

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Dick Moore, Mary Leahy, Kelly Myers, Bill Murphy, Mike Karashay

Absent: Trustee Mike Campbell

Others Present: Alex Wade, Gerry Benjamin, Brian Martin, Erica-New Saugerties Times, Andrew Hickey-Ulster County Press and others

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

Mayor Yerick presented new Trustee Leahy and Myers with a copy of the video of their swearing in. The ceremony was filmed by Joy Moore and copied to video by Trustee Mike Campbell. Thanks to Joy and Mike. The Mayor distributed cards with the new Village website address to the Board – <http://village.saugerties.ny.us>, also prepared by Trustee Campbell. Mayor Yerick urged everyone who has not provided Trustee Campbell with information for the website to contact him ASAP. The Mayor also showed the Board a “mock-up” of a brochure designed by Trustee Campbell of the UCAT bus routes for the Village.

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the January 17<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting for approval. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to approve the minutes as written. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for February 6, 2006. General - \$75,775.94; pre-paid General - \$1600.00; Water - \$9,570.77; Wastewater - \$15,353.59. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Karashay, to approve the Abstract for payment. Carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Moore, to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss purchase of property by the Village. Carried. The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 7:15pm and returned at 7:21pm.

Mayor Yerick introduced Gerald Benjamin. Mr. Benjamin is Chairman of the Ulster County Charter Commission and will speak to the Board regarding the work of the Charter Commission. Mr. Benjamin addressed the Board explaining that the Ulster County Legislature had appointed an 11-member bi-partisan Charter Commission to investigate an alternative form of County government. The Commission will present a draft charter to the Legislature at the end of March and the charter issue should go to voters for the November 06 election. Mr. Benjamin distributed the Commission's recommendations to the Legislature (copy attached) along with several charts (copies attached) to accompany the recommendations. A short question and answer period followed Mr. Benjamin's presentation. Mr. Benjamin thanked the Board for its time and hoped that the Trustees would contact him with their comments.

Trustee Karashay presented SFD Chief Brian Martin who distributed copies of the SFD's December 05 Alarm Report, the Oct – Dec Exposure Report and the Annual Exposure report for 2005 (copies attached). Trustee Karashay had great praise for the job the SFD does for Village residents. Mayor Yerick echoed those thoughts. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay to grant Exempts Status to Christopher Wade of the Washington Hook and Ladder Company. The motion was seconded by Mayor Yerick and carried unanimously.

Trustee Leahy reported that she has had several meetings with Buildings and Grounds Superintendent George Terpening. Terp is bringing Trustee Leahy up to date on the many responsibilities of their department. They will continue to meet on a regular basis. Meanwhile, Trustee Leahy reported that the holiday lights are put away, repairs have been made to several windows recently broken at the Donlon, the "heart light" is in place at Seamon Park, and more.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). The big news is the Village has demolished the abandoned house on East Bridge Street. He also included a report on lead paint for the Trustees information. Mr. Wade said he was very pleased with the recent public meeting on transportation in Saugerties. Mayor Yerick agreed with Mr. Wade, saying the meeting was well attended and the consultants received many good comments. He advised the Board that the Village couldn't seem to get an answer from the NYS DOT regarding crosswalks in the Village. He is pursuing it.

Trustee Murphy reported that he is meeting with Superintendents Marino and Bisignano and becoming familiar with his new assignment.

Mayor Yerick had nothing to report on behalf of the Police Department.

Trustee Myers advised the Board that she is meeting regularly with DPW Superintendent Ciarlante. She was very pleased to hear the compliments from residents regarding snow removal at the transportation meeting. Trustee Myers announced that only one offer had been received at the recent bid opening for two trucks that the DPW has retired. The bid was for \$855.00 for a 1971 truck. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Moore, to accept the bid of \$855.00 for the 1971 truck. Carried. Trustee Myers also reported on the demolition of the abandoned house on East Bridge Street. She reported that the DPW had done an excellent job and the property looks great.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #6/2006 for consideration. This resolution approves the purchase of 95 Dock Street (18.62-3-20) and authorizes the Mayor to negotiate and sign a contract of sale on behalf of the Village. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Moore and carried unanimously by those present.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #5/2006 for consideration. This resolution supports the Association of Towns effort to hold the NYC DEP accountable for flooding due to

DEP mismanagement. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Moore and carried unanimously by those present.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #4/2006 for consideration. This resolution is in support of NYS Senate and Assembly bill sponsored by Senator John Bonacic. These bills will hold the NYC DEP accountable for their actions regarding the management of the dams and reservoirs that their agency is responsible for. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Moore and carried unanimously by those present.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #2/2006 for consideration. This resolution appoints Michael Lockwood and Jeff Helmuth as members of the Ulster County Planning Board. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Karashay and carried unanimously by those present.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #3/2005 for consideration. This resolution appoints election inspectors and election custodians for the March 21, 2006 election. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Moore and carried unanimously by those present.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the Reformed Church has asked permission to hold a Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday at Seamon Park. The Board had no objection.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that Ben Rosenkrance is ill. He also advised the Board the next Village Board meeting is Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay to adjourn in memory of long time Village employee and volunteer fireman Vincent Schafer. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moore and carried. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Mr. Schafer. The Board adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk