

Village Board

April 17, 2006

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Richard Moore, Michael Campbell, Michael Karashay, William Murphy, Kelly Myers

Others Present: Joe Bisignano, Eyal Saad, William Kimble, Alex Wade, George Terpening, Brian Martin, Karin Yerry, Will Dennis, Mark Burns, Frank Rea and others

Mayor Yerick called the regular meeting of the Village Board to order at 7:00pm. Trustee Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Yerick wished the Board a Happy Easter.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the Public Hearing of April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Karashay, to approve the minutes as written. Carried. Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the regular meeting of April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - \$19,809.67; Water - \$9,289.07; Wastewater - \$1,536.37 and Lighthouse Cove Escrow - \$427.50. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the Abstract for payment. Carried.

Frank Rea, representing Mark Burns of Stella's Station, addressed the Board. Mr. Burns has held a Columbus Day clambake at the rear of Stella's Station for the last two years, growing to a crowd of over 400 people. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, they would like to hold a parade through the Village. They will hold the clambake (tickets sold) behind Stella's with vendors coming from NYC and offer free hot dogs and beverages behind Mirabella's Restaurant. Mayor Yerick said he thought the plan sounded great, however, he asked that Mr. Rea put the proposal in writing to the Board. Mr. Rea said he would come before the Board every month to keep the Board informed. Trustee Myers said she thought the festival sounded great and urged the men to contact the Saugerties Chamber of Commerce for help. Trustee Campbell suggested using the Village website to promote the festival.

Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Karashay, to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Carried. The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 7:13pm and returned at 7:23pm.

Fire Chief Brian Martin advised the Board the SFD had 19 alarms in the month of March. One alarm was a chimney fire on Market Street that required the assistance of the Kingston Fire Department's ladder truck and personnel. Thanks to the City of Kingston Fire Department and the Village PD for their help. Some members of the SFD are attending courses sponsored by NYS. Chief's night is May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Karashay informed the Board of the results of the recent Chief's elections: Brian Martin – Chief; Joseph Shaffer – 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief; Joe Zmiyarch – 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Mayor Yerick, to ratify the election results. Carried.

Police Chief Kimble presented the Police Department report (copy attached). Mayor Yerick noted the increase in police activity. He said that with the summer approaching, police activity increases.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (attached). Two street sweepers have been on the streets since March 25<sup>th</sup>. The Spring Clean-up is next week. The DPW is working on Virginia Avenue, and on an erosion project behind Dr. Heslin's on West Bridge. Bob is getting prices on a used tub grinder.

George Terpening presented the Buildings & Grounds report (copy attached). The boat ramp is in and new sand will be delivered to the Beach. Still working on getting prices for a new generator for the Municipal Building. Also working on the streetlamps. The Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Seamon Park was well attended. The fundraiser for the pavers at Seamon Park is going well. Trustee Myers spoke saying she was excited to work on new plans for improvements to the Beach. Mayor Yerick suggested finding ways to replace the playground equipment at the Beach.

Eyal Saad presented the Building Department report (copy attached). He will be attending a Building Code seminar next week.

Trustee Campbell had nothing to report.

Alex Wade advised the Board that the Saugerties Lighthouse now has a defibrillator on site. Thanks to George for working on the streetlamps.

Joe Bisignano presented the Water Department report (copy attached). He noted fishing season has begun and there are many fishermen at the reservoir. Trustee Myers inquired if fluoride is added to the Village water system. Mr. Bisignano answered no.

Trustee Murphy reported business as usual at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Trustee Moore presented the budget for 2006-2007. The general budget will result in a tax rate of 7.3881% and a 4.9% tax increase. The General Budget is \$2,870,722.00; the Water Budget is \$1,300,139.00; the Wastewater Budget is \$986,397.00. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the three budgets for 2006-2007. Carried. Mayor Yerick thanked Trustee Moore and Treasurer Julie Dunn for all their hard work on this year's budget.

Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Myers, to adjourn. Carried. The Village Board adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Frank Village Clerk