

Village Board

Public Hearing

November 5, 2007

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

Absent: Trustee Michael Campbell

Others: Alex Wade, David Radavanovic

Mayor Yerick called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30pm. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comment on Local Law #7 of 2007 – a law providing for the establishment of water rates and rules and regulations.

Trustee Myers commented that a 15% water rate increase is a marginal amount considering the fact that the water rates have not been increased for 10 years. She hopes the Village will continue to explore grants to provide for upgrades to the system.

Mayor Yerick agreed.

Trustee LeBlanc mentioned that water department operating costs have increased 25% since 2001 and a 15% rate increase is very reasonable. She would like to see the Village sell water at a higher rate to the Town of Saugerties. She wants to be sure the Village is notified when the Town has a large commercial or residential development. Mayor Yerick said Village representation on the Economic Development Council would take care of that.

Clerk Mary Frank advised the Board that attorney Alex Betke reported that this law would enable the Board to raise water rates by resolution of the Board, not by requiring the rewriting of the local law.

There was no additional comment.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to close the Public Hearing. Carried. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk