

Village Board

August 7, 2006

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

Others: Alex Wade, Will Denis, Karin Yerry, Judith Spektor

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

Mayor Yerick presented the minutes of July 17, 2006 for approval. Motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Leahy, to approve the minutes as written. Carried.

Trustee Moore presented the Abstract for August 7th: General - \$296,206.18; Water - \$10,024.11; Wastewater - \$21,132.86; Wastewater Treatment Fund - \$39,438.90. Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Myers, to approve the abstract for payment. Carried.

Alex Wade presented his report on Special Assignments (copy attached).

Mayor Yerick advised the Board that the neighbor dispute regarding pool pump noise could not be resolved between the two parties. Some modifications to the pump were made, however today's reading show the motor still to be in violation.

Alex Wade and Trustee Moore commented on the vandalism at the Reis Parking lot. Mayor Yerick said perhaps the Village should once again consider surveillance cameras. The Police Department is investigating the incident. Some discussion regarding offering a reward for information regarding acts of vandalism took place. Motion was made by Mayor Yerick, seconded by Trustee Moore, to authorize the Mayor to offer a reward not exceeding \$1000.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for acts of vandalism. Carried.

Trustee Campbell presented his Special Assignment report (copy attached). The new Program Coordinator, Katie Greaves, is on the job for TV23. A proposal from the Village and Town for sidewalks on Market Street Extension, Canoe Hill, Kraut Road and Washington Avenue was rated 4th by the Transportation Enhancement Program. There may be some funding for the proposal. Trustee Campbell advised the Board that the SAMA study proposed one way traffic through the alley between the Village Hall and the Boys & Girls Club. Mayor Yerick asked the Board to consider the idea and revisit it at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Leahy advised the Board that the SAMA study recommends that the library stay in the Village. They propose creating walkways from the Municipal Parking Lot on Partition Street to the Library on Washington Avenue. Mayor Yerick agrees that the Library should stay at its present location. He would like the Board to adopt an official position on the matter. Trustee Leahy advised the Board that the architect hired by the Library Board has recommended the Barclay Heights site. The Library Board must make

a decision on what they feel is the best location for the community. The Library Board would like public comments to them by August 23rd. The Library Board will make its decision on September 12th. Trustee Myers said she had attended the Library site selection presentation and would like to see a copy of the report made available to the public. She said the cost to renovate the Village site was \$700,000.00 less than the Barclay Heights site. Trustee Leahy would like the Village to encourage the Library to stay by providing the walkways from the Municipal Parking lot, consider making Division Street pedestrian friendly, consider a 3-story building and more. Mayor Yerick advised that there was a meeting of people interested in keeping the Library at its present site following the Village Board meeting at the home of Dick and Joy Moore.

Trustee Murphy reported that the work on the replacement of the belt press at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is finished. The crew from Texas did a great job.

Mayor Yerick reported “business as usual” at the Police Department.

Trustee Myers reported that the DPW is busy paving – the hot weather is a great time to pave. Work has been done on Washington Avenue (the sides have been left unpaved due to pending infrastructure work), Seamon Park entryway, extensive work on Esopus Drive, Washburn Terrace, Sawyerkill Terrace and more. Trustee Myers also reported that she has contacted the DOT regarding replacement of the guardrail at the Knights of Columbus building on 9W. She was told the DOT will research the request and make a decision – Trustee Myers was not happy with that answer and is writing the DOT. Mayor Yerick noted that the back driveway at Seamon Park is in disrepair and asked if it should be closed until repairs are made. He suggested that Trustee Leahy, Trustee Myers and DPW Superintendent Ciarlante meet and make a decision.

Trustee Karashay reported that it was a quiet July for the SFD. He, Chief Martin and several others will be attending the NYS Fire Convention next week. The CA Lynch Company is beginning the process of looking for a new truck.

Trustee Leahy reported “business as usual” at the Buildings and Grounds Department. The Village Beach is very busy and the lifeguards are doing a great job. Thanks to the DPW for paving the potholes in the Seamon Park lot.

Mayor Yerick presented 3 resolutions for Board approval. All three resolutions declare a specific property unsafe and dangerous and call for its removal or repair. Resolution #13/2006 declares 9 Partition Street unsafe; Resolution #14/2006 declares 51 Livingston Street unsafe and Resolution #15/2006 declares 217-221 Partition Street unsafe. The resolutions were seconded by Trustee Moore and carried unanimously.

Mayor Yerick presented Local Law #1/2006 for Board review. This law modifies the section of the Zoning Law regarding the decibel level of unnecessary noise. A Public Hearing was scheduled for August 21 at 6:30pm.

Mayor Yerick presented Local Law #2/2006 for Board review. This law adds handicapped parking spaces on Partition Street and metered parking in front of the Boys & Girls Club on Partition Street. A Public Hearing was scheduled for August 21 at 6:30pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Karashay, seconded by Trustee Moore, to adjourn. Carried. The Village Board adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank
Village Clerk