

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees William Murphy, Michael Karashay and Richard Moore

Absent: Trustees Mary Leahy, Kelly Myers and Michael Campbell

Others Present: Joe Bisignano, Josh Bossard, Melanie Gardner and Will Denis

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 Josh Bossard, from New York Rural Water Association. Mr. Bossard presented the Source Water Protection Plan for the Village of Saugerties Public Water Supply. This plan will help the Village protect the quality of its drinking water source – the Blue Mountain Reservoir and its tributaries. Mr. Bossard has been working on the plan since 2005 with the help of the Mayor, Board and Water Department. Mr. Bossard thanked Water Superintendent Joe Bisignano for all his help and cooperation. Mr. Bisignano and Mayor Yerick thanked Mr. Bossard for his work and said the Board looks forward to reviewing the plan.

Melanie Gardner, of 76 Dock Street, addressed the Board. She is concerned about the condition of Dock Street. She came to the Board 3 years ago, requesting that the Village take a look at the retaining wall that supports Dock Street. The foundation of her basement is part of that wall and is bulging and needs to be repaired. Mrs. Gardner said she would pay for the repair to her basement wall, but feels the Village needs to repair Dock Street. She presented pictures of the wall of her property and adjoining neighbors. She said the road was built over 100 years ago for wagons and not for the many trucks that travel the street to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mrs. Gardner has spoken to the offices of Senator Bonacic and Congressman Hinchey to try to find funds for the Village to make the needed repairs to Dock Street. Mayor Yerick agreed that the conversations regarding Dock Street has gone on for 3 years. He assured Mrs. Gardner that he would speak to DPW Superintendent Ciarlante and Trustee Myers. It will be determined if an engineer should be called in. Mrs. Gardner said she believes that Dock Street was last repaired in the 1950's. Mayor Yerick will advise Mrs. Gardner of any progress or decisions and thanked her for coming to the Board and for her patience.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the August 21, 2006 Public Hearing and the regular Board session. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve the minutes as written. Carried. Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the changes to the Village Laws proposed at the August 21st meeting were now under review. Many informative comments were received from the public and will be incorporated into the law changes. Another Public Hearing will be announced after the changes have been made.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for September 5, 2006. General - \$137,593.03; Water - \$8,788.99; Wastewater - \$21,506.08. Motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Trustee Murphy reported there will be a meeting later this week with the DOT regarding sewer separation work on Route 9W. Otherwise, it is business as usual in the Water and Wastewater plants.

Mayor Yerick reported that the Police have received FOIL requests. He feels that the requests are as result of the recent reinstatement of a Village Police Officer. He assures the public that the Village Police are doing their utmost to perform their duties in a professional manner. No charges have been filed against this officer by the District Attorney's Office. The Village acted on the advice of Council and must adhere to the rules of Civil Service and the PBA Union.

There were no reports from the DPW, Fire Department or Buildings and Grounds.

Deputy Mayor Karashay will represent Mayor Yerick at the 9/11 Memorial. The Mayor has advised the Village Superintendents that Village employees will be encouraged to attend the ceremony.

Mayor Yerick read a thank-you letter from the Arm of the Sea Theater.

He reminded everyone to vote on September 7th regarding the Library Budget and Trustee positions. Deputy Mayor Karashay will represent Mayor Yerick at the public comment period at the Library on September 12th.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Moore, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk