

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Mary Leahy, William Murphy and Kelly Myers
Absent: Trustees Richard Moore, Michael Campbell and Michael Karashay
Others: Richard Gardner, M/M U. Loven, Alex Wade, David Radavanovic, Katie Cahill-New Saugerties Times and others

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

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that there would be a Public Hearing on October 16th at 6:30pm. The Public Hearing will present a Local Law regarding handicapped parking and parking in front of the Boys & Girls Club.

Privilege of the Floor

David Radavanovic of Dock Street addressed the Board regarding the reinstatement of Police Officer Sidney Mills. The recent charges against Police Officer Tyron Chrisjohn have made the newspapers in many states and were covered on national television. He feels that the children of Saugerties are at risk and said he knows there have been complaints against these officers dating from 2003. He requests that the Board appoint a citizen committee to take action to investigate the allegations. Mayor Yerick agrees that the Village Police Department must protect all citizens. He urged Mr. Radavanovic bring facts to him, not just “street talk”. Mr. Radavanovic said people are afraid to come forward because they fear intimidation and possible retaliation. There was much additional discussion. Trustee Myers also urged Mr. Radavanovic to “share his information” with the Board. Mr. Radavanovic agreed to meet with the Mayor in the coming days. Mayor Yerick said the entire incident was very, very unfortunate, however the Village has handled it according to the law.

Beth Loven, of Dock Street, also addressed the Board. She is again requesting that the wall on Dock Street that has fallen into her yard be repaired. She would like to be notified when the work is scheduled – she wants to protect the trees and the bluestone on her property. Mayor Yerick advised her that Brinnier & Larios had looked at the Dock Street wall to determine ownership of the wall itself. The portion of the wall in front of the Loven property is Village owned. Trustee Myers advised Mrs. Loven that she is scheduled to meet with a second engineering firm at 10:00am on Oct 3rd. The purpose of this meeting is to determine the stability of the road before the wall is repaired by the DPW. Mayor Yerick said we would keep the Loven’s advised.

Victor Cornelius of Endeavor addressed the Board on grant status. The Village has submitted a grant to replace many aging water lines throughout the Village. In addition, this grant will include a request for installation of a water line to Manor Lane in the Town of Saugerties. Mr. Cornelius is working hard to “bump-up” the points required for grant funding. We should qualify before April of 2007. He is also working on a recreational plan for the Village to include all Village Parks and the waterfront. He would like the

Village to form a recreational committee and have a plan ready by February 2007. Mr. Cornelius is also pursuing a grant to purchase a new generator for the entire Municipal Building. Alex Wade mentioned that the Village is still waiting for \$100,000.00 from the DOT. The second round of \$ is coming – the contract should be in the Village office shortly. Mr. Cornelius said he would work on that situation. Mr. Cornelius also advised the Board that we have not heard from Senator Bonacic regarding a member item for an elevator for Donlon Auditorium.

Mayor Yerick presented the Minutes of the September 18, 2006 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Leahy, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the minutes as written. Carried.

Mayor Yerick presented the Abstract for October 2nd. General - \$41,858.40; Water - \$8,311.60; Wastewater - \$11,860.69. Motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the Abstract for payment. Carried.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the current noise ordinance would remain unchanged. At a previously held Public Hearing, many residents voiced opposition to raising the decibel level above its current level. Those comments were evaluated and a decision was made to enforce the current law on a complaint basis only.

Alex Wade presented his report – copy attached.

Trustee Murphy reported that the Water Department will be flushing hydrants this week. Otherwise it is business as usual at the Water and Wastewater Departments.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that he felt there was enough said regarding the Police Department at this meeting.

Trustee Myers advised the Board that the DPW has repaved the parking lot at Seamon Park and the lot looks terrific. Paving work will continue on Division, Center and Valley Streets. The Irma Sagazie Kayak Safari held on September 30th was a great success. The Beach looks great.

Trustee Leahy thanked the DPW for the work at the Seamon Park lot. She is working on placing signage for the parking lot. She advised the Board that the Mum Festival was cancelled due to heavy rain. The band, chorus, art exhibit, and 3 of the vendors cancelled because of the weather. The Festival will not be rescheduled however Trustee Leahy urged the public to visit the Park and enjoy the mums. Thanks go to the Sheriff's Department for their work on the pavers surrounding the fountain in the front of the Park. Seventy-five memorial pavers have been placed around the fountain. Mayor Yerick asked Trustee Leahy to write a thank you note to the Sheriff's Department. He apologized for the cancellation of the Festival, but the weather made it impossible to hold an outside event. He also hopes that many residents will visit the Park and enjoy its beauty.

Alex Wade suggested that TV 23 film the Park. Mayor Yerick agreed and praised Superintendent George Terpening, his crew of Rich Rhodes, Steve Whitaker and the summer kids for the great job. The Park looks wonderful.

Motion was made by Trustee Leahy, seconded by Trustee Myers, to adjourn. Carried. The Village Board adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk