

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Suzanne LeBlanc, Michael Campbell, William Murphy, Jeannine Dirie and Richard Moore

Others: Alex Wade, David Radavanovic, Rosemary Brackett, Dave Minch, Penelope Milford, Vinnie McGlaughlin, Prudence See, Richard Frisbee, Donald Hackett, Ed Quirk, Heather Plonchak – New Sau times, students for the SHS Government Class and others

Mayor Robert Yerick called the Village Board to order at 7:42pm. Trustee Kelly Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor Yerick began by thanking Treasurer Julie Dunn and Trustee Richard Moore for the hours and hours of work on the 2009/2010 Budget thus far. It is a very difficult year financially for the Village. He also advised the Board that he would call an Executive Session to discuss personnel at the end of this meeting.

Privilege of the Floor

David Radavanovic addressed the Board saying he understood that Mayor Yerick has removed the current Historic Review Board and replaced them with new members. He feels this action sets bad precedent and says this action is because of the Historic Review Board's concerns regarding the Partition Street Project. Mr. Radavanovic said the HRB is an interested party to the Partition Street Project and the Mayor should show some respect to the volunteer board. Mayor Yerick responded by saying he felt it was time the HRB had a fresh set of eyes. He went on to say that his decision was not based on the Partition Street Project and felt that the current HRB has gone beyond its responsibilities in several past occasions. Much more discussion took place. David Minch, the Chair of the Historic Review Board, spoke saying he was informed of his dismissal by phone and letter from Mayor Yerick. He is willing to help with a smooth transition however there are minutes of the current HRB that have not been approved and should not be approved by the new HRB. Mr. Minch read the Zoning Law regarding appointment of HRB members. He advised the Board that the Village of Saugerties is a "Certified Local Government" and the transition to a new HRB should be done very carefully. Mayor Yerick suggested that he and Mr. Minch meet to discuss the transition. Heather Plonchak also read a portion of the Zoning Law to the Board. More discussion took place. Penelope Milford asked what Mayor Yerick meant when he said the HRB went beyond its responsibilities. Mayor Yerick admitted that the Partition Street Project was one example but he had a list of many other instances. More discussion. Someone asked what would be discussed in the Executive Session – many Board members responded saying because it concerned personnel, it was a private session. Prudence See asked again why the current HRB was being dismissed. Mayor Yerick again replied that he wanted a fresh set of eyes on the HRB. He went on to say that he feels the HRB has gone beyond its range of responsibility with the Partition Street Project and others. Much more heated discussion took place.

Francine Lindstrom then addressed the Board regarding a letter sent to the Board about the parking meters. She explained that she owns LUX Hair Studio and her clients are

being ticketed. Trustee LeBlanc explained that the purpose of enforcing parking meters is to keep the cars moving from parking spots. She advised Ms. Lindstrum of the free parking in the municipal lots and said there were plans to erect a larger sign for the municipal lot. Mrs. LeBlanc told Ms. Lindstrum to be sure that her clients keep feeding the meters while in her shop. Mayor Yerick explained that the income from the meters and fines have helped the Village financial status. Ms. Lindstrum thanked the Board for their time and explanations.

Mayor Yerick presented the Minutes of March 16, 2009 for approval. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for April 6, 2009: General - \$35,756.34; Water - \$11,842.62; Wastewater - \$17,370.63; Water Distribution - \$115,645.64. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). The report covered the meeting of the Lower Watershed Partnership.

Trustee Myers advised the Board that the DPW garage has been repaired and the rock ledge that damaged the structure has been removed and cut back. The DPW personnel are performing in house maintenance on all equipment. A repair made in house to the sweeper cost \$800.00 after receiving an estimate of \$8000.00. The sweeper is now out on the streets.

Trustee Myers also advised the Board that she and Superintendent Terpening are brainstorming for cost savings for the Buildings and Grounds Department. Three bids have been received for the replacement of the roof on the CA Lynch Firehouse. They are as follows: Colonial Roofing - \$7160.00; J&A Roofing - \$6300.00; D & B Roofing - \$5500.00. Trustee Myers has reviewed the specs and bids and recommends the Board hire D & B Roofing for the job. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Moore, to award the bid to D & B Roofing. Carried. The funds are in a reserve account for this work.

Trustee William Murphy reported that Merritt Construction will complete the work on Washington Avenue this week. Work will begin on Valley and Underwood shortly. Repaving of the streets disturbed by the waterline replacement will begin as soon as the blacktop plant opens. That should take place mid-April. Mayor Yerick suggested that Joe Bisignano and Bob Ciarlante keep a close eye on the repaving.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the Committee studying the Police Department consolidation met recently with people from NYS Civil Service to receive answers regarding seniority of personnel.

Ed Quirk, of the SFD, advised the Board that elections for officers would be held this week.

Trustee LeBlanc advised the Board that 15,000 new Economic Development brochures are ready for distribution. The Economic Development Committee will be sending a business questionnaire and a shopper's survey shortly. The Hors'n Around Project is moving forward. Some of the Village businesses are concerned about the hanging baskets or lack thereof this summer. Trustee Myers said she is working on the problem and hoping that the Chamber might contribute to the effort. A new solar energy store has opened on Partition Street. Trustee LeBlanc will attend a Main Street meeting sponsored by NYCOM later this month. Residents, please remove your trashcans from your front yards and porches.

Trustee Campbell reported that while the Hors'n Around project had many sponsors; most of the sponsors committed to the lowest dollar amount possible. HITS has stepped in to fill the financial void and will fund the Gala at which the horses will be auctioned.

Mayor Yerick said he would wait until the April 20, 2009 Board meeting to fill the committee positions.

Motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Moore, to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a specific personnel situation. Carried. The Board entered Executive Session at 9:00pm and returned at 9:45pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 9:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk