

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

Others: Alex Wade, June Jasinowski, Will Dendis-New Saugerties Times

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

Resident June Jasinowski addressed the Board with an appeal to keep the Village Beach open. She taught swimming at the beach for 40 years and the beach is enjoyed by all that use it. Trustee Campbell replied by saying that the Village will be asking to Town of Saugerties to contribute more financially to help fund the Beach. The Village hopes to develop an overall plan and the Board supports investing in the waterfront, not closing the beach. Trustee Leahy informed the Board that an "I LOVE NY" commercial was filmed at the beach last week. Trustee Myers noted that the Village must supply lifeguards at the beach for liability reasons. Trustee LeBlanc noted that the beach is used after the lifeguards go off-duty but she agrees that the Town must pay its fair share for the beach. Mayor Yerick reminded the Board that the Town currently contributes \$5000.00 toward beach expenses, but Trustee Campbell will be meeting with Town representative to request an increase. The Mayor hopes someday the 'Southside' will come alive again. Trustee Myers advised the Board that on April 26th, she attended a conference with the new Secretary of the State of New York. There is \$100 million available from NYS for waterfront revitalization. A representative from the DOS is willing to come to Saugerties to help develop a plan to provide more public access to the water and Trustee Myers will follow up with the DOS. Mrs. Jasinowski said the beach is a wonderful resource and hopes that it will not close. The Board assured her that the beach would remain open.

Mayor Yerick presented the Minutes of April 16, 1007 for approval. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to approve the minutes as written. Carried.

Trustee Le Blanc presented the Abstract for May 7th: General - \$50,262.27; Water - \$11,654.54; Wastewater - \$30,604.80. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to approve the Abstract for payment. Carried.

Wayne DeBrosky addressed the Board regarding the MS4 federal program. The MS4 Program began in 1972 addressing liquid discharges from wastewater plants, factories and the like. In 1987, the Program was expanded to include non-point source pollution. In 1990, municipalities of over 100,000 residents were made to comply with the MS4 regulations. In 2003, all other municipalities were given 5 years to comply – the Village must be in compliance by January 2008. Ulster County has been providing support for MS4 compliance. Yearly reports on the compliance progress are on file at the Village Office. Wayne and Eyal Saad are attending compliance training sessions. There is an educational component to the compliance that must include public meetings (such as

tonight's meeting) and school visits. Trustee Murphy volunteered to be the liaison for school visits scheduled in June and September. Eyal Saad will be responsible for the mapping of the stormwater system. Two local laws must be acted on before September 2007. Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #12/2007 for Board review. This resolution authorizes the Village to enter into a municipal agreement with Ulster County for MS4 compliance. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Myers and carried unanimously. Mr. DeBrosky thanked the Board for their attention.

Trustee Leahy reported that she is meeting with Eyal and Alex Wade regarding Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement. She advised the Board that the Village has a tough property maintenance law and urged the Board to be mindful of property maintenance, especially curbside debris. Trustee Murphy mentioned debris on Sawyerkill Terrace and a property on Cross Street was mentioned. Mayor Yerick advised the Board to talk to the Police Department if anyone notices property maintenance violations.

Trustee Campbell presented his report (copy attached). He has met with Buildings and Grounds Super George Terpening. He also spoke about the Village web site, SAMA and TV23. Mayor Yerick mentioned the progress made at TV23.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). The plans for the 9W storm water separation project have been approved. Thirty hanging baskets should be arriving shortly. He also mentioned that the property maintenance law prohibits storage of garbage or appliances on front porches.

Trustee Myers advised the Board that the Spring Clean-up is complete. Two community groups from the Town also cleaned up some areas that bordered the Village and the DPW picked up bagged refuse. The beach was cleaned up from the latest floodwaters and new sand was spread. The sand was purchased with FEMA dollars from a previous flood. The DPW has begun patching the roads. Trustee Myers is considering asking the Board to shorten the winter overnight "No Parking" ban on Village streets to December 1st through April 1st. The DPW is considering hosting a "Truck Day" for small children. Sand is needed at the Lions Club Playground. Trustee Myers assured the Board that she would continue to pursue grant money for waterfront projects. Trustee Myers also asked the Board to consider banning jet skis from the Upper Esopus. State Law says that jet skis must operate at least 100' from the shore and 500' from a beach. There are sections of the Upper Creek that are not over 100' wide. She would also like to replace the current boat permit policy with a sticker system. She would like to contact the Sheriff's Department to ask them to perform spot patrols on the Upper Creek and ask Village Police to check for boat permits in the Beach Parking Lot. The Board agreed with the suggestions made by Trustee Myers.

Trustee Leahy mentioned that she received an e-mail from a Village resident complaining about ATV's in the Village. The Board felt the noise ordinance could be used to handle the ATV problem. Mayor Yerick did not receive the e-mail and asked that a copy be sent to him so he could give it to the Police.

A discussion followed concerning the ribbons placed on the lampposts. Trustee Campbell will offer a solution in the near future.

Trustee Murphy advised the Board that all is running smoothly at the Water and Wastewater Departments. The staff of both departments did a great job during the heavy rains and floods.

Mayor Yerick received a letter from a Village resident with some traffic concerns. The Board all has copies of the letter. Trustee Myers would like to see more patrols on Livingston Street. Trustee Leahy commented that “speed traps” work. Trustee Murphy said that pedestrians have to act responsibly.

Trustee Karashay thanked all the Trustees for attending Chief’s Night. The SFD pumped many basements during the heavy rains. The ladder truck needs repair that could cost up to \$4000.00.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the bus shelters have finally arrived at the Ulster County Transportation Department. The Board wants to know what the shelter looks like, before the Village accepts it. The Beautification Committee has chosen a style they like.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Campbell, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk