

Village Board

December 18, 2006

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Richard Moore, Michael Karashay, Mary Leahy and Kelly Myers

Absent: Trustees Michael Campbell and William Murphy

Others: Alex Wade, Police Chief Kimble, Superintendents Joe Bisignano, Bob Ciarlante, George Terpening, Eyal Saad, Will Dendis – New Saugerties Times, and students from the SHS Government Class

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

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

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the December 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting for review. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to approve the minutes as written. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for approval: General - \$25,363.23; Water - \$8,588.15 and Wastewater - \$28,547.91. Motion was made by Trustee Leahy, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the Abstract for payment. Carried.

Mayor Yerick announced that the Holiday Concert held at the Donlon on December 17<sup>th</sup> was very well attended and a huge success. Thanks to Bob Imbierowic, Tony Mitzel and the Community Band and Chorus.

Superintendent George Terpening presented the Buildings and Grounds report (copy attached). Mayor Yerick complimented the Building and Grounds crew for the holiday decorations around the Village. He thanked the Kiwanis Club for their help in decorating Seamon Park. Trustee Leahy echoed the Mayor's comments by saying that the entire Village looked fantastic.

Eyal Saad presented the Building Department report (copy attached). He presented Local Law #2/2007 for the Trustees information. The law provides for the administration and enforcement of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Most of what is included in the law is already a part of Village law. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for January 2, 2007 at 6:30pm.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that he had attended the opening of the new offices of the Town Building Department and TV23 at the Town Hall. The new space is very impressive.

Alex Wade presented the Zoning Officer's Report (copy attached). He reviewed the zoning changes proposed by the Planning Board with the Village Board. A Local Law will be written by Attorney Alex Betke for the Board's review that outlines the zoning changes. A Public Hearing will be scheduled as soon as our attorney writes the law.

Water Superintendent Joe Bisignano presented the Water Department report (copy attached). Joe advised that new employee Dave Dunn is doing very well.

Police Chief Kimble presented the Police Department report (copy attached). The Chief urged residents to lock their vehicles while parked. The Department of Corrections has inspected the Village jail and the Village is in complete compliance with all regulations. Trustee Leahy complimented the Police on the recent STOP DWI initiative.

DPW Superintendent Bob Ciarlante presented his report (copy attached). Bids for a new truck for the DPW will be opened on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. CHIPS money totaling \$51,000.00 is expected shortly.

Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Myers, supporting the memorandum by the Planning Board (copy attached) on traffic safety. Carried.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #21/2006. This resolution declares the Saugerties Public Library to be surplus property belonging to the Village and directs the Mayor to transfer the building to the Saugerties Library Board. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Myers and carried unanimously. The Board has copies of Local Law #1/2007 which will allow the transfer of the property. A Public Hearing is scheduled for January 2, 2007 at 6:30pm to receive comment on the Local Law.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #22/2006. He explained that the Town and Village are applying for funds for a grant to conduct a feasibility study to merge the Town Highway Department and the Town Police with the Village DPW and the Village Police. The Mayor advised the Board that he is not opposed to a feasibility study but he is opposed to consolidation based on available data. Both Departments provide a service to Village residents that the Town would not provide. The Mayor believes that the needs of Village residents are very different from Town residents. Trustee Myers was upset that the Board was not aware of the grant request to conduct this study, especially since she is the DPW Commissioner. The Mayor agreed with her and apologized for the oversight. Resolution #22/2006 was seconded by Trustee Moore and carried.

Mayor Yerick set a Public Hearing for January 2, 2007 at 6:30pm for Local Laws #1 and 2 of 2007.

Mayor Yerick announced that the SOS group will hold a service at the corner of Main and Market on December 29, 2006 at 6:45pm.

The Holiday Luncheon is December 22 at 12noon at the American Legion.

Mayor Yerick wished everyone a very Happy Holiday.

Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Myers, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk