

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Mike Campbell, Suzanne LeBlanc, Richard Moore, Kelly Myers, Jeannine Dirie and Bill Murphy

Others: David Radavanovic, Richard Frisbee, Maryann Wrolsen, Alex Wade, Ron LeBlanc, Susan Bolitzer, Mary Kimble, Chief William Kimble, Bruce Leighton, Don Hackett, Mark Freligh, Elaine Cornelison, Heather Plonchak, Tom Rea, Penelope Milford, Ed Quirk, Vinnie McGlaughlin Eyal Saad and others

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

Privilege of the Floor

David Radavanovic read a prepared letter (copy attached). His letter discusses the Open Meetings Law and the proposed police consolidation. He went on to say the Village is \$7 million in debt, all anticipated revenues are falling short, and families are in financial trouble. New Yorkers have a tremendous tax burden. The NYS Legislature recently passed a law making it easier for municipalities to combine. He said the Village Board must proceed with the police merger.

Richard Frisbee spoke saying he does not usually agree with David Radavanovic but does agree with what he just said.

Mayor Yerick responded to Mr. Radavanovic by saying he did not believe the September 3rd meeting of the Village Board was held illegally. It was an emergency meeting held to discuss items that had come to the attention of the committee that had left several unanswered questions regarding the police consolidation. At that time it was decided to postpone the Public Hearing on the consolidation.

Trustee Campbell said that the Board will enter Executive Session later in the evening to discuss the pending PBA contract. Trustee Myers said these talks have been ongoing for 4 years.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for September 8, 2009: General - \$174,959.99; Water - \$14,808.02; Wastewater - \$21,283.56; Water Distribution - \$197,615.54. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the August 17th Village board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Dirie reported that the beach and pool are closed after a successful season. Mums are being planted. The Irma Sagazie Kayak Safari has been scheduled for October 10th. The event will be a little different this year with a scavenger hunt and a potluck

supper taking place. Mrs. Sagazie has turned 100 years old this year! Leading Edge Developers continue their work on the Cantine Dam. The DEC has granted a permit to draw down the water level. The HRB has approved new colors for the exterior of 2 Jane Street. The new sign for the Village Pizza restaurant on Main Street was not approved.

Mayor Yerick sent best wishes to Irma Sagazie for her 100th birthday.

Trustee Campbell reported that 7 locations have been set for bike racks throughout the Village. Kudo's to the league of Women Voters for their successful effort for a UCAT Loop Bus traveling "in a loop" around Saugerties. Thanks to Bill Tobin who will design a route to coordinate the Loop Bus with existing UCAT routes in Saugerties. The service will begin in January 2010.

Trustee LeBlanc reported that the Hors'n Around auction is September 12th. There is a delay in the approval of the Time Warner contract – some unanswered questions still remain. The NYS DEC is testing the soil on private property on Ferry Street – it is the site of the long abandoned Ferry Street gas Plant – more information is available at the Library. The Planning Board met in August and heard a proposal from developer Pat Simmons about a senior citizen housing complex on North Street. The Planning Board meets again on 9/9 to discuss a lot line change on Lighthouse Drive, a sub-division application on Ann Street and the Partition Street Project developers will present additional reports. The old garage at 9 Partition Street has been demolished – thanks to the new owner. 50 Building Permits have been issued since January 2009. The ZBA has scheduled a Public Hearing for September 22nd, to receive comment on a use variance application for 16 Livingston Street. A Building Permit issued to John Dorans of Main Street has been appealed by Susan Bolitzer and others. The appeal will be heard at the 9/22 ZBA meeting.

Alex Wade presented his report (attached). The Route 9W storm sewer separation project is complete. The "Wall" project is ongoing. The repaving of 9W will begin on September 21st. The work will take place in the evening Sunday – Thursday.

Trustee Myers reported that street sweeping throughout the Village is ongoing. DPW Superintendent Bob Ciarlante thanks all the residents of Washington Avenue and Montgomery Street for their cooperation during the recent repaving. Thanks to the Town of Saugerties for lending trucks to aid the Village during the project. The repaving was paid for using CHIPS Funds from NYS. Trustee Myers is still crafting a tree ordinance for the Village and is working on an animal control law with Marie Post. Central Hudson is installing new utility poles to upgrade the Village's electrical services. Some aggressive tree trimming occurred – Central Hudson was notified and has cooperated with the Village. Trustee Myers said she is concerned about the Board meeting held on September 3rd. She was never notified and said she should have been.

Susan Bolitzer asked if she could address the Board with a question. She wondered if a "Stop Work" order has been issued for the Dorans property. Trustee LeBlanc answered no. More discussion on the Dorans building permit followed.

Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Moore, to appoint Gary Newkirk as an alternate member of the Village Planning Board. Carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Dirie, to enter Executive Session to discuss the proposed PBA contract. Carried. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:05pm and returned at 8:50pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Moore, to ratify the PBA contract effective through May 2010. Carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Moore, to authorize the Village Board to pursue the police consolidation effort and review and solution the problems recently identified by the Village PBA and others. Carried unanimously. Mayor Yerick stated that the Village Board has never been opposed to the merger. Trustee Myers stated that she wants a merger done well. Trustee LeBlanc said she believes that most of the issues can be resolved.

Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Campbell, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk