

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Mary Leahy, Michael Karashay, Bill Murphy, Michael Campbell and Richard Moore

Absent: Trustee Kelly Myers

Others Present: Police Chief Kimble, Bob Ciarlante, Joe Bisignano, Mike Marino, George Terpening, Eyal Saad, Karin Yerry-Post Star, Will-New Saugerties Times, students from SHS Government Class and others

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

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

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the February 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting for approval. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to approve the minutes as written. Carried.

Superintendent Terpening presented the Buildings & Grounds Department (report attached). The heating system in the Municipal Building needs attention – the estimate is about \$3000.00. The Municipal Building needs a new generator to supply the entire building with electricity during a power outage. There should be a test system and a preventative maintenance plan in place. Wastewater Superintendent Mike Marino advised the Board that his department would like to have a service plan for the generator at his plant.

Mayor Yerick took the opportunity to speak to the students in attendance. He asked for their help in preventing vandalism of street signs in the Village. The mayor explained that for every sign that is vandalized, it costs the Village a minimum of \$250.00 to have it cleaned or replaced.

Code Enforcement Officer Eyal Saad presented the Building Department report (copy attached). He advised the Board that the Boys & Girls Club is ready for a final walk-thru. He would like the Fire Chief to accompany him on the tour. A Certificate of Occupancy will then be issued for the building. The inspections of multi-family dwelling are almost complete. There are a few landlords who have not called for inspection appointments – Eyal plans to take them to Court.

Trustee Mike Campbell presented his report (copy attached). He advised the Board that the January SAMA public meeting did bring out truck traffic concerns and hopes that UCTC will do an origin and destination study of the trucks. Mayor Yerick advised Trustee Campbell to contact the cement companies. Trustee Campbell advised the Board that there is no longer a taxi service in the Village. He reminded everyone to take a look at the new Village website. Trustee Campbell presented Resolution #9/2006. This resolution appoints Michael Campbell to represent the Village in all proceedings with Digital Towpath. The resolution was seconded by Mayor Yerick and carried

unanimously. Trustee Campbell also reported that the Village should be receiving the “NOCASINO” plan from attorney in the near future.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for February 21, 2006. General - \$32,493.28; Water - \$13,755.31 and Wastewater - \$18,708.31. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee, to approve the Abstract for payment. Carried.

The Mayor presented Alex Wade’s report (copy attached) to the Board. The report advised the Board on the Gilboa Dam project and the Village’s Emergency Evacuation Plan.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the original designer of the Post Office has been contacted about the design of the parking lot. The Village has been asking that the Post Office open the gate onto Partition Street to allow for thru traffic for several years to no avail. The Mayor contacted Congressman Hinchey who has asked the Post Office to take another look at their design. The Village hopes to hear from the Post Office soon.

Water Superintendent Joe Bisignano presented the Water Department report (copy attached). The recent high winds knocked down some large pine trees at the reservoir. The power has gone out several times – a new transfer switch to the generator will be installed next week. This should solve the power outage problem.

Wastewater Superintendent Mike Marino spoke saying he understood that his report was discussed at the last Village Board meeting. He advised the Board that he is still waiting for a report from Brinnier & Larios so he may respond to a letter from John Sansalone from the DEC.

Police Chief Kimble presented his report (copy attached). He also wants to see that the Village acquires a generator to accommodate the entire Municipal Building. Eyal Saad suggested that making the Municipal Hall part of the Emergency Evacuation Plan could help in securing State or Federal money for the generator.

DPW Superintendent Bob Ciarlante presented his report (copy attached). The DPW has serviced 11 storms thus far. The crew is busy helping an outside contractor with tree trimming throughout the Village. The department is also busy cleaning and removing trees around the Canoe Hill garage and the North Street storage area.

Trustee Karashay advised the Board that the SFD would be receiving a \$1500.00 value for free, after a snafu with the valve company. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Mayor Yerick, to accept Sean Weaver of John St. as a member of the Washington Hook & Ladder Company pending his physical examination. Carried.

Trustee Murphy presented Resolution #8/2006. This resolution declares the Village Board as Lead Agency in the plan to dredge the Blue Mountain Reservoir. The reservoir was last dredged 20 years ago and over time the reservoir has lost some of its capacity. This action will bring back the reservoir to its full capacity of 6 million gallons. The

Public will be notified of the date of the activity. Joe Bisignano advised the Board that silt would be vacuumed from the bottom of the reservoir, loaded onto a barge and then deposited in the fields surrounding the reservoir. Mayor Yerick stressed that this activity was a maintenance project only. The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Moore and carried unanimously.

Trustee Campbell spoke again; advising the Board that the DOT will be repaving Route 9W this summer. At this afternoon's UCTC meeting, Alex Wade finally got the DOT to agree to pave both sides of Main Street from Partition to Market and Partition to Seamon Park. The DOT had not planned to pave Main Street from Partition to Market Street, however after continued pressure from Mr. Wade, the DOT acquiesced. The crosswalks have been approved and will be constructed along with the paving.

Please remember that the Village Board meeting is televised on Cable 23 on Thursday at 7:00pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Moore, to adjourn. Carried. The Village Board adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk