

Village Board

May 1, 2006

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

Others: Alex Wade and Will Denis – New Saugerties Times

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

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the April 17th Village Board meeting for approval. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Campbell, to approve the minutes as written. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstracts for May 1st: General - \$19,975.62; Water - \$18,917.40; Wastewater - \$33,090.40; Office Equipment Reserve - \$2329.50. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to approve the abstract for payment. Carried.

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

Trustee Murphy advised the Board the Wastewater Superintendent Marino discovered breaks in the septic haulers holding tank. The breaks were repaired immediately. The flow testing for a business in Malden went smoothly with no reports of turbidity.

Trustee Karashay reported that all members of the SFD now have identification cards that are worn when answering alarms. Thanks to Lt. Rob Quirk for his work in obtaining the cards. Chief's night is May 5th.

Trustee Leahy reports that all Village parks are cleaned up for spring and they all look great. Trustee Leahy will be meeting with Trustee Myers and Superintendents Ciarlante and Terpening to discuss possible improvements to the Saugerties Beach. The Tina Chorvas Waterfront Park has been very busy with fishermen using the facility.

Trustee Campbell presented his Special Project report (copy attached). Trustee Campbell presented Resolution #12/2006 for consideration. This resolution approves the grant application of the Town of Saugerties along with the Upper Hudson River Alliance, for a grant to establish a regional habitat research network. Trustee Myers questioned if the Village had any obligation for this grant and Trustee Campbell replied "no". The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Moore, and carried unanimously. The Public Access Committee is still seeking a program coordinator. Some discussion was held on the Columbus Day festivities sponsored by Stella's Station, with some Trustees asking that other business get involved. Mayor Yerick mentioned that the Village has been receiving noise complaints in the evening hours from neighbors of local bars and restaurants. He advised the Village move cautiously.

Trustee Myers advised the Board that Spring-Clean up is over. No more yard debris is to be placed in the street. Police Department enforcement will be appreciated. Trustee Moore questioned the policy for “free” material left curbside. Mayor Yerick suggested that residents call the recycling company located behind Mirabella’s Restaurant for pick-up of unwanted items. There will be a charge for this service.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). There is much activity in the business district – stores moving and vacant stores filling up. The pole barn roof at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is complete – a good job. All the new streetlamps are in working order.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board he has been informed by the DOT that the traffic signal on Washington and Main is scheduled to be installed in June. He asked Trustee Campbell and Alex Wade to coordinate the effort. He also advised the Board that at a recent Revolving Loan Fund Committee meeting, the Committee increased the loan ceiling to \$75,000.00. The interest rate will be 5%.

Trustee Murphy advised the Board that Cellular One has extended its offer to the Village until July 1st. Mayor Yerick explained that some Superintendents were for the change to Cellular One and some were against the change.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Moore, to adjourn. Carried. The Village Board adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk