

Village Board

Feb. 5, 2007

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Richard Moore, Kelly Myers, William Murphy, Michael Karashay and Mary Leahy

Absent: Trustee Michael Campbell

Others: Alex Wade, Will Dendis-New Saugerties Times, David Radavanovic

Mayor Yerick opened the regular session of the Village Board at 7:00pm. Trustee Leahy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the Public Hearing on January 16, 2007. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the minutes as written. Carried. Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the regular session of the January 16, 2007 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Leahy, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to approve the minutes as written. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstracts for approval: General - \$122,831.67; Water - \$12,110.65; Wastewater - \$18,321.18. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to approve the Abstract for payment. Carried.

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

Trustee Mary Leahy reported that the holiday decorations have been removed from Seamon Park and throughout the Village. Several residents volunteered at the Park helping with the task. The Building and Grounds crew has a long list of winter projects including painting in the Police Department, kitchen renovations at the Seamon Park House, renovations in the Police Department and more.

Mayor Yerick thanked the Board for their attendance at the Feb. 1st SAMA meeting. Trustee Campbell did a fine job of presenting the final consultant report. Copies of the report are available for view at the Village Office. Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #4/2007. This resolution supports the recommendations of the SAMA report. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Moore and carried unanimously.

Alex Wade presented his Special Project report (copy attached). He will be the Village liaison to the 2010 Census and will attend a conference on February 15th to begin the process.

Trustee Kelly Myers advised the Board that the DPW has only had two storms so far this winter saving the Department overtime dollars and equipment usage. The DPW is working on indoor repairs at the garage, including work on police vehicles. Trustee Myers and DPW Superintendent are working ahead of schedule of the 5-year plan. They are also working on the budget for 2007/2008. Trustee Myers and Superintendent Ciarlante visited the Town of Esopus to view their "water chestnut cutting machine". The Village is hoping to use the machine to remove harmful water chestnut plants from

the upper Esopus. Trustee Leahy thanked the DPW for their help on some of the Building and Grounds Departments projects.

Trustee Murphy reported that Bill Holden is now retired. Vincent Brennan has filled Bill's position at the Water Treatment Plant. Trustee Murphy read a letter from a Russell Street resident who thanked the Water and Wastewater Departments for their help when a problem arose in her home.

Mayor Yerick asked the Board to consider surveillance cameras in the Village. Since January 24th, 30 tires were punctured, windows broken, and damage at the Lions Club Playground has occurred in the Village. He also advised the Board that the 2 new police cars (received through the efforts of Senator Bonacic) were due for delivery shortly. One old police car will be given to the Saugerties Fire Department to be used as a Fire Chief's car. Chief Brian Martin currently uses his private vehicle for fire calls and the Mayor wants the chief to have a car. Trustee Murphy echoed the Mayor's words adding that Chief Martin is an asset to the Village and should have a car. The Board agreed.

Trustee Karashay thanked the Board for its decision on the Fire Chief car.

Mayor Yerick presented Local Law #3/2007 for approval. This law makes changes to the Zoning Law (please see the minutes of the 2/5/07 Public Hearing). There were no comments from the public at the recently concluded Public Hearing. Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve Local Law #3/2007. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #3/2007. This resolution appoints Election Inspectors and Custodians for the March 20, 2007 Village Election. Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to approve Resolution #3/2007. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that a local resident has begun a taxi service in the Village. The company is Catskill Cabs. The Mayor advised that the taxi service would be shown on TV23 to let the public know. Trustee Myers commented that the TV23 service should be for a limited time, just until the public was aware of the service.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that he, Wayne DeBrosky and DPW Superintendent Bob Ciarlante recently attended a meeting with the NYS DOT in Poughkeepsie. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the NYS DEC mandated separation of the storm and sanitary sewers on Route 9W coming into the Village from Barclay Heights. The cost of the project is nearing \$400,000.00. The NYS DOT has agreed to pay for the cost of the separation.

Mayor Yerick requested that Trustee Myers contact the NYS DOT to try to get the bridge on Route 9W coming into the Village painted. He has requested this in the past to no avail.

Mayor Yerick also advised the Board that he has received a petition from local residents requesting that the overnight parking ban on Village streets be discontinued. The Mayor asked Trustee Myers to speak with DPW Superintendent Ciarlante and bring back recommendations to the Board regarding the parking ban.

Mayor Yerick made motion that the Village of Saugerties become the Lead Agency in the SEQR process for the sewer separation project mentioned earlier in the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moore and carried unanimously.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board the Police Department is investigating hiring a part time meter enforcement officer. The SAMA study concluded that the Village has adequate parking, however, the parking rules are not being enforced. The meter enforcement officer would be hired on a part time basis and work random hours. Trustee Myers requested that the municipal parking lots be included in the duties of the meter enforcement officer.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Moore, to adjourn. Carried. The Village Board adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk