

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Suzanne LeBlanc, Kelly Myers, William Murphy, Michael Karashay and Mary Leahy

Absent: Trustee Michael Campbell

Others: Alex Wade, Eyal Saad, Joe Bisignano, Mike Marino, Bob Ciarlante, Brian Martin, William Kimble, Dennis Young, students from SHS government class, Will Dendis-New Saugerties Times, and others

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

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

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of The November 5, 2007 Public Hearing, the minutes of the November 5 Board Meeting, and the minutes of the November 9 Special Board Meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Karashay, to accept all three Board minutes. Carried.

Trustee LeBlanc presented the Abstract for November 19: General - \$362,651.01; Water - \$9,175.02; Wastewater - \$7,307.79 and Water Capital - \$73,743.75. Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to approve the Abstracts for payment. Carried.

Trustee LeBlanc advised the Board of tax roll adjustments for 2007 on two Village properties: 18 Ann Street and 138 Ulster Avenue in the amount of \$3,457.63. Motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Karashay, to approve the adjustments. Carried.

Police Chief William Kimble presented his report (copy attached). The Police answered 236 calls in October. They also investigated an assault and robbery at the Pig Bar on Partition Street – the suspect was arrested and is in jail awaiting trial. Trustee LeBlanc asked if there were any plans to reinstate the bike patrol. Chief Kimble said there had been some past problems, but he hoped to get some of the younger officers involved in the bike patrol – there is mandatory training. Trustee Myers asked if the manpower for the department was adequate. Chief Kimble answered yes. Mayor Yerick commented that 2 of the vehicles in the Police Department were acquired through drug seizures and the two new cars were obtained from Senator John Bonacic. Those cars cost the Village almost nothing. The Department is on target with the vehicle 2/5-year plan.

Fire Chief Brian Martin advised the Board that they assisted the Police with 3 motor vehicle accidents in October. The Department spoke to over 800 students for Fire Prevention Month. Trustee Karashay advised the Board that he is working with Assistant Chief Anthony Bell to encourage a Youth Program in the Department. Trustee Karashay is also working to re-establish the Ladies Auxiliary and is working with a committee on a proposal for a new truck for the Lynch Fire Company.

Eyal Saad presented the Building Department report (copy attached). A decision was received from the Supreme Court on the Lautman property on Livingston Street. The property owner has 90 days to make the needed repairs. The annual public assembly inspections will begin shortly.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). Leaf pickup has begun. The paving of Ferry Street and Lighthouse Drive was completed with \$52,364.22 in CHIPS funds.

Trustee Myers reported that she attended a recent Watershed Assessment Committee meeting. The Army Corps of Engineers is conducting a study to determine whether they should conduct a full review of the flooding on the Esopus. Trustee Myers must collect data on the cost of flood damage and more and present her findings to the committee. She thanked Alex Wade for his participation in the meeting.

Alex Wade then addressed the Board. He submitted a report on the Watershed Assessment Committee meeting (copy attached). The Committee will also investigate the loss of potential economic development if flooding is allowed to continue. Mayor Yerick took the opportunity to challenge Sandra Thorpe and the Save the Plattekill group for her remarks to the Assessment Committee. The Mayor said the Village gives the group all the information they request on the reservoir and then they provide misinformation to the public. He went on to say that the Blue Mt. Reservoir has an ample supply of water for all residents currently on the system and ample water to supply all currently proposed future developments.

Mayor Yerick presented Local Law #8/2007. This law amends the overnight parking ban on Village streets to December 15 to March 15 3:00am to 7:00am. Trustee Myers seconded the law. There was some discussion with DPW Superintendent Ciarlante mentioning that he may suggest emergency snowstorm procedures for removal of cars during heavy snow for future consideration. The law passed unanimously by all Trustees present.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #20/2007. This is a bond resolution allowing the Village to borrow \$3,497,000.00 for capital improvements to the water lines in the Village. These bonds will be repaid by low interest loans and grants from the USDA and other sources. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Murphy and passed unanimously by all Trustees present.

Mayor Yerick mentioned that the Saugerties Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual Holiday Open House on December 1 and 2. Posters signed by artist Nancy Campbell will be available for \$10.00 at the Village Offices and Mother Earth Store.

The Mayor wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Motion was made by Mayor Yerick to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Leahy and carried unanimously. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:57pm and returned at 9:09pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Myers to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk