

Village Board

July 3, 2006

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

Others: Alex Wade and Will Denis-New Saugerties Times

Mayor Robert Yerick called the Village Board to order at 7:10pm. Trustee Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the Saugerties Fire Department and the Village Police were very vigilant during the recent heavy rains. Fire Chief Martin met with Ulster County Emergency Coordinator Art Snyder and both departments monitored the Lighthouse Drive and Ferry Street areas of the Village both night and day. No serious damage occurred as a result of the high water.

Mayor Yerick presented the Minutes of the June 19th Village Board meeting for approval. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to approve the minutes as written. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for July 3rd; General - \$44,919.62; Bond payment - \$104,187.50; Water - \$7895.17; Wastewater - \$17,686.93; Police Equipment Reserve - \$7,500.00. The Trustees questioned why the bond payment had not appeared on the June 19 Abstract. Trustee Moore will ask Treasurer Julie Dunn and report back to the Board. Mayor Yerick explained that the \$7500.00 expense was for a new police car. Trustee Campbell asked what the \$2000.00 payment to Sheila Cole was for. Trustee Moore replied that it was the charge for the attorney who represented the Village in the PBA health insurance grievance. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Mayor Yerick reminded the Trustees to ask their Superintendents to get their reports to the Trustees by the Friday prior to the Board meeting.

Trustee Karashay invited the Board to the annual Fourth of July Fire Department Inspection.

Trustee Leahy reported that the pool and the beach opening has been delayed due to heavy rains and flooding. The Police Department taped off the beach area. Superintendent Terpening hopes to have the facilities open by Thursday. Steve Hunlock has been hired as the new street and parking lot groundskeeper. She reported that he is doing a great job. Loew's Plumbing has performed maintenance on the boiler at the Municipal Building. Upgrades were installed so the boiler will perform more efficiently. Trustee Campbell asked if the Village could clean the Reis Parking Lot prior to the Farmer's Market on Saturdays. Mayor Yerick replied that it was private property but would look into it.

Alex Wade had nothing to report. Trustee Campbell asked what was happening at the gas station on Ulster Avenue. Mr. Wade advised the Board that the gas station has a gas leak and the owners were removing contaminated soil. Building Inspector Eyal Saad is monitoring the situation.

Trustee Campbell presented his report (copy attached). TV23 is experiencing transmission problems. They have contacted Time Warner for advice. The next public hearing for SAMA is July 20 at 6:30pm at the Senior Center. All are urged to attend. Kudos to Judith Spektor for all her work. Alex Wade suggested that Mr. Campbell call the consultants to get feedback especially on the truck O&D Study.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that he is working with Bob Itzla from Senator Bonacic's office on the separation of the storm sewers on Route 9W. The Mayor explained that the DEC is mandating that the Village separate three storm drains on Rt. 9W from the sanitary system. The cost for the work is estimated to be \$70,000.00. The Mayor suggests three options: 1 – a variance from the DEC for the storm drains; 2 – the DOT perform the work and pay for it; 3 – the Village performs the work and NYS pays. The Senator's office will be contacting the DEC and DOT on the Village's behalf.

Trustee Murphy advised the Board that the Water Department exceeded the permitted turbidity levels last week due to the heavy rain. Mayor Yerick complimented Superintendent Joe Bisignano for the great job his department did during terrible conditions.

Mayor Yerick reported the Police Department was business as usual. The PD will be very busy on the 4th and next weekend for the Garden Tour, the Farmers Market, and the Car Show.

Trustee Myers reported that the DPW would begin work on storm sewer separation on Overbaugh Street this summer. The DPW has the 4th of July float ready to go.

Mayor Yerick reported that Trustee Moore and Treasurer Dunn are investigating the possibility of a tax adjustment for senior citizens. Mr. Nelson Burhans has spoken with the Mayor and several Trustees regarding this matter. The Mayor said if a tax decrease is given to seniors, the difference must be recouped from "somewhere". Trustee Moore will report his findings to the Board for their consideration.

Mayor Yerick reported that the Police Department has ordered a decibel meter to measure noise. The Village has received a complaint from a resident concerning noise from a pool pump. The Zoning Law states that any noise more than 50 decibels read at the property line is not permitted. Eyal Saad borrowed a decibel meter from the Town of Woodstock and tested 5 pool pumps throughout the Village. They all read over 50 decibels at the property line. The Village has contacted our attorney for advice.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that he has met with Mark Burns, the owner of Stella's Station regarding the proposed Columbus Day Parade. The Mayor informed Mr. Burns

that the Board was in favor of the parade and celebration, however they needed a detailed plan before they could grant approval. Mr. Burns agreed that the plan supplied to the Board was not adequate and he would delay the parade for another year. The festival at Stella's Station would go on as planned.

Mayor Yerick wished all a happy 4th of July.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Moore, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk