire Department for 50 years. Mayor Yerick thanked the men for the wonderful job that they continue to do. The Village is grateful and proud. Trustee Karashay echoed the Mayor's words and presented both men with a gift from the residents of the Village.

Privilege of the Floor

Judith Spektor addressed the Board on behalf of the Beautification Committee. Six new trees have been purchased by the Village for planting. Six additional trees are hoped to be purchased using funds raised privately by local citizens. Almost \$1500.00 has been raised to date with a goal of \$2355.00. The Committee increased the number of hanging baskets from 16 to 30. The baskets will require lots of watering and resident help would be greatly appreciated. Mayor Yerick thanked Judith and the Beautification Committee for all its effort.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the May 7, 2007 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to approve the minutes as written. Carried.

Trustee LeBlanc presented the Abstracts for May 21, 2007: General - \$18,500.92; Water - \$4,416.75; Wastewater - \$11,748.09; Building Reserve - \$3,437.93. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to approve the Abstract for payment. Carried.

Trustee LeBlanc announced the tax roll adjustments for 2006 of \$1,680.84 as prepared by Treasurer Julie Dunn. These adjustments consist of 2 grievances, 1 bankruptcy and 1 exemption. The Board approved the adjustments. Please get all the PO's to Julie by May 30 at 2:00pm for the year end close. Please do not order any items until June 1st. Trustee LeBlanc said she understands that the Tango Café will be opening shortly in AnnMaries old space. Trustee Myers said 5 new businesses are opening in the Village.

George Terpening presented the Building & Grounds report (copy attached). The summer crew is on board and general clean up, weeding, mowing has begun. The kitchen

renovation is almost complete. Trustee Myers noticed that people do not use the garbage receptacle at the Lions Club Playground. She urged the public to be more community minded and not litter. She thinks a no-smoking policy should be considered for all Village parks.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). The DOT has changed the status of “the wall” project from maintenance to reconstruction. That is good news and will tie in with the sewer separation project this year.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). Spring clean-up went very well, however there are still some residents putting yard debris in Village Streets. Mr. Ciarlante asked those residents to stop that practice and asked the PD to help enforce it. The DPW is cleaning up the North Street staging area. The DPW shed on Market Street is getting a face-lift. Mayor Yerick announced that a bike race was scheduled for May 27th in the Village and to please make sure the route is in shape. Mr. Ciarlante said he was aware of the race and the streets were ready. Trustee Myers asked if the PD has been informed and Mayor Yerick answered yes.

Mike Marino presented the Wastewater Department report (copy attached). He thanked Brian Wilson and John Henson for a donation of 700 gallons of fuel recently. During the recent heavy rains the Wastewater crew worked at the plant for 48 hours straight. Flows were high which indicated that sump pumps and roof drains are still being emptied into the sanitary sewer system. This must be addressed.

Joe Bisignano presented the Water Department report (copy attached). Heavy rains also kept the Water Department personnel on duty for days. The plant used the water tank. Water entering the filter plant was brown (due to the turbidity) for over 2 days. The crew did a great job in providing residents with clean water. The Annual Drinking Water Quality report was presented to the Board and will be mailed to all residents shortly. Mayor Yerick advised the Board that water contracts with Glasco/Barclay Heights and Malden are expiring next year. Trustee LeBlanc will be reviewing them along with Trustee Murphy.

Trustee Karashay presented the SFD report (copies attached). Trustee Myers thanked the SFD for pumping many basements in the Village during the recent rains.

Police Chief Kimble presented his report (copy attached). He reported that he and Mayor Yerick attended a seminar recently sponsored by Assembly Lopez.

Eyal Saad presented the Building Inspector’s report (copy attached). Mayor Yerick said as the summer arrives, he wants property maintenance issues strongly enforced.

Mayor Yerick discussed a letter received by the Board from Mark Colligan suggesting a Village wide “swap day”. Trustee Myers suggested a “Yard sale week-end”. The Board discussed the idea. Lots of details would have to be addressed.

Trustee LeBlanc announced the Ulster County Budget Hearing dates to the Board.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the owner of the Mill Apartments, Michael Puntillo, has approached the Village. Mr. Puntillo claims that the Mill loses money every year and he would like to turn over the Mill to a non-profit group called Community Housing Innovations. CHI is asking the Village, Town and County to consider a tax reduction. The Mill will present a proposal in the near future. The Mayor does not support a tax reduction.

Mayor Yerick repeated Alex Wade's announcement of "the wall" construction. He said it is very important for this project to happen and tie in with the sewer separation project scheduled for this year.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk