

Village Board

July 17, 2006

Present: Deputy Mayor Michael Karashay, Trustees Kelly Myers, Michael Campbell, Richard Moore, Mary Leahy and William Murphy

Absent: Mayor Robert Yerick

Others Present: Penelope Milford, Will Denis-New Saugerties Times, Alex Wade, Robert Ciarlante, Michael Marino, Brian Martin, George Terpening, William Kimble

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

Deputy Mayor Karashay advised the Board that Mayor Yerick had successful cataract surgery this morning and was resting comfortably.

Deputy Mayor Karashay advised the Board that the Sawyer Motors Car Show on July 9<sup>th</sup> was another success.

Mr. Karashay thanked all departments for the quick clean up after the recent flooding. He also thanked Robert Quirk, of the SFD, for all his efforts on the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. Thanks also go out to the Saugerties Kiwanis Club for their work at Cantine Field throughout the day and for the fireworks.

Privilege of the Floor

Penelope Milford of Valley Street addressed the Board. She hoped the Board had received her letter regarding the noise emanating from her neighbors pool pump for 12 hours a day. She has been complaining about this since 2004. She recently learned that the Village does have a noise ordinance, which prohibits any noise measuring over 50 decibels at the lot line. She has a long history of problems with her neighbor who refuses to have the motor checked. She feels she has a special case. She would like the noise level checked with and without the pool motor running. She feels she has been very patient and asks why she has had to wait 3 years for a solution to this situation. Deputy Mayor Karashay replied, saying a decibel meter has been ordered and the Code Enforcement Officer and attorney are looking at the ordinance. Ms. Milford said she understood that, but she would like the Board to visit her house to hear the noise for themselves. She hopes for a timely resolution.

Deputy Mayor Karashay presented the minutes of the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting for approval. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the minutes as written. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for approval: General - \$30,330.63; Water - \$6,343.62; Wastewater - \$6,879.14 and Lighthouse Cove Escrow - \$427.50. Motion was made by Trustee Leahy, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Trustee Moore advised the Board that year-end budget transfers were required to balance the books for each department. They are as follows: General - \$188,078.98; Water - \$128,855.56; Wastewater - \$269,534.33. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve the budget transfers. Carried.

George Terpening presented the Buildings and Grounds report – copy attached. The Lions Club Wading Pool is getting heavy use. The department is replacing some washed out gravel at the Waterfront Park. The beach opened on July 7<sup>th</sup>, after getting clearance from the UC Health Department. The heavy rains delayed the opening. Seamon Park is the site of weekend weddings. Steve Hunlock has been hired to replace Benny Rosenkranz and is doing a great job. Trustee Campbell asked if Mr. Hunlock could sweep the Reis Parking Lot for the Farmer's Market. Mr. Terpening replied no – he had discussed this with Trustee Leahy and Mayor Yerick and attorney Alex Betke. Mr. Betke advised the Village against the Farmer's Market request due to liability issues. Trustee Leahy added that Mr. Terpening and his crew are doing a great job. She also advised the Board that the architect for the Saugerties Library is doing a presentation of the 3 proposed sites for the new Library at St. Mary's Hall on July 25, 2006 at 5:30pm. The Library Board will make no decision until September.

Alex Wade presented the Building Inspectors report (Eyal Saad is on vacation) and his special project report – copy attached. Two derelict buildings have been condemned; several new businesses are opening soon; two street signs have been hit by trucks and are being repaired; the Beautification Committee is planting 6 new trees; and he reported on the Planning and Zoning Board activities.

Trustee Campbell presented his Special Projects report – copy attached. The second SAMA public hearing is scheduled for July 20 at 6:30pm. Mr. Campbell also outlined some of the events for the Upper Hudson River Alliance/Hudson River Regional Festival.

Superintendent Mike Marino presented the Wastewater Department report – copy attached. He noted that the recent heavy rains and high heat caused some problems at the plant but his crew was solving them.

Trustee Murphy presented the Water Department report – copy attached. Superintendent Joe Bisignano is on vacation.

Police Chief William Kimble presented the Police Department report – copy attached.

Superintendent Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report – copy attached. He thanked his department for the clean-up job performed after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the Car Show. He also advised the Board that he had directed the sweeper to clean the Reis Parking lot last week. His department will be doing some surface work on Washington Avenue and they have paved Dawes Street. Trustee Myers praised the DPW for their work. Trustee Murphy supported Mr. Ciarlante's sweeping of the Reis lot. He said that Mr. Reis always opens the lot for Village events and he feels cleaning the lot is the right thing to do. The majority of the Board agreed. Trustee Leahy agreed to revisit the liability issue.

Fire Chief Brian Martin presented the SFD report – copy attached. In June there were 15 alarms, with 186 personnel responding for a total of 178 plus hours. The SFD provided mutual aid to Catskill. The SFD has responded to 76 calls for the year to date. Deputy Mayor Karashay presented two names for membership into the RA Snyder Hose Company: Eyal Saad and Kathryn Kiernan. Motion was made by Mr. Karashay, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve the two new firefighters. Carried. Deputy Mayor Karashay thanked the SFD team who organized the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and thanked the DPW for their work on the Village float.

Deputy Mayor Karashay called the Board into Executive Session to discuss a real estate transaction. The Board adjourned at 7:43pm and returned at 8:14pm.

Attorney Alex Betke advised the Board that he has met with Mayor Yerick regarding the parking spaces in front of the Boys and Girls Club. The decision is to designate the area for pick-up and drop-off between 9:00am and 11:00am and between 5:00pm and 7:00pm. The Village will install 3 meters for use at all other times. Mr. Betke hopes to have the new ordinance ready for Board review in August. A Public Hearing will then be scheduled.

Alex Wade advised the Board of the recent meeting held regarding the Post Office parking lot – the memo is attached. The Postal officials will not open the gate on the Partition Street side, however they agreed to widen the entrance on the Market Street side. The locations of the bus stop and mail drop boxes were also discussed.

Deputy Mayor Karashay presented Resolution #7/2006 for approval. This resolution authorizes the sale of Village property to Carl Krause. Motion was made by Trustee Moore to approve the resolution. Trustee Myers asked to amend the resolution to include that the Village maintains the right of way through Ripley Street. The resolution was unanimously passed as amended.

Trustee Leahy added that thanks are in order to Superintendent Terpening for the flowers on the July 4<sup>th</sup> float.

Trustee Campbell advised the Board that the NY Times is running an article on the Garlic Festival in their July 21<sup>st</sup> edition.

Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk