

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

Absent: Trustee William Murphy

Others: Youth Award winners families and friends, Mary Olsen, students from SHS Government Class, Don Hackett, Maryann Wrolsen and others

Mayor Yerick presented the Youth Awards to Sophia Foster, Nina Castro, Morgan Watson, Chelsea Defino and Jamie Walker. He congratulated each individual on behalf of the Board. The Award Winners each received a hearty round of applause from the Village Board and audience.

Mayor Yerick called the Village Board to order at 7:25pm. Trustee Suzanne LeBlanc led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Yerick spoke-saying Sunday's Holiday in the Village was a huge success. Thanks go to the Kiwanis, the Chamber of Commerce and everyone who participated in the planning of the event.

There was no one present who wished to speak at Privilege of the Floor.

Victor Cornelius, the Village grants writer, spoke giving the Board a status update of all grants and low interest loans in progress. The Village currently has a \$3.5 million loan from the USDA for improvements to the water system. This is a 38-year loan at an interest rate of 3.25%. He is negotiating with the USDA to drop the interest rate to 2%. Mr. Cornelius has also filed an application with the NYS EFC for a 30 year 0% loan. Many communities apply for this loan that is based on a point system established by the EFC. The number of points that are that are needed to qualify for a loan is 150 – the Village currently has 75 points. Mr. Cornelius is working with Brinnier & Larios and Joe Bisignano (Water Department Superintendent) to add points to the Village application. They are looking at pressure issues, turbidity issues at the reservoir, an alternative ground water source and valve replacement for more points. The Village was recently awarded a grant of \$800,000.00 from the federal government (through Congressman Hinchey) for the relining a major sewer trunk line extending from Ulster Avenue, through the woods off West Bridge Street, to the pump station on East Bridge Street. The Village has 2 additional trunk lines that need attention. The Village will apply to the EFC for funding for this project. Mr. Cornelius will also apply for grant dollars to fund the upgrading of sidewalks from the bridge to the Trinity Church. Trustee Campbell inquired if the installation of sidewalks from the Trinity Church to Barclay Heights could be included. Trustee Myers added that there are many pedestrians who walk along 9W in that area and perhaps could share the cost with the Town. Mr. Cornelius asked the Board for any police reports showing pedestrian accidents to help convince the EFC of the need for sidewalks. Mr. Cornelius also advised the Board that member initiatives from NYS are due shortly.

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of the November 16, 2009 Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve the minutes. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for December 7, 2009. General Fund - \$82,909.45; Water Fund - \$10,619.98; Wastewater Fund - \$62,710.45. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Campbell, to approve the Abstract. Carried.

Trustee Myers advised the Board that leaf pickup has ended. The sweeper followed the leaf collection to ensure all the streets were ready for the snow season. New parking signs have been installed in the Municipal Parking lots behind Mirabella's. These signs were removed from storage at the DPW garage. The Christmas Tree and menorah are up. Thanks to the Reis Group and M/M W. Garzione and to the SFD for the installation of lights on the buildings and the decorating of the tree. Holiday in the Village was wonderful! The DPW is ready for the snow. No parking on Village streets goes into effect December 15 through March 15.

Trustee Dirie advised the Board that the Holiday Tour of Homes sponsored by the Historical Society was great. A great job on Holiday in the Village – thanks go out to Merchants, Chamber, Kiwanis, George Terpening and his crew and M/M Pete Kramer, Rick Smith, Debbie Brink and Kevin Brown. The Cahill Playground equipment is coming to the Village Parks. The Cahill PTA has decided not to hold the fundraising street fair in the spring. Eight new parking signs have been installed in the municipal lot. A resident has suggested directional signs to the ice arena. TFLAC has suggested that the Village ban smoking in public parks. Trustee Dirie advised the Board that at the recent HRB meeting they discussed asking the NYS DOT to allow the HRB more input on route signage and sidewalk issues in the Historic District. The annual CLG report is complete and all the storefronts in the Village have been photographed. Trustee LeBlanc asked who would monitor the parking in the municipal lot – the answer – the Police Department.

Trustee Campbell advised the Board that the 1991 ladder truck is in need of a \$700.00 repair. They will replace the part using capital funds. Mr. Campbell has heard from the Thruway regarding a sign on the NYS Thruway announcing that Saugerties is a top ten “coolest town”. The request is moving through the approval process – the cost could be shared by Town, the Chamber of Commerce and the Village. Holiday in the Village was a huge success. Thanks to all those groups already mentioned along with Regina Martucci from the World of Dance, Van Bolle from DIG and the Campbell's from Market Street. The tree donated from M/M Garzione was in memory of their son. Thanks also to St. Mary's Choir and to Ray Mayone for the horses and wagon donated at no cost. Trustee Campbell would like to install international parking signs for the municipal lot behind Mirabella's at the recommendation of the SAMA Committee.. He understands that the HRB has some objections to the sign not being historic in style. He would like the Village Board to over ride the HRB and install the signs. There was a discussion between the Mayor and Trustee Campbell, with the Mayor saying he did not want to overrule the HRB and the Beautification Committee without some input from

them. He also cited financial concerns about purchasing the sign. Trustee Campbell did not agree with the Mayor's position. Trustee Moore suggested using dollars from the Capital Fund to purchase the sign if it is approved.

Trustee LeBlanc congratulated Trustee Campbell and Trustee Dirie for the successful Holiday in the Village event. She also mentioned that the Pro Musica concert was wonderful. Lucky Chocolates has opened on Partition St. The folks who own the Mezzaluna Café have purchased a building on Partition St. The Planning Board is scheduled to meet December 9<sup>th</sup> – Country Meadows, Partition Street Project and more are on the agenda. The ZBA recently denied the appeal of Susan Bolitzer for the issuance of a building permit to John Dorans. She also advised the Board that there was a clerical error in the law presented to abolish the police department at the last Village Board meeting. The law will be presented at a future date with a corrected number.

Alex Wade congratulated the Historical Society and Marjorie Block for their successful House Tour. The paperwork to the NYS DOT for reimbursement for the payment of the stormwater separation project is proceeding.

Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc, to adjourn. Carried. The Board adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk