

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

Absent: Trustee William Murphy

Others: Ed Quirk, Vince Hackett, Ken White, Heather Plonchak, Vinnie McGlaughlin, Maryann Wrolsen, Nigel Redmond and others

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

Mayor Yerick complimented Rob Quirk and the SFD for a great job with the July 4th parade. He said the Kiwanis had a great day organized for Cantine Field. The Mayor also thanked Emma Lang for the wonderful panels she designed for the Village parade float.

Privilege of the Floor

Vince Hackett, a Town resident, spoke about the boat launch charges at the Village Beach. He said that the recommendations made last year by the Waterfront Advisory Council had never been implemented and thought the Village was making more of the matter than was needed. He presented a procedure he felt was workable (copy attached). He volunteered to sit at the beach and collect the fees on behalf of the Village. An animated discussion ensued between Mr. Hackett, Mayor Yerick and Trustee Myers. Trustee Myers agreed to take another look at the problem.

Ken White, of Ulster Avenue, asked about animal control in the Village. He said there is a growing problem with feral cats in the Village. There are also numerous skunks and dogs running without leashes. Mayor Yerick advised that the Village has no law concerning feral cats. Trustees Campbell suggested the Village write a law. Mayor Yerick asked who would enforce the law and pay the cost of capturing the animals – and then what to do with the animal once captured. Some discussion followed with Mr. White volunteering his wife to sit on a committee to study the problem. Heather Plonchak suggested that Mr. White contact AWAN.

Vincent McGlaughlin spoke about the ongoing vandalism done to the Hors'n Around project. Mayor Yerick said the Police Dept. is doing all it can. Trustee Campbell advised Vinnie that the violators are being prosecuted.

Mayor Yerick presented the Minutes of the June 15, 2009 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Campbell, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for July 6, 2009: General - \$31,991.68; Water - \$9,683.92; Wastewater - \$11,753.38, Water Distribution - \$55,637.80, Fire Department

Reserve Fund - \$72.51; Office Reserve Fund - \$1838.27. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Trustee Campbell echoed the Mayor's praise regarding the July 4th parade – special thanks to Rob Quirk. UCTC meetings are coming up. SAMA recommended studying public transit – the League of Women Voters took a look at the New Paltz Bus Loop. New Paltz cooperates with the UC Area Transit routes and the County pays for the bus and the drivers. The cost to New Paltz was \$6000.00 in the 1st year. Trustee Campbell will continue to investigate the possibilities and thanked the League for their interest in this matter.

Trustee LeBlanc advised the Board that the Saugerties Economic Development Committee has completed a "Shoppers Survey". The Committee is also holding an election where local businesses will vote for their favorite horse in the Hors'n Around Project. The Town has contracted with a firm to begin a feasibility study regarding "high tech" industry at Winston Farm. Public Hearings will be set for August, September and October. Trustee LeBlanc presented the updated TV23 written policy for approval. Motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve the new policy. Carried. Trustee Campbell commented that the policy was well written and Trustee Myers said it was a wonderful job.

Trustee Myers reported that the DPW is performing some surface paving and patching. She is working on a tree ordinance for the Village and has requested comments from Barry Benepe and Judith Spektor. Mike Galucci from Central Hudson is also commenting on the proposed ordinance. Trustee Myers has made progress on getting Central Hudson and Verizon to talk to one another regarding "double poles". The Lower Esopus Partnership has requested that the 5 communities along the Esopus sign a letter to the DEP requesting planned water releases from the Ashokan Reservoir. The Board agreed to sign the letter.

Trustee Dirie thanked the SFD, the Kiwanis Club and Emma Lang for making July 4th memorable. The figures from MEGA look good so far. Ulster County has provided 5 youth workers to the Village at no cost. They are weeding the sidewalks, and cleaning up the parking lots. They will be in the Village until August 13th. They are 14 and 15 year olds, so the jobs to which they can be assigned are limited. The beach is open but there is a problem with the filter at the Lions Club Playground pool. It should be open by Wednesday. Richard Frisbee has been elected to Chair the Historic Review Board – the latest minutes are forthcoming. Eyal Saad is designing a new permit for the HRB. Trustee Dirie has received complaints regarding some large rocks at Seamon Park. The rocks will be moved by the DPW shortly. There are several streetlamps out – Bob Kelly has been contacted and will repair them. Trustee Dirie has received complaints regarding the early morning hours of the garbage company pickups. Mayor Yerick requested the names of the different companies. Trustee LeBlanc asked if the different companies could all pick up on the same day in the Village. Trustee Myers suggested that Village residents complain directly to the companies and remind them that the Village has a noise ordinance and they should not pick up garbage before 6:00am.

Alex Wade reported that the storm/sanitary separation project must be completed (by contract) by July 31st. On July 20th the “Wall” project is scheduled to begin – the work will be done behind the Wall on Valley Street. Then the repaving of Route 9W from Overbaugh to Seamon Park will begin in August. There was some discussion of the timing of the installation of the crosswalks.

Mayor Yerick reported that the police consolidation talks are continuing. He reiterated he wants the public to vote on the issue. He complimented the PD for their work on July 4th.

Trustee LeBlanc mentioned that she would like the location of the proposed bike racks presented to the Village Board before they are installed.

Trustee Campbell discussed the requirements for a “Permissive Referendum” to be held on the police consolidation issue. He explained that the public can circulate a petition calling for a referendum or that the Village Board could vote to hold a referendum. Mayor Yerick said he would like to see the Village Board call for a “Permissive Referendum”.

Motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Campbell, to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel contract issues. Carried. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:20pm and returned at 9:25pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 9:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk