

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

Absent: Trustees Mary Leahy and Michael Campbell

Others Present: Will – New Saugerties Times, Alex Wade, Michael Rea, Richard Harris, and many students from the SHS Government Class

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

#### Privilege of the Floor

Richard Harris addressed the Board on behalf of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus building is located on a very sharp turn on Route 9W. There used to be a guardrail that protected the Knights parking lot from cars not making the turn. The guardrail has been removed and over the last few months, there have been several incidents of cars not making the turn and damaging property and signage. Mr. Harris requested that the Village try to have the guardrail replaced. Mayor Yerick agreed to call the NYS DOT and request the same.

Michael Rea of 87 Ulster Avenue spoke. He advised the Board that when Ulster Avenue was widened and repaved several years ago, the contractor left the water valve on his property several inches above the ground. The contractor promised to repair it, however, it never happened. He asked if the Village could look at the problem. Mayor Yerick agreed to have the Water Department investigate.

Mayor Yerick announced the arrival of Trustee Mary Leahy's new son, Rowan Leahy. He was born on May 24<sup>th</sup>, weighing over 8 pounds and was 21 inches long. Congratulations to the Leahy family.

Mayor Yerick presented the Minutes of the regular Village Board meeting of May 15, 2006. Motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Karashay, to approve the minutes as written. Carried. Mayor Yerick presented the Minutes of the special Board meeting of May 31, 2006. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve the minutes as written. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for June 5, 2006: General - \$46,987.90; Water - \$6628.08; Wastewater - \$44,205.53; Lighthouse Cove Escrow Account - \$2,087.15; Water Treatment Fund - \$15,509.10. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to approve the Abstract for payment. Carried.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that it was "business as usual" in the Police Department. Speaking to the SHS students, the Mayor asked them to spread the message about not defacing Village signs. He explained that each damaged sign costs taxpayers an average of \$200.00 to replace.

Trustee Myers reported that the last weeks of May saw a number of DPW employees on vacation. No large construction projects were undertaken since the last Board meeting, however the DPW is busy with patching roads and general work. Trustee Myers reported she has been working with the Police Chief to remove illegally parked cars from the Municipal Lots. There were 12 violators and 9 cars have been removed to date.

Mayor Yerick explained the Village Property Maintenance Law to the SHS students.

Trustee Karashay had nothing to report on behalf of the Fire Department.

Mayor Yerick reported that he has asked Trustee Leahy to chair a new committee for Parks and Recreation. Their mission will be to come up with a long-term plan for the entire park and recreational areas in the Village.

Alex Wade reported that consultants, Creighton-Manning, have submitted a report to NYS. The report is needed for the Village to move forward with the additional money secured from Congressman Maurice Hinchey for continued improvement throughout the Village. He also reported that the Village Planning Board has a full agenda for its June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Planning Board will review several new projects. He advised the Board that Code Enforcement Officer Eyal Saad and Mayor Yerick have scheduled a meeting with Attorney Alex Betke to act on two additional derelict properties in the Village.

Mayor Yerick reported on TV23 on behalf of Trustee Campbell. The Lighthouse TV23 Committee recommends hiring Katie Greaves to be the new program coordinator. The Village Board had no objection to the recommendation.

Trustee Myers advised the Board that volunteers are still needed for the Origin & Destination truck study to be conducted on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Yerick explained the reason for the study to the students in attendance.

Trustee Murphy reported “business as usual” at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He advised the Board that the Water Department is flushing hydrants in the Village tonight. The annual Water Quality Report has been mailed to all water customers. Mayor Yerick advised the students that the Village has a “state of the art” water treatment plant and invited them to take a tour of the facility.

Mayor Yerick reminded the Board of the dedication of the George Terpening, Sr. Park on June 17, 2006 at 11:00am at the Malden Mini-park. It is a well-deserved memorial to Mr. Terpening.

The Mayor asked the Board to think about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Trustee Myers will ask to DPW to design a float for the Trustees to ride on.

The Mayor received a letter from the Council of Churches Vacation Bible School. The school will be held from July 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's School. A parade will take place on Thursday nite July 27<sup>th</sup>. The police will provide an escort.

Mayor Yerick asked the Board to put their opinions in writing regarding the pick-up and drop-off designation requested by the Boys & Girls Club for the front of their building. Please give the comments to Mary. After consideration of the comments, a new law may be drafted.

The students asked some questions that Mayor Yerick answered.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Moore, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk