

Village Board

May 15, 2006

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

Absent: Trustee Michael Campbell and William Murphy

Others: Superintendents Mike Marino, Bob Ciarlante, Joe Bisignano, Fire Chief Brian Martin, Police Chief William Kimble, Eyal Saad, Alex Wade, Will Denis – New Saugerties Times, and students from SHS

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

Mayor Yerick welcomed the SHS government class students to the meeting and briefed them about what was to take place.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the April 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting for approval. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract. General - \$62,831.20; Water - \$5624.14; Wastewater - \$4706.33; Office Equipment Reserve - \$6640.05. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the Abstract for payment. Carried.

Frank Rea, representing Mark Burns of Stella's Station, addressed the Board regarding the Columbus Day Festival proposed for October 8<sup>th</sup>. He requested that several streets be closed for the parade route, saying the viewing stand will be located in front of Stella's Station. He will send letters to all residents of the affected streets in August. Jim Gage will be in charge of publicity. Mr. Rea asked the Board to approve the plan for the closing of the streets. Mayor Yerick replied that while the Board was supportive of the Festival idea, he wanted the Village Police Chief to look at the plans for the closing of the streets before asking the Board to approve the plan. Mayor Yerick asked Mr. Rea to give a copy of the plan to the Village PD.

Water Department Superintendent Joe Bisignano delivered the Water Department report (copy attached). The treatment plant was shut down for 18 hours in April due to the turbidity of the water coming into the plant. The 3 million-gallon water tank was called into service and no water customers experienced any problems. Mr. Bisignano is trying a new chemical to help when processing water with turbidity.

Wastewater Superintendent Mike Marino presented the Wastewater Department report (copy attached). The belt press at the plant must be repaired or replaced. Mr. Marino is getting estimates.

Police Chief Kimble delivered the Police Department report for the month of April (copy attached). He also advised the Board that he monitors the water level of the Esopus



Creek for flooding. The level on May 15<sup>th</sup> was 18 feet – 20 feet is flood stage. Monitoring will continue.

Trustee Myers reported that the Village Spring clean up went smoothly and that Village streets are looking good.

DPW Superintendent Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). He echoed Trustee Myers remarks concerning spring clean up. There are several residents who put debris in the street after the collection deadline. The DPW will remove that debris as their schedule permits. The DPW is now on to street patching. The slope stabilization project behind Dr. Heslin's office on West Bridge Street is on going. Many thanks to Merritt Construction for their donation of fill for the project. Also thanks to the Town Highway Department for their help. Mr. Ciarlante said he hopes to receive an additional \$5000.00 in CHIPS money from NYS this year.

Fire Chief Brian Martin presented the SFD report for April (copy attached). There were 8 alarm events, with 120 firefighters responding for a total of 240 hours and 56 minutes. He thanked everyone who attended Chief's Night for his or her participation and support.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter in the Fire Department. Carried. The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 7:25pm and returned at 7:30pm.

Trustee Leahy presented the Building, Parks & Grounds report (copy attached). She also reported that she, along with Trustee Myers and Superintendents Ciarlante and Terpening have recently spent three hours at the Saugerties Beach. They have come up with a long list of improvements that will be implemented over time.

Code Enforcement Office Eyal Saad presented the Building Department report (copy attached).

Mayor Yerick reminded the Board that the TV23 Jam is May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Alex Wade advised the Board that the Beautification Committee is receiving trees to be planted on Ulster Avenue. They are talking to several businesses along Ulster Ave. about planting the trees in front of their establishments.

Mayor Yerick reminded everyone present to vote in the School Election on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that he met last week with Joe Fay of the Boys and Girls Club. They discussed several concerns from neighboring residents. Mr. Fay requested that the Village designate the front of the Club to be a "pick-up and drop-off only zone". Alex Wade spoke saying the two parking spaces in the front of the Boys & Girls Club are sorely needed. Perhaps the zone could be timed for hours when the Club is open. Mayor Yerick thought this was a good suggestion. He asked the Board to think about the request and come prepared to discuss it at the June 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.



Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Moore, to adjourn. Carried.  
The Board adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk