

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

Others: Joe Bisignano, Bob Ciarlante, Brian Martin, Joe Shaffer, Ed Quirk, Vince Hackett, Alex Wade, Richard Frisbee, Bill Kimble, Don Hackett, Heather Plonchak and others

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

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that he boarded the Half Moon as she met the flotilla from Saugerties as it made its way up the Hudson. The Half Moon crew accepted a Quadracentennial quilt from the Village and Town of Saugerties.

Privilege of the Floor

Vincent Hackett inquired about the storm sewer separation project on Ulster Avenue that he read about in the Saugerties Times. Alex Wade and others informed him that the Saugerties Times had the location incorrect – the project is on Route 9W and Hill Street – not on Ulster Avenue.

Richard Frisbee advised the Board that he received comments that the Beach would be closed this season. Trustee Dirie reported that the Beach would indeed be open by July 4th fully staffed. Superintendent Terpening will be meeting with the lifeguards shortly to schedule hours. Mr. Frisbie also said that some have commented that there should be no smoking at the Beach.

Vince Hackett asked about fees at the Beach. Trustee Myers answered that the Board did not reach a resolution when it looked at the situation last year. She said the plan that was presented to the Board would cause problems with implementation. Mr. Hackett said the Village had no problem raising the boat launch fee from \$10.00 to \$20.00 dollars per season several years ago. He wonders why kayaks are not charged the fee. He volunteered to sit at the beach parking lot to collect fees. Mayor Yerick promised to look at the situation again.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the Public Hearing of June 1, 2009 and the regular Board meeting of June 1, 2009. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Dirie, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for June 15, 2009: General - \$133,104.98; Water - \$3,678.02; Wastewater - \$15,746.38. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Campbell, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Chief Kimble presented the Police Department report (copy attached). Trustee Myers complimented the PD for solving 5 out of 8 larcenies that occurred in May. Mayor

Yerick pleaded with the public to report any vandalism of the decorative horses to the PD. Trustee Myers asked the Chief to wish retiring Sgt. Joe Laquidara well in his retirement.

Brian Martin presented the SFD report (copy attached) for May 2009. He also reported on the structure fire on Valley Street on Sunday. The house was fully involved by the time the SFD arrived. The house was a total loss and was demolished by the DPW. Chief Joe Shaffer spoke saying he appreciated the help from all the surrounding fire companies. The Mayor complimented the SFD on an excellent job. Trustee Campbell said he was on the scene and was very impressed with the total cooperation of all personnel involved. He thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for their help at the scene and thanked McDonalds of Saugerties – they delivered 300 hamburgers to feed the firefighters. Trustee LeBlanc was also on the scene and said she was very impressed by the SFD.

Trustee LeBlanc advised the Board that Eyal Saad was due back from his vacation on Wednesday. She reported that at the June meeting of the Planning Board a sub-division application located at the end of Main Street was withdrawn, a sub-division on Ann Street was ongoing, the plans were signed for the Village Diner lot line change and site plan, and Paraco Gas is planning a new site on Ulster Avenue. She also reported that the Economic Development Committee is putting a “shopper survey” in several local stores. The Committee is also talking about a “best horse” contest. Trustee LeBlanc reminded the Board of the public hearing on 6/17 at 5:30pm at the Senior Center regarding the Time Warner Cable Franchise. Trustee LeBlanc submitted the names of Bart Friedman and Sue Rosenberg to serve as Village representatives on the TV23 Committee. Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Moore, to appoint Mr. Friedman and Ms. Rosenberg to the TV23 Committee. Carried. Trustee LeBlanc will provide the Board with the TV23 Policy prior to the next Village Board meeting.

Alex Wade had no written report however he advised the Board that the storm/sanitary sewer separation project began on 6/8. Merritt Construction is working on the project along with Central Hudson.

Trustee Myers advised the Board that after meeting with Central Hudson 2 weeks ago to discuss the electrical upgrade to the Village, she and Bob Ciarlante arranged a “walk-thru” with the Central Hudson tree trimming crew. The project has been scaled back and there are 4 areas in the Village where trimming must take place. Two trees on Elm Street will be taken down with the approval of the resident and the Village. Those two trees are diseased and should be removed. One of those trees may be replaced. The trimming and electrical upgrade will begin in 2 to 3 weeks. A DPW employee will be assigned to monitor Central Hudson as the trimming work is done. Trustee Myers is also working on developing a tree ordinance – she has emailed a draft to the Board. She is also thinking about creating a “tree commission”. Trustee Myers is continuing to track down Verizon in regard to the “double pole” situation. Trustee Myers thanked Trustee Dirie for the timely receipt of the Historic Review Board minutes.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). Street sweeping and patching is ongoing. Mr. Ciarlante also urges residents not to damage the “Hors’n Around” project. Trustee Myers thanked the DPW for helping the SFD with the Valley Street fire. Trustee Myers also mentioned that some DPW personnel and equipment would be at Cahill School on Tuesday to visit the Kindergarten classes.

Trustee Dirie reported that the hanging flower baskets have been installed. Superintendent Terpening is working on the lifeguard schedules. There was a musical program Sunday at the Tina Chorvas Park sponsored by the Saugerties Historical Society. Trustee Dirie distributed a rendering of the Municipal Parking Lot behind Mirabella’s on Partition Street. The proposal will limit parking to two hours in the front of the lot and overnight parking will be relegated to the rear. She has reviewed the plan with Lt. Rea and Bob Ciarlante. Trustee Myers commented that cars should be moved at least once a week to enable cleaning of the lot. Trustee Dirie agreed and a sign will be made to inform the public. Mayor Yerick asked that the information regarding the parking lot be communicated to the public via TV23.

Trustee Dirie advised the Board that the MEGA contracts had been reviewed by Attorney Alex Betke and he has recommended approval. Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to approve the MEGA contracts for gas and electric. Carried.

Joe Bisignano presented the Water Department report (copy attached). He also advised the Board that because of the recent installation of new water lines on Underwood and Valley Streets, there was no disruption of water service during Sunday’s fire. He estimated that 25,000 gallons of water were used to fight the fire.

Trustee Murphy reported that Congressman Hinchey’s office has advised the Village that it “is looking good” for an \$800,000.00 grant to reline some sewer lines in the Village.

Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve the Traffic and Construction Plan proposed by UW Marx for the Saugerties Public Library. Carried.

Trustee Campbell advised the Board that the Time Warner Cable Committee has recommended that the franchise fee remain at 3%. Time Warner has agreed to perks to help with TV23.

Mayor Yerick urged the Board to contact Governor Patterson and ask him to veto a bill that would allow dissolution of Villages in NYS with only 10% of voter approval.

Mayor Yerick advised that the Village would soon undergo a routine audit by the NYS Comptrollers Office.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the Council of Churches would hold a “Crop Walk” on October 11th through the Village.

Mayor Yerick asked the Board if a float was needed for the 4th of July Parade. The Board would like a float and Bob Ciarlante will arrange it. Emma Lang will be asked to decorate it. He reminded the Board of the annual SFD inspection at 8:30am at the Firehouse on the 4th.

Trustee Dirie advised the Board that there would be 3 days of events at Cantine Field for the 4th. There is a battle of the bands on Friday night, a carnival Friday, Saturday and Sunday, games of chance, food vendors, a tug of war featuring local fire companies and more.

Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Moore, to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss an SFD personnel issue. Carried. The board entered Executive Session at 8:40pm and returned at 9:25pm.

Trustee Campbell presented 3 names for membership into the SFD: Mike Campbell into the Washington Hook and Ladder Company; Vincent McLaughlin into the Washington Hook and Ladder Company; and Sean VanHeusen into the CA Lynch Company. Motion was made by Trustee Dirie, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve Mike Campbell for membership. Carried with Trustee Campbell abstaining. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve Vincent McLaughlin and Sean VanHeusen into the SFD. Carried. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Moore, to dismiss Alfredo Gonzales from the Washington Hook and Ladder Company, at the request of the Fire Chiefs. Carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Murphy to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 9:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk