

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

Absent: Trustees Michael Campbell and Richard Moore

Others: Joe Bisignano, Bob Ciarlante, Eyal Saad, Alex Wade, George Terpening, Joe Shafer, William Kimble, David Radavanovic, Maryann Wrolsen, Heather Plonchak-New Sau Times and others

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

Mayor Yerick commented on the inauguration of Barack Obama called it an overwhelming day in history filled with promise and hope. He wished the new President Godspeed.

Mayor Yerick presented the Abstract for January 20, 2009. General -\$160,929.84; Water - \$7,715.18; Wastewater - \$69,347.59. Motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Mayor Yerick presented the Minutes for January 5, 2009. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Joe Bisignano presented the Water Department report (copy attached). Work continues on the water line replacement project by Merritt Construction on Washington, Lafayette, and Bennett. A new computer system was installed to monitor turbidity at the treatment plant.

Trustee Murphy responded to comments made by David Radovanovic at the last Village Board meeting regard the wastewater treatment plant. Trustee Murphy acknowledged that the plant was out of compliance for 11 of the last 12 quarters. In explaining the non-compliance, Trustee Murphy said that if the plant has just one reading that is above the government standards, the plant is deemed non-compliant for the entire quarter. In most cases, the non-compliant readings were caused by heavy rains and infiltration into the sewer system by the rainfall. Again, in most of the past quarters, the non-complaint readings were one time per quarter. The NYS DOT has agreed to separate their storm sewer lines from the sanitary sewer lines on Route 9W entering the Village from the south this spring. This will greatly help the infiltration problem. The wastewater treatment plant is certified to handle 1.32 million gallons of waste per day. On average, the plant handles 800,000 gallons. There is capacity for proposed expansion in the Village and Town. The Village is also preparing to replace additional 100-year-old sewer lines by using grants and the federal monies promised by the new administration. David Radovanovic responded by saying there are other factors that cause the noncompliance reading such as over chlorinating. He is also concerned of industrial waste entering the plant. Mr. Murphy assured Mr. Radovanovic that the Village would monitor the situation carefully.

Police Chief William Kimble delivered the Police report (copy attached). He reported that Richard Harris, a retired police department employee, has died. He also advised the Board that Patrol Officer Michael Carrado plans to retire by the end of February. Officer Carrado is a 20-year veteran of the Village PD and will be sorely missed.

Fire Chief Joe Shafer presented the SFD report (copy attached). He also advised the Board that pump bolts on the ladder truck were repaired by Garrison's Fire Safety Company for under \$300.00 (the original estimate was in the thousands). Trustee Karashay explained that pumps on the trucks are inspected annually as part of the preventative maintenance program by the SFD.

Trustee LeBlanc advised the Board that the Hors'n Around Project would host a reception on January 22<sup>nd</sup> for the sponsors to choose their horses. Eyal Saad then presented the Building Department report (copy attached). NYS has recently required all municipalities to conduct an annual fire inspection on all businesses. Letters were sent to over 100 Village businesses to schedule inspections. Mr. Saad reminds residents and businesses to keep sidewalks shoveled. He also reported that 84 Building Permits and 70 Certificates of Occupancy were issued in 2009. The final figure for building projects within the Village is \$1,586,000.00 for 2008. The Partition Street Project developers presented their application at the December 2008 Planning Board. Trustee LeBlanc asked all businesses to keep the front of their buildings clean.

Alex Wade presented his Special Projects report (copy attached). He recently met with local residents regarding the Wall restoration. The Wall and Sewer Separation Projects are set for completion by August 31, 2009 so that the NYS DOT can begin the Route 9W repaving project this Fall.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). The DPW has had a busy snow season – 12 since December 17<sup>th</sup>. He asked, once again, that residents do not throw or plow snow into Village Streets. Trustee LeBlanc asked that the Municipal Parking Lots get some attention. Mayor Yerick requested that Mr. Ciarlante ask the NYS DOT to remind its drivers to slow down in the Village.

Trustee Myers advised the Board that the DPW has already used 50% of its snow removal budget – this includes the overtime for the nighttime snow removal in the business district. Trustee Myers also mentioned that a draft plan from the Upper Esopus Watershed Committee was due – this plan will assess the flooding situation on the Esopus.

George Terpening presented the Buildings and Grounds report (copy attached). He hopes to remove the holiday decorations shortly.

Trustee LeBlanc asked Police Chief Kimble if it was necessary to replace the patrolman's position when Mike Carrado retires. Could a part-timer be used? Mayor Yerick replied that he is meeting with Chief Kimble and Lt. Rea to discuss the situation.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #2/2009. This resolution concerns NYS Right of Way and bonding for any construction projects. There was confusion in understanding the resolution and it was tabled until further explanation.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #3/2009. This resolution names the election inspectors and custodians for the March 18<sup>th</sup> election. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Karashay and carried unanimously.

Mayor Yerick asked the Board to approve the Property Tax Lien Agreement with Ulster County. This agreement allows the County to foreclose on a property and pay the Village any outstanding taxes due. There are two properties eligible for foreclosure in the Village – one on East Bridge and one on Cedar. The motion was seconded by Trustee Karashay and approved unanimously.

The Arm of the Sea Theater has requested use of the Waterfront Park on August 13 – 16, 2009. The Board granted its permission.

The Mayor reminded all Trustee and Superintendents of the Budget deadlines and reminded everyone to hold the line on expenses.

Mayor Yerick asked the Board to observe a moment of silence for Police Department employee Richard Harris and Planning Board member Thomas Dederick. Both men recently passed away after serving the Village for many years. Mr. Dederick was a member of the Village Planning Board for over 10 years and will be sorely missed.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk

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