



VILLAGE OF SAUGERTIES
43 PARTITION STREET
SAUGERTIES, N.Y. 12477

Village Board Meeting Minutes April 6, 2020

Due to COVID19 pandemic and the Governor's Executive Order 202 regarding open meetings, this meeting was held via Webex. Connection information was broadcast online for residents to participate.

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Vince Buono, Jeff Helmuth, Terry Parisian, Don Hackett, Brian Martin
Others: Alex Wade, Chris Wade, Bill Kemble, Dave Gordon,

Mayor Murphy opened the meeting at 5:30pm.

Mayor Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor - No one requested to address the Board.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from March 16, 2020.

Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes from March 16, 2020. The motion to approve the minutes from March 16, 2020 was seconded by Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for April 6 2020:

- General \$ 60,723.56
- Water \$ 11,730.98
- Wastewater \$ 31,635.09

Trustee Hackett questioned the expense for a boiler at the Water plant and the health care payments.

Trustee Buono stated that it was a part for the boiler at the reservoir rental house. **Mayor Murphy** explained that the quarterly MVP healthcare payments were paid from each department. There is a savings of \$4000 over the healthcare budget from last year.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for April 6, 2020. The motion to approve the Abstract of April 6, 2020 was seconded by Trustee Parisian. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Martin referred to the Purchase Order from Sourcewell that had been emailed to the Trustees.

The purchase order is for a 2020 Rosenbauer Viper Ariel truck with a commander chassis through Garrison Fire and Resue at a price of \$949,809. **Mayor Murphy** stated that he would like to have the price quote remain valid for at least 60 days. **Chief Wade** stated he felt that Garrison would be flexible with the price quote date but he would call to confirm. **Mayor Murphy** suggested that the Trustees review the purchase order. The purchase would be discussed at the next in person Board meeting.

Trustee Martin reported that the Fire Departments April meeting and Chief's Night have been cancelled.

Trustee Martin is requesting that the current Chief's remain in their positions until a formal election can take place.

Trustee Martin made a motion to keep the current Fire Department administration until a formal election can be conducted. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to keep the current Fire Department administration until a formal election can be conducted. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Martin reported that for safety precautions, all Fire houses are off limits, entry to all Fire houses will be limited to essential personnel only. All departments have received a text that anyone entering the Fire house must sign in. No social activities are allowed at the firehouses until further notice.

Trustee Martin is researching the purchase of a mister/fogger for cleaning and disinfecting equipment and spaces at the Fire house. The device will \$660, and the disinfectant solution will be \$80. This will actually be useful for all departments. The cost could be shared among the departments.

Trustee Parisian reported that DPW will go ahead with Spring Cleanup beginning April 13th through April 24th. Due to the reduction of the crew and social distancing requirements, it may take longer to complete. Several Stop signs were stolen from Village Streets. DPW will replace and inventory the other Village signs for replacement or repair.

Deputy Mayor Mayer asked whether or not the DPW would be able to install the butterfly art work this Spring. **Trustee Parisian** stated that the installation of the art displays is in the DPW's plan to be done.

Trustee Helmuth questioned the No Parking sign that was put up on Lafayette Street in front of a residence house. **Mayor Murphy** believes that the resident put the sign up to keep cars from being parked in front of their driveway. It should be checked to see if it is on private property or the Villages.

Trustee Buono stated that the Public Hearing for the budget was supposed to be tonight. **Mayor Murphy** said that since the change to public meetings, the information for this webex tonight for a Public Hearing was not timely enough. The Village attorney was consulted and the Public Hearing can be held at the next meeting.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to set the Public Hearing for the 20/21 Village Budget on April 20, 2020 at 5:30pm via Webex. **Deputy Mayor Mayer** seconded the motion to set the Public Hearing for the 20/21 Village Budget on April 20, 2020 at 5:30pm via Webex. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported that the majority of her monthly meetings have been cancelled.

- The Chamber of Commerce has decided not to publish a Discover Saugerties booklet this year. The Town tourism committee will be a trifold brochure instead. There will be no public preview event for the street art butterflies. The Chamber scholarship will be on line for students to apply. Small Business loan information is on the Chamber website.

Trustee Helmuth presented an idea for the use of the lot on the corner of Montross Street and Partition Street. He suggested it may be used for public restrooms.

Trustee Helmuth has received an email regarding Local Government Relief Fund for Corona virus aid relief and grant writing. **Mayor Murphy** stated that there maybe some sort of relief program that municipalities may qualify for after this pandemic is over. The Village just received a delivery of masks and hand sanitizers from NYS. They were distributed among the departments.

Trustee Hackett reported that the Wastewater Department is considered essential workers. A full crew is working. A metal cat walk has been replaced at the WW plant. To save on cost, the installation was done by Waste Water employees.

The RBC installation has been put on hold.

The mandate on nonessential construction is being enforced by the Building Dept.

Mayor Murphy added that the RBC construction may be considered essential and may be allowed.

Trustee Buono thanked the Mayor and all the people volunteering to distribute the meals to residents.

Mayor Murphy reported that the joint efforts of Dan Whalen with the Boys and Girls Club and Tom Struzzi from Diamond Mills, Veterans and the Village volunteers has produced and distributed over 600 meals per day. It is a great group of people organizing and more than 7 local restaurants are participating.

The Ulster County Resilience Program is also delivering meals daily. Participating local restaurants receive \$10 per lunch. Tom Struzzi has been donating 500 lunches 6 days a week for this project. The amount of restaurants participating has increased from 25 to 60.

The meals distributions helps keep the participating local restaurants operating and able to keep some of their employees working.

As of today there are 25 positive cases of Corona Virus in Saugerties. All school closures have been extended to April 29th. NYS Regents exams have been cancelled.

Mayor Murphy presented the renewal of the contract with Roemer, Wallens, Gold and Mineaux for labor relations. There is a proposed \$25.00 per month increase in the second and third year of the three year contract. The first year remains at \$450 per month and the second and third years will increase to \$475 per month. Please review the contract and be prepared to vote at the April 20th meeting.

Alex Wade reported for Special Projects. See attached report. Alex Wade mentioned that all the NYS DOT paperwork has been mailed. Due to the mandates DOT personnel are working remotely.

Mayor Murphy thanked Alex Wade for his hard work on the bluestone side walk project. Several compliments have been received.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to reappoint Judge Robert Schnell as the Associate Justice for the Village of Saugerties for a yearly appointment ending March 31, 2021. Trustee Martin seconded the motion to reappoint Judge Robert Schnell as the Associate Justice for the Village of Saugerties for a yearly appointment ending March 31, 2021. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. The motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Next Village Board meeting and the Public Hearing for the 20/21 Budget is Monday April 20, 2020 at 5:30 pm via Webex.

<https://villageofsaugerties.my.webex.com/join/bmurphy>

Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk
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