



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes January 22, 2019

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustees Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Terry Parisian, Brian Martin, Jeff Helmuth, Mike Hopf, Eyal Saad, George Terpening, Richard Forbes, Paul Boice, Captain Filak, Chris Mason Brian Mason, Vincent McLaughlin, Bill Kemble, Dave Gordon

Mayor Murphy called the **Village Board Meeting** to order at 5: 30 pm.

Mayor Murphy requested **Trustee Hackett** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor – No one was present to address the Board.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from January 7, 2019. Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 Village Board meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Trustee Buono. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for January 22, 2019:

- **General** \$ 72,588.11
- **Water** \$ 15,934.36
- **Wastewater** \$ 17,581.64
- **Short Lived Assets** \$ 3,118.00

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for January 22, 2019. The motion to approve the Abstract of January 22, 2019 was seconded by Trustee Parisian. The motion carried unanimously.

George Terpening presented his report for the Buildings, Parks and Grounds Department. The Donlon Auditorium is getting a lot of use this season. Thank you to the Vince Buono, Pete Gage, Tom Riozzi and the Kiwanis Club for the Holiday decorations and light display at Seamon Park. The display is being taken down and stored.

Mike Hopf presented his report for the Water Department.

A leak in the water system is suspected and is leaking approximately 100,000 gallons per day. The suspected places have already been checked. NYS Rural Water will be assisting in locating a leak in the system.

There will be a preconstruction meeting on January 31 – 10am at the Water plant for the Pre-Filter Project. The new pre-filter will help keep the water plant online during highly turbulent rain events for approximately 3 days. The pre-filter will back-up one filter at 650,000 gallons per day and the secondary water source will be another 350,000 gallons per day. NYS certification 2B will be required when both projects are complete.

The water line connection for the new hotel will be happening with in the next few weeks.

Captain Filak presented his report for the Police Department.

Captain Filak will be representing Chief Sinagra at the Village Board meetings from now on.

The community is invited to a Narcan training seminar to be held at the Frank Greco Building on Friday, January 25th at 6:30pm.

Trustee Hackett thanked the Captain Filak and the Police Dept. for donating an AED for the Little League concession stand.

What happened with the school regarding Washington Avenue parking? **Mayor Murphy** stated that he had spoken to the school Superintendent regarding the school personnel parking on Washington Avenue all day. The Superintendent would like to handle it internally and notify all staff at Cahill as a first step before new signs are imposed. There has been a noticeable change with the number of cars parked on that street since the notification.

Eyal Saad presented his report for the Building Department.

There will be a new carrier for the email system by the end of the month. Nothing will change for email users. We will be transferring host server from Magna to Microsoft 365 and Hudson River Technology will maintain it.

The contractor has been hired to remove the asbestos from 18-20 Russell Street. Once the asbestos is removed the house can be taken down.

A meeting with the owners of 46 Post Street is planned for tomorrow. The neighbor is possibly interested in buying the property. We are trying to work with the owner.

Snow removal is 24 hours after the snow has stopped. Letters to property owners who do not shovel will be sent out.

There is a movement regarding Air B&B regulations. Case studies regarding lawsuits are being researched. How to monitor and regulate short term and long term rentals and are they classified the same? Fire detectors and noise are issues. The rentals are hard to detect in some cases. More education is needed before any new laws are passed.

Robert Kelly is to revamp the heating system circulating pumps. The energy audit replaced the thermostats but were not connected correctly.

Mayor Murphy thanked Eyal for all the different jobs he does for the Village. He does so much more than Building Inspector.

Trustee Hackett presented the reports for the Fire Department and Wastewater Department. See attached reports.

Trustee Hackett thanked the fire fighters for all they do.

The Wastewater Dept. along with Protective Power replaced the computer board for the emergency generator at the East Bridge Street pump station. This is the same generator as the main Wastewater plant.

The cost to replace the Teetsel Street wastewater line was discussed - \$2600 for piping, \$5000 for materials, and \$3000 for in house excavation and blacktop. The replacement of the line was part of the 2006 Planning Boards approval of the Special Use permit for Chestnut Holdings. The line is old clay pipes and are due for replacement in the budget.

Rich Forbes presented his report for the Department of Public Works. See the attached report.

Mayor Murphy thanked DPW department for their great job keeping the roads clean.

Snow removal in the business district will begin tonight at midnight. The Town will be assisting with men and equipment. The area near Cahill School and the parking lots will be done also.

Trustee Parisian thanked the DPW department for a great job with the snowstorm.

He reported that the AIM funding is possibly being cut from the NYS budget for Villages and Towns. How will it affect us and how will we make it up? The **Mayor and Trustee Buono** will look into the impact this cut would have on the Village budget.

Trustee Helmuth reported that the Zoning Board meeting was tonight.

The action to control the invasive species is being addressed by the Town. The mats are being considered for the swimming area. This keeps the algae growth from surfacing. The chemical herbicide is also being considered but the results from Westchester County are still pending. Trustee Helmuth will attend the meeting or send a representative.

The Sons of the American Legion hosted a dinner for the Coast Guard families affected by the government shutdown.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported

- The Chamber of Commerce discussed the timing and distribution for 2019 Discover Saugerties Guides. The guide will have an art theme. The Chamber is donating gift cards for groceries to the Coast Guard affected by the government shutdown. Climate Smart Saugerties – Go Green/Climate Smart Saugerties event in May. A possibility of a section of the Saugerties Times to feature Chamber news. The Chamber Board mixer is open to non-members at Bella Luna on Wednesday January 30 at 6:30 pm. Adele Zimmerman from the Saugerties Animal Shelter will be the guest speaker.
- Town of Saugerties Tourism is having a photo contest. The winning photos will be included in the 2019 Discover Saugerties Guide. Contest information is available on the Town of Saugerties website under tourism.
- The Saugerties Animal Shelter videos will be featured on TV23 in memory of Marie Post.
- The Comprehensive Plan Committee will have a meeting on Jan 28th at 6:30pm.

Trustee Buono nothing new to report other than it is budget time and supervisors should be preparing their budgets.

Trustee Hackett nothing new to report.

Zoning Petition

The Board reviewed the Planning Boards comments and recommendations regarding the petition for a zoning change made by Chestnut Hill Holdings LLC. The discussion continued regarding the need for a Public Hearing for this change. Trustee Helmuth explained the process regarding the Planning Board. The Zoning Petition had been presented to the Village Board and the Village Board requested comments from the Planning Board. Trustee Parisian stated that he understood that a Public Hearing would be required before the Board could make a decision. A discussion regarding the petition continued and resulted in a vote on the petition with Mayor Murphy recusing himself from the vote due to association with the applicant.

Trustee Helmuth made a motion to not approve Chestnut Hill Holdings LLC's zoning change petition and keep the existing zoning (B2) in place on Teetsel Street. The motion to not approve Chestnut Hill Holdings LLC's zoning change petition and keep the existing zoning (B2) in place on Teetsel Street was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all present, Trustee Martin was absent and Mayor Murphy abstained. The motion carried.

Tax Exemption

The Town of Saugerties is proposing an amendment for two tax exceptions for the tiered income levels. The Village is interested in adopting the same amendments as the Town. A Public Hearing will be required and then an amendment and resolution adopted. **The Trustees set a Public Hearing for Monday, February 4th at 5:25pm.**

The Fire Department Cancer Insurance

Insurance coverage for the volunteer fire department members with cancer is being mandated by NYS. The cost of the VFIS Cancer Insurance policy to cover 14 Village volunteer firefighters would be \$188 for full coverage which includes all cancers per member per year or partial coverage for \$137 which does not include lung cancer and melanoma per member per year.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the full coverage for VFIA Cancer Insurance for the volunteer firefighters at a cost of \$2632 per year. Trustee Helmuth seconded the motion to approve the full coverage for VFIA Cancer Insurance for the volunteer firefighters at a cost of \$2632 per year. The motion carried unanimously.

Daylight Savings time letter see attached.

Trustee Helmuth presented a letter regarding the Lock the Clock movement that would like to keep daylight savings time year round. The letter is to be signed by the Board of Trustees and mailed to state representatives. **Trustee Parisian** requested to include the Federal representatives also. The signature page was passed for all Trustees to sign. **Trustee Martin** was not present to sign.

Resolution

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #2 – Tax Lien Foreclosure Agreement.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #2 seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all present, Trustee Martin was absent. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy requested a moment of silence in memory of Keith Helsmoortel who passed away on January 15th. Mr. Helsmoortel was a long time member of the Snyder Hose Fire Department.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Buono. The motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Next Village Board meeting is Monday February 4, 2019 at 5:30 pm with a Public Hearing at 5:20.

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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