

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Suzanne LeBlanc, Michael Campbell, William Murphy, Michael Karashay and Richard Moore

Absent: Trustee Kelly Myers

Others: Richard Frisbie, Donald Hackett, Heather Plonchak – New Saugerties Times, Alex Wade, Eyal Saad, Ken White, Maryann Wrolsen, Rosemary Brackett, Ron LeBlanc, Bob Ciarlante, Joe Bisignano, George Terpening, Joe Schafer, Ed Quirk, William Kimble, Ulf Loven, and others

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

Privilege of the Floor

Ulf Loven, a Dock Street resident, read a letter (copy attached) written by his wife, Beth Loven, commenting on the proposed Partition Street Project.

Richard Frisbie presented excerpts from three articles written by him that were published in the Post Star in 2004 and 2005 (copies attached). The articles deal with consolidation. He also presented a “Studying Consolidation” paper (copy attached) that he had presented to the Village Board in 2005. He would like to see a citizens committee established to study the consolidation issue.

Maryann Wrolsen announced that the Village Democratic Committee is holding a meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Senior Citizens Building on Market Street. Candidates are invited to attend.

Trustee LeBlanc answered some Mr. Loven’s comments by stating that the Village Planning Board is the Lead Agency on the Partition Street Project and they are reviewing all aspects of the project. Public Hearings will be scheduled in the spring. She also mentioned that there are no citizens on the committee for the feasibility study to consolidate the Town and Village Police Departments.

Mayor Yerick commented that the Partition Street Project is being thoroughly reviewed by the Planning Board. He suggested that there were many errors in Mr. Loven’s letter regarding the project. Mayor Yerick also advised that the police consolidation feasibility study is ongoing and is not a simple undertaking.

Victor Cornelison addressed the Board regarding the new “Economic Stimulus Program”. He advised the Board that the current water line replacement project qualifies for the stimulus money at a lower interest or no interest rate than the Village currently has negotiated with the USDA. Mr. Cornelison is putting the final documents together to file for those dollars with the EFC. In addition, he has also requested \$1 million for the water system and \$1 million for the wastewater system in federal appropriation money from Congressman Maurice Hinchey. The Village is also on the “intended use plan” for a

replacement of wastewater trunk lines at a cost of \$1.7 million dollars. Mr. Cornelius is pursuing those funds. He will also be applying to the Office of Community Restoration for \$600,000.00 for fund the slope failure project on Post Street. That application is due in May. Public Hearings will be scheduled for April. Mayor Yerick advised the public that the Board and department supervisors work hard on many projects with Mr. Cornelius to acquire low cost or no cost dollars for the Village. He went on to say that the Village has a list of 27 projects that the Board would like to begin and complete, however finding the funds for these projects is always a challenge. Mr. Cornelius commented that the awarding of stimulus dollars will be based on several criteria and that the Village is in a better position than the Town of Saugerties to qualify for the program. Trustee LeBlanc inquired if the stimulus dollars could help with the proposed Police Department consolidation. Mr. Cornelius answered no.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the February 2, 2009 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Karashay, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Richard Moore presented the Abstract for February 17, 2009: General - \$37,491.79; Water - \$13,049.74; Wastewater - \$18,395.98. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Trustee Karashay presented the SFD report (copy attached). Trustee Karashay presented the name of Ashley Smith for membership into the CA Lynch Hose Company. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to accept Ashley Smith as a member of the CA Lynch Hose Company. Carried. Trustee Karashay praised the efforts of the SFD and Chief Joe Schafer for the “great save” at a recent structure fire on Washington Avenue. The SFD had the fire out in 15 minutes.

Trustee LeBlanc had nothing to report on Economic Development. She advised the Board of a ZBA Public Hearing on 2/4 at 7:00pm for an area variance and a Planning Board Public Hearing on 3/11 at 7:00pm for a Special Use Permit.

Eyal Saad presented the Building Department report (copy attached). He is hoping to scan old building department documents onto a disc for easier retrieval.

Trustee Campbell reported that he is working along with UCTC and the DOT on several projects. He plans to attend a “local projects fair” on 2/24.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). The storm sewer separation project on Hill Street has received the required approvals and should go out to bid in several weeks. This project will be paid for by the NYS DOT (the Village has paid the engineering costs) and will be fully coordinated with the Wall stabilization project and the repaving of Route 9W. The Village hopes to also replace an old water line in the same area. He also explained that NYS has already received the funds from Congressman Hinchey for the continued Streetscape Project in the Village. NYS has not released any of the second

phase dollars to the Village to date. The stimulus money would help free this money to be released to the Village.

Bob Ciarlante presented the DPW report (copy attached). Snow removal continues. Cold patching has begun.

George Terpening presented the Buildings and Grounds report (no written report). The crew is busy with daily janitorial duties and preparing for spring.

Trustee Murphy advised the Board that Premier Developers has installed a 900' water main on North Street. The line was installed to Village specifications by KC & Son and designed by Brinnier & Larios and approved by the UC Health Department. Premier Developers would like to turn the water line over to the Village. Water Superintendent Joe Bisignano recommends accepting the line. Trustee Murphy presented letters from KC & Sons stating they would be responsible for the line for one year from the date of Village acceptance. Motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Moore, to accept the North Street water line from Premier Developers. Carried.

Joe Bisignano presented the Water Department report (copy attached). Merritt Construction has resumed work on the water line replacement project after stopping for several weeks due to the severe weather.

Trustee Murphy spoke saying that in the letter read by Mr. Ulf Loven earlier in the meeting, Mr. Loven disputes whether our wastewater treatment plant is capable of handling the additional flow from the proposed Partition Street Project. Trustee Murphy believes that the plant currently has the capacity for this project. He also said that if the Village receives the funds to reline the wastewater trunk lines mentioned earlier in the meeting, the inflow and infiltration problem will be greatly diminished and capacity will be even further increased.

Trustee LeBlanc advised the Board that Beth Murphy, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, will address the Village Board on March 2, 2009.

Police Chief Kimble presented his report (copy attached). He reported the resignation of part-time Patrolman Ryan Halsted. He also advised the Board that Patrolman Michael Carrado is retiring from the force after 20 years of service. Chief Kimble recommends that the position previously held by Officer Chrisjohn (who resigned) be eliminated. He recommended that the Village replace Officer Carrado with a part time officer for the remainder of the fiscal year. The position would become full time June 1, 2009. The Village would save a total of \$59,000.00 if these recommendations were followed. Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Moore, to eliminate the position previously held by Patrolman Chrisjohn, replace Patrolman Carrado with a part time office to become full time in June 2009. After discussion the motion carried with Trustee LeBlanc abstaining.

Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Karashay, to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and personnel issues. Carried. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:17pm and returned at 9:25pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Moore, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk

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