

Village Board

January 19, 2010

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Richard Moore, Jeannine Dirie, Bill Murphy, Kelly Myers, Mike Campbell and Suzanne LeBlanc

Others: Chief William Kimble, Eyal Saad, Mary Kimble, Heather Plonchak, Ariel Zanglia, Alex Wade, Alex Betke and many others

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

Privilege of the Floor

Artist Zev Willy spoke regarding the dog excrement on Village sidewalks. He asked the Police be more active in ticketing violators of the law. He also mentioned that he has noticed that there is a dip in the sidewalk by the Reis Parking Lot. Water collects and freezes causing a dangerous situation. Mayor Yerick said he would ask the DPW to take a look. Lastly he said he has noticed that people walk in the streets after dark with no reflective material on their clothing. He proposed to get the artist community together to design a logo (constructed of reflective material) that pronounces Saugerties as "Cool" and distribute the logo to the public. Mayor Yerick agreed this was a good idea.

Mary Kimble asked if a recent \$800,000.00 grant has been received by the Village. The Mayor answered no.

Mayor Yerick announced that Local Law #1/2010, the abolition of the Police Department, would be first on the agenda. Attorney Alex Betke spoke saying the Board is the Lead Agency for the SEQRA action and has completed SEQRA Part II naming Local Law #1/2010 as an unlisted action. There is no substantial environmental impact. The Mayor has signed all the appropriate documents. Resolution #5/2010 was presented by Mayor Yerick and seconded by Trustee Moore. This resolution declares that the Board certifies that the requirements of 6NYCRR part 617 have been met, declares and adopts a SEQRA negative declaration and adopts Local Law #1/2010. The vote to approve Resolution #5/2010 was unanimous and Local Law #1/2010 – the abolishment of the Village Police Department - carried. Alex Betke advised the Board that the Village Clerk would publish a notice for a permissive referendum. The public has 30 days from January 20, 2010 to submit a petition to the Village Clerk for the referendum to appear on the March 16, 2010 ballot. Mr. Betke will notify the DCJS. Trustee Campbell spoke saying that copies of all the reports used in making this decision are available at Village Hall. Residents are urged to be informed.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the January 4, 2010 Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Dirie, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for January 19, 2010: General - \$175,141.87; Water - \$11,244.43; Wastewater - \$13,646.70, Water Distribution - \$95,815.66 and

prepaid Water - \$15,587.50. Motion was made by Trustee Dirie, seconded by Trustee Campbell, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Trustee Myers presented the DPW report (copy attached). A written snowstorm report is available on request. The tree has been removed from the Reis Lot.

Trustee Dirie presented the Buildings and Grounds report (copy attached). Some of the worn yellow ribbons have been removed from the lampposts. The DPW will assist the Buildings and Grounds Dept. in the construction of new flowerboxes.

Trustee Murphy presented the Water and Wastewater Department reports (copies attached). Trustee Murphy advised the Board that Vertis had an unusually high water/sewer bill the last quarter. Joe Bisignano and he are investigating the problem.

Mayor Yerick complimented Trustees Campbell, LeBlanc and Murphy for their hard work on the Police Department abolishment. Chief Kimble presented the Police Department report (copy attached).

Trustee Campbell reported that the Village website is up to date. There is a UCTC meeting this week – Alex Wade will attend on behalf of the Village. There is a very good chance that the Village will receive \$1 million for phase II of the streetscape program from stimulus \$ given to NYS. The Village was originally supposed to receive the funds from the federal government with a partial payment from the Village. The stimulus \$ requires no \$ from the Village. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Mayor Yerick, to approve Fire Trucks #40 and #10 for travel to Woodstock, NY to participate in training. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Yerick reported that he has received a letter from the NYS DOT saying they are ready to revisit the issue of rerouting truck traffic around the Village. Kudos to Alex Wade for all his effort on this project. Trustee LeBlanc said that Kings Highway is the logical route for truckers – not 9W through the Village.

Trustee Campbell thanked Alex Wade for his oversight of the recent 9W paving project. Thanks also to Myles Putnam for his work on the SAMA committee on behalf of the Village.

Trustee LeBlanc had nothing to report on Economic Development, TV23 or the ZBA. The Planning Board is moving through the review process on the Partition Street Project. A Public Hearing has been scheduled for February 10 at 630pm on the Country Meadows Senior Housing project.

Eyal Saad presented the Building Department report (copy attached).

Alex Wade presented his Special Assignment report (copy attached).

Trustee LeBlanc thanked Trustee Campbell for all his work on the documents for tonight's meeting regarding the abolition of the Village Police Department. She also thanked Greg Helsmoortel; Fred Costello and the Town and Village Police for their help and cooperation as this process moved forward. She asked the public for their support.

Trustee Moore presented the "Agreement relating to enforcement of real property tax liens" for Village Board consideration. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Mayor Yerick, to accept the agreement with Ulster County. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #2/2010. This resolution accepts that Phase II of the Water Main Replacement Project is complete and authorizes final payment to Merritt Construction. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Murphy and carried unanimously.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #3/2010. This resolution accepts that Phase I of the Water Main Replacement Project is complete and authorizes final payment to Merritt Construction. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Murphy and carried unanimously.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #4/2010. This resolution names Election Inspectors and Custodians for the March 16, 2010 Village Election. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Murphy and carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Moore, to adjourn. Carried. The Village Board adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk