

Village Board

January 5, 2009

Present: Trustees William Murphy, Michael Campbell, Richard Moore and Kelly Myers  
Absent: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Suzanne LeBlanc and Michael Karashay  
Others: students from SHS Government Class, Alex Wade, Heather Plonchak-New Saugerties Times, David Radavanovic, Rosemarie Brackett, Richard Frisbee, Maryann Wrolsen and others

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

Privilege of the Floor

David Radavanovic spoke saying he has some concerns regarding the proposed Partition Street Project. He recalled that when the project was first proposed over a year ago, the project was to have retail space and public access. The latest proposal has no retail space and no public access. Mr. Radavanovic feels this is not a plan for economic development. There are also environmental concerns that he feels are being ignored such as the fish breeding areas in the Esopus Creek. He is also concerned that the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant will not be able to handle the additional waste created by the Partition Street Project and the proposed development on Kings Highway. He said he has reports from the NYS DEC and the EPA that show the wastewater treatment plant to be in violation. He asked that the Partition Street Project be carefully considered and suggested it return to its original plan. Trustee Murphy asked Mr. Radavanovic to provide him copies of the violation reports.

Rosemary Brackett spoke concerning the Partition Street Project. She remembers that the first proposal included retail shops, public access, and public gardens. The new plan does not include these items. The parking is too excessive for Partition Street. Nanny Goat Hill will be destroyed. The entrance to the Village will be forever changed and she urged the Village Board to pay attention.

Maryann Wrolsen announced that she is forming a Village resident Democratic Party. Interested parties should look for announcements.

Richard Frisbee spoke saying he feels a fish study should be done before the Partition Street Project is allowed to proceed.

Trustee Murphy presented the Minutes of the December 15, 2008 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Campbell, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for January 5, 2009: General - \$49,421.46; Water - \$9,267.94; Wastewater - \$8,510.98; Water Distribution - \$248,732.68. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Trustee Myers reported that the DPW was busy with storms over the holiday period. They removed the snowbanks from the business district on an overnight to provide the merchants with easier parking for the holidays. The DPW will not pick up Christmas Trees left curbside. Take the trees to North Street on Fridays or wait for spring clean up. The Buildings and Grounds Department did a great job on holiday decoration. Thanks also to the SFD, and the Kiwanis Club. The Webe Playcenter and Art Lab are back for the winter season at Donlon.

Trustee Murphy reported that Phase II of the waterline replacement project is moving along. On December 26<sup>th</sup>, there was an unforeseen contractor accident on Market Street causing brown water for some residents. The leak was repaired and the water clearing within a few hours.

Clerk Mary Frank reminded residents that the new parking meter rates are now in effect with parking fines increased for violators.

Trustee Myers once again thanked the SFD for the Santa Candy Run on Christmas morning, for the help with the white lights on the Village businesses and for the electric light parade during "Holiday in the Village".

Trustee Campbell reported that the "Bob & Greg Show" on TV23 is being well received. Last week, Trustee Murphy and Councilman Costello filled in for the Mayor and Supervisor. Assemblyman Pete Lopez was the guest. Trustee Campbell echoed the praise for the SFD and mentioned that the white lights on the buildings were funded by the Chamber of Commerce and the Village.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). He spoke about the "Wall" repair and other DOT projects. He also addressed David Radavanovic's comments regarding the inadequacy of the wastewater treatment plant by saying that the upcoming storm and sanitary sewer separation on Route 9W will go a long way in solving the violations. The DOT storm drains run directly into the treatment plant and once separated, the plant will have much less water to deal with.

Trustee Murphy advised the Board that the Village is addressing the anticipated financial assistance from the federal government. Mayor Yerrick has met with engineers Brinnier & Larios to update all the projects on the "wish list" for the Water and Sewer Departments. There are projects for beautification and other miscellaneous areas that are also being considered. The grant writer is also hard at work preparing various grants to submit.

Trustee Murphy presented Resolution #1/2009. This resolution extends the contract of Victor Cornelius (Endeavor) until May 31, 2009 under the same terms as his 2007 contract. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Moore and carried.

Trustee Murphy spoke saying Saugerties is a great community with great volunteers. Everyone who lives in Saugerties loves the community and may not always agree on every issue but he hopes that residents can work together in 2009. Trustee Moore agreed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk