

Village Board

August 6, 2007

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Suzanne LeBlanc, Kelly Myers, William Murphy, Michael Karashay

Absent: Trustee Mary Leahy and Michael Campbell

Others: Alex Wade, Dick and Joy Moore

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

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

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the Gristmill at Seamon Park has collapsed. A meeting has been scheduled to determine a course of action. The Mayor stressed that the safety of the workers would be the highest priority.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the Farmer's Market is having a great year. Trustee Myers mentioned that the "Home Dinner letters" will be mailed shortly.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of July 16, 2007. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to approve the minutes as written. Carried.

Trustee LeBlanc presented the Abstracts for August 6th: General - \$95,669.50; Water - \$9,466.53; Wastewater - \$23,659.63; Water Capital - \$945.00; Building Reserve - 1297.35. Trustee LeBlanc explained that \$62,000.00 of the General Fund Abstract was a bond payment for the firetruck. Mayor Yerick advised the Board that it was the last payment for the firetruck - the Village paid \$60,000.00 per year for a minimum of interest. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to approve the Abstracts for August 6, 2007. Carried.

Trustee Murphy advised the Board that all was "business as usual" for the Water and Wastewater Departments. The Water Department did experience a water main break on Rt. 212 - thanks to the DPW for their help with the repair. Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the Village is applying for a \$3.7 million ½ loan/ ½ grant that will address infrastructure. Joe Bisignano is moving forward with engineering on replacement of the water lines on Main Street in anticipation of the financing.

Mayor Yerick reported "business as usual" at the Police Department. The 2 new police cars (paid for with a grant from Senator Bonacic) have been ordered. Trustee Myers asked what happens to the old cars? Mayor Yerick said he plans to give one car to the SFD as a Chief's Vehicle. Trustee Karashay spoke saying he appreciated the old police car, however a 4-wheel drive vehicle would be better suited for the SFD. The Mayor said he would consider that proposal. Trustee LeBlanc asked how a 4-wheel drive vehicle would be purchased. The Mayor said that he would find the money if a vehicle came along for the right price. Trustee LeBlanc brought a recent letter to the editor from Nicholas Parker, 148 Main Street, to the attention of the Board. The letter complained of

noise, truck traffic and more. Trustee LeBlanc presented a copy of Village Ordinance 145-4 Running of Motors and asked why the Police do not enforce this law. She also advised the Board that she witnessed two uncovered gravel trucks driving through the Village. She feels that Village Police should be enforcing these laws. Mayor Yerick defended the Police saying it is a small force and the Police must witness an offense to be able to issue a ticket. He went on to say that he was sure no one wanted to hire any additional police officers. Trustee LeBlanc countered by saying truckers' speed past Cahill School and the noise from motorcycles is unbearable. She also feels the 9W bridge should be checked for safety because of all the truckers speeding over it and "jake-braking as they come around the turn. The Mayor said he would ask the DOT to inspect the bridge. Trustee Karashay said our current law is difficult to enforce because it does not give specific noise parameters. Trustee Murphy remarked that NYS routinely passes inspection on motorcycles that have "straight pipes". Trustee Karashay asked if the PD cites people with "boom boxes". Trustee Myers said that violators must be caught in the act. Trustee LeBlanc suggests that the PD park in areas where they cannot be observed and catch violators in the act. Trustee LeBlanc asked the Mayor to urge the PD to cite violators to send a message to truckers and motorcyclists. Mayor Yerick agreed to talk to the PD.

Trustee Karashay presented the names of Robert Quirk and Roy Benedetto for membership into the SFD Exempt Company. Both men have completed at least 5 years of service to the SFD. Trustee Myers asked Trustee Karashay to thank the men on behalf of the Board. Trustee Karashay will be attending the NYS Firemen's Association meeting the week of August 20th.

Mayor Yerick reported on the recent meeting held with Sheriff VanBlarcum regarding the complaints received of boating on the Upper Creek. He has asked the Sheriff for a follow-up meeting however, the Sheriff advised that no new laws are needed – just better enforcement by his Department. Trustee Myers advised that she has spoken with June Overbaugh, Chair of the Waterfront Advisory Board. That Board will meet to discuss the problem – the Mayor suggests the Advisory Board speak with Lt. Dennis Young of the Sheriff's Department.

Alex Wade presented his "Special Assignment" report – copy attached.

Trustee Myers presented the DPW report. The drainage work on Lighthouse Drive is complete. The road is now stable. The DPW is currently working on Burt Street drainage, drainage on Ferry Street will follow and Main Street will receive a crown coat of paving. Mayor Yerick asked Trustee Myers to speak to DPW Superintendent Bob Ciarlante regarding the paving of Main Street – keep in mind that we hope to replace the water lines on Main Street this Fall. Trustee Murphy said that Main Street has been wet for a week – the DPW and Water Department should take a look. Trustee Myers reported that the work on Valley Street is complete. Bob Ciarlante will attend the meeting regarding the Gristmill – it is dangerous and unstable. Mr. Ciarlante is concerned for his crew. The rock ledge behind the DPW garage is being braced by steel beams. The DPW will work from the top of the ledge and remove one section at a time.

The Mayor stressed safety first! Trustee Myers sent congratulations to St. Mary's of the Snow Church who are celebrating their 175th anniversary.

Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Karashay, to enter into Executive Session to discuss a potential real estate transaction. Carried. The Board went into Executive Session at 7:51pm and returned at 8:27pm.

Trustee Karashay mentioned the recent fire at the Glasco Fire Department. He sends the best wishes of the SFD to Glasco.

Alex Wade advised the Board that Nicholas Parker gave a letter to the Board to Richard Moore earlier in the evening, however Mr. Parker did not want to address the Board. The Clerk will distribute copies of the letter to the Trustees.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the SAMA committee is meeting shortly to implement recommendations that can be done immediately.

More discussion on truck traffic and noise followed again. Trustee Karashay said although he agrees that the truck and motorcycle noise is offensive, it is not going away – trucks and motorcycles will travel through the Village. Trustee Myers suggested authorizing overtime to the PD to enforce the laws on the books.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk