

Village Board

February 2, 2009

Present: Mayor Robert Yerick, Trustees Richard Moore, William Murphy, Kelly Myers and Suzanne LeBlanc

Absent: Trustees Michael Campbell and Michael Karashay

Others: Alex Wade, Heather Plonchak-New Saugerties Times, students from SHS Government Class, David Radavanovic, Ken White, Maryann Wrolsen, Don Hackett and others

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

Privilege of the Floor

Richard Frisbee announced that he is running for Mayor in the upcoming Village Election. Mayor Yerick wished him good luck and thanked him for his interest.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the January 20, 2009 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the minutes as written. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for February 2, 2009: General - \$31,131.09; Water - \$11,387.00; Wastewater - \$12,383.00; Water Distribution - \$251,014.21. Motion was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Mayor Yerick reported the Police Department is issuing tickets to residents who have not cleared their sidewalks. He also reminded everyone that the parking meter costs have increased to \$.25 and the meters accept only quarters.

Trustee LeBlanc reported that the Economic Development Committee recently hosted a reception where 45 artists presented their designs to 45 sponsors for the Hors'n Around Saugerties project. Two of the unpainted horses are in the lobby of the Village Hall for everyone to see. The Village DPW will install stands on the street to display the horses along with help from the Town. Trustee LeBlanc also advised the Board that Beth Murphy, the Chair of the Saugerties Economic Development Committee would address the Village Board on March 2nd. She will give a report on the activities of the Committee for 2008/2009. The Village Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on February 24th at 7:00pm on the application of Abraham Argueta for an area variance. Eyal Saad has received a good response from area businesses regarding the new fire inspections required by NYS.

Mayor Yerick introduced the names of John DeWald and Michael Nelson to become Village Representatives on the TV23 Committee. Trustee Michael Campbell recommended both these men to the Mayor and urges Board approval. Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve John DeWald and Michael Nelson to the TV23 Committee representing the Village. Carried.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). He advised the Board that he, Mayor Yerick, and Trustee LeBlanc are working with grantwriter Victor Cornelius to develop shovel ready infrastructure projects for the anticipated economic stimulus package. He also explained Resolution #2/2009 to the Board. He explained that previously all municipalities were required to bond for any work that took place in the NYS DOT right-of-way. With this Resolution, the Village agrees to complete paperwork that changes this requirement. Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve Resolution #2/2009. Trustee Myers asked if the Village would still be covered for liability purposes. Mr. Wade answered yes. A roll call vote was taken and the Resolution carried.

Trustee LeBlanc asked if anyone knew who had been working on the bridge over the Esopus today. She wondered if the work crew was required to notify the Village. She mentioned that traffic was impacted. Mayor Yerick said no one received any notification and he would investigate. Alex Wade suggested that it might have been a crew checking the cables that run along the bridge.

Trustee Myers reported that the DPW has had a busy snow season. They have removed snow in the business district several times this season. The loader will be back in service tomorrow. The DPW will be assisting in the instillation of the horses for the Hors'n Around project. The roof on the CA Lynch FireHouse needs to be replaced. The project will go out to bid.

Trustee Murphy reported that Merritt Construction has stopped work on the water line replacement project for the winter. They are still responsible for repairing the streets that have been excavated. There was a water line break on East Bridge Street that has been repaired. He also reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant received a good report from the DEC after an inspection in December 2008.

Mayor Yerick reported that Victor Cornelius and Village engineers were hard at work to complete applications for water and sewer infrastructure project to be submitted to NYS in anticipation of funds from the Economic Stimulus Package. In addition to those projects, the Village has a list of additional projects that need funding and has sent some of those proposed projects to the County. Trustee LeBlanc explained that the water/sewer projects were ready to go and would be submitted first.

Mayor Yerick presented Resolution #4/2009 which names the Village as Lead Agency with respect to Environmental Review for the project relining Village sanitary sewers and classifies the Action as Type II. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Moore and carried unanimously.

Clerk Mary Frank explained that 2 Public Hearings were needed by the end of February to move this sewer-relining project forward. The Board set a Public Hearing for 6:45pm on February 17th and a second Public Hearing for February 23rd at 9:00am. Grantwriter

Victor Cornelius will attend these meetings to explain the project to the Board and the public.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the PBA contract negotiations are ongoing.

Mayor Yerick reminded the Board of the Budget timetable and urged everyone to hold their budget line as tightly as possible.

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that Central Hudson has provided the Village with names and phone contacts in case any Trustee knows of a resident who is in need of help with heat and electricity. Contact the Clerk for the information.

Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Myers, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk