

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Kelly Myers, Michael Campbell, Suzanne LeBlanc, Mary Leahy, Michael Karashay and William Murphy
Others: Jean Graber, Alex Wade, Will Dendis-New Saugerties Times, and students from Government classes and Coleman and SHS

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

Privilege of the Floor

Jean Graber, of Sawyerkill Terrace, spoke. She advised the Board that last week her 12-year-old daughter was followed by a man in a white pickup truck while walking home on Finger Street from the Junior HS. Her daughter made it home safely but never told her mother of the incident. The next day, while in health class, her daughter identified the man from pictures of registered sex offenders. The DARE Officer was called and the Town and Village Police are investigating. Ms. Graber went on to say that there are 7 registered sex offenders living in the Town of Saugerties. She has organized an informational meeting on Friday, October 12th at 7:00pm at the Senior Center. She has invited police agencies, the UCDA's office, local elected officials and the public to this meeting. Her purpose is to "get the word out" to the community of the dangerous people living among us. Mayor Yerick thanked Ms. Graber for speaking to the Board and introduced Village Police Sgt. Joseph LaQu दौरا. Sgt. LaQu दौरا is the officer in charge of sex crimes for the Village PD. He agreed that "knowledge is power" and will be in attendance at the Oct. 12th meeting. He did caution that there are laws protecting registered sex offenders, however he monitors the sex offenders very closely. There was more discussion and questions from the Board with the Board thanking Ms. Graber for bringing this to the Board's attention and the Mayor assuring her that the Village will be represented at the October 12th informational meeting.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the September 17th Public Hearing, the September 17th Village Board meeting and the September 26th Public Hearing for approval. Motion was made by Trustee Leahy, seconded by Trustee Myers to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Le Blanc presented the Abstract for October 1st: General - \$115,079.98; Water - \$67,420.62; Wastewater - \$18,134.46; Seamon Park - \$3695.99. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to approve the Abstract for payment. Carried.

Trustee Campbell advised the Board that the Mum Festival is scheduled for October 7 from 12noon to 5:00pm. The Garlic Festival held on September 29th and 30th drew record crowds of over 53,000 people. Thanks to the Kiwanis and all the volunteers. Trustee Campbell presented a Religious Holiday Policy Statement (copy attached) for the Board's review. Mayor Yerick supported the Policy Statement and urged the Board to

adopt it. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Mayor Yerick, to adopt the Religious Holiday Display Policy Statement. Carried unanimously.

Alex Wade presented his Special Assignment report (copy attached). He advised the Board that he would begin working on the Census data for the 2010 Census.

Trustee Myers advised the Board that the DPW helped the Water Department with a leak on 2nd Street today. She announced that the Irma Sagazie Kayak Race was set for Saturday, October 6th. The Waterfront Advisory Board has met and will soon issue a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the Village launch and watercraft on the Upper Esopus. Trustee LeBlanc inquired when leaf pick-up would begin. Trustee Myers thinks early November when most of the leaves have fallen from the trees. Trustee Myers also reminded the Board that the DPW recommends shortening the winter overnight parking ban to December 15 through March 15 of each year. Mayor Yerick will ask attorney Alex Betke to modify the law and a Public Hearing will be scheduled. The DPW requests that during a declared “snow emergency” that all cars are required to be off the street.

Trustee LeBlanc asked Alex Wade to explain the “pre-Census” process. He answered that the Census Bureau will send a list of Village addresses and he will verify and make all the required changes and additions to the list.

Trustee Murphy advised the Board of the water leak on 2nd Street. The problem is in the homeowner’s service line and will be repaired by the homeowner. Jim Cornelison is retiring on October 15th after 9 years of service.

Mayor Yerick reported that the Village PD had a busy weekend with the Garlic Festival traffic.

Trustee Karashay announced that the SFD would hold the annual Halloween Parade on October 26 at 6:00pm. Refreshments and costume judging to follow the parade at the firehouse. The Board and public are invited to the anniversary celebration of the RA Snyder Hose Company on October 12th. October is Fire Prevention Month. The SFD will visit schools and host classes at the firehouse to educate local children on fire safety.

Trustee Leahy advised the Board that this is a good time to replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. The new Building CodeBooks are in – the new code takes effect in January 2008. Eyal is busy with property maintenance issues. Trustee Leahy complimented the Building and Grounds Department saying that Seamon Park looks great. Thanks to the Mum Festival Committee for all their work.

Trustee LeBlanc asked if there are any Village ordinances prohibiting yard sales. Clerk Mary Frank answered to the best of her knowledge there are not. Trustee LeBlanc said yard sale signs are generally not removed from poles and litter the streets. Trustee Leahy mentioned that the Village employee assigned to street and parking lot maintenance

removes all signs posted in the business district. Mayor Yerick asked that the Board develop a policy statement on yard sales.

Trustee Campbell mentioned that Hudson Valley Magazine complimented several Saugerties business in their recent issue – Café Tamayo and others among them.

Mayor Yerick inquired about the status of the Hess water/sewer bill. Trustee Murphy advised that Joe Bisignano is speaking with the Hess manager, Dominic Gallo.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay to adjourn in memory to Thomas Smith, a longtime member of the SFD. The motion was seconded by Trustee Campbell, carried, and a moment of silence was observed. The Board adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk