

Village Board

December 17, 2007

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Kelly Myers, Michael Campbell, Suzanne LeBlanc, Mary Leahy, Michael Karashay and William Murphy

Others: Police Chief William Kimble, Bob Ciarlante, Joe Bisignano, George Terpening, Eyal Saad, government class students, David Radavanovic, Ulf Lovin and others

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

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that a recent Economic Development Meeting was cancelled due to snow. It will be rescheduled in January 2008.

Privilege of the Floor

David Radavanovic, of Dock Street, spoke. He voiced concerns regarding the proposed sludge drying beds for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He asked if the location has been chosen for the beds. He asked if the former Benn property, now Village owned, located next to the treatment plant is being considered. He wanted to know if other alternatives are being considered, if a cost benefit analysis will be done, will the public be given notice, and more. Mayor Yerick replied saying the proposal was in the very early stages of consideration and drying beds were one of several possible alternatives to the sludge problem. Trustee Murphy added that the Village is also looking at other properties in addition to the Benn property. The public will be kept informed as the process moves forward.

Mayor Yerick presented the Minutes of December 3, 2007 for approval. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee LeBlanc presented the Abstract for 12/27/07: General - \$29,542.11; Water - \$35,361.46; Wastewater - \$76,341.57. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to approve the Abstract for payment. Carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Karashay, to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Carried. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:10pm and returned at 7:14pm.

Trustee Karashay advised the Board that the SFD responded to a recent mutual aid call while responding to a local call at the same time. The SFD handled both calls professionally. The 80th annual CA Lynch Hose Company candy run will be held on Christmas Day. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Mayor Yerick, to approve Charles Zanes for membership into the CA Lynch Hose Company. Carried. Trustee Karashay then excused himself to attend the Exempts Banquet.

Joe Bisignano presented the Water Department report (copy attached).

Trustee Murphy presented the Wastewater Department report (copy attached).

Motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Mayor Yerick, to approve Resolution #21/2007. This resolution allows the Water Department to purchase leak detection equipment from Itron without using the bidding process. Itron is the sole provider of the leak detection equipment. Carried unanimously.

Eyal Saad presented the Building Department report (copy attached). He reminded Village residents that it is illegal to have an unregistered vehicle on their property. He also reminded residents that they have 24 hours after a snowstorm to clear their sidewalks.

George Terpening presented the Buildings and Grounds report (copy attached). Trustee LeBlanc complimented him on the decoration at Seamon Park. Mayor Yerick asked him to check the catch on the office door.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). The DPW will be out at 2:00am to remove the snow from the business district. Mayor Yerick asked that the snowplow drivers go a little more slowly and to consider how much snow they are piling on resident's sidewalks. Bob Ciarlante asked residents not to deposit snow into the street and asked the Police to ticket any violators.

Trustee Myers advised the Board that she is compiling information on the flooding of the Esopus over the last several years. She is compiling the information to persuade the Army Corps of Engineers to begin a study of the flooding on the Esopus. She is working along with Barbara Budik. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Trustee Myers.

Chief Kimble presented the Police report (copy attached). He reported that Sgt. Steve Filak is ill and will be out for some time. He also advised the Board that the patrol cars would be fitted with sensors for the Water Department's leak detection system.

Trustee Leahy asked the Police to try to be vigilant with snowmobiles and ATV's on Village streets.

Trustee LeBlanc thanked Mayor Yerick for his recent letter to Assemblyman Lopez asked for his support in denying the Thruway Authority any rate hikes. The Mayor explained that any rate hike on the Thruway would cause truckers to avoid it and seek alternative routes.

Mayor Yerick reminded everyone of the Holiday Luncheon on 12/21 at 12noon.

Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Frank - Village Clerk