



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes November 6, 2017

Present: Mayor Murphy, Trustees Brian Martin, Vince Buono, Don Hackett, Terry Parisian, Jeff Helmuth,

Absent: Deputy Mayor Mayer,

Others: Ed Quirk, Bill Kemble, Robert Gallenz, Virginia Davies, 4 High School students

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

Trustee Helmuth led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

No one present to address the Board.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from October 16, 2107. Trustee Parisian made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 16, 2017 Village Board meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Buono to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for November 6, 2017:

- **General** \$ 59,159.61
- **Water** \$ 21,118.37
- **Wastewater** \$ 16,732.09
- **Special – Seamon Park** \$ 2,094.00
- **Short Lived Assets –Water Dept** \$ 4,025.72

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for November 6, 2017. Motion was seconded by Trustee Martin to approve the Abstract. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Sargent Jorge Castagnola was present to address the Board regarding cars that are parked in the municipal lots for long periods of time. Some cars have been in the same parking spots for weeks and months at a time without being moved. Violations cannot be issued because currently there is no local laws that prohibits long term parking in the municipal lots. If the car is not registered or without plates it can be towed away. If there is a valid registration it cannot be towed. It presents a problem when space is needed and for maintenance. Leaf and snow removal is difficult.

Mayor Murphy suggested a courtesy call to let the vehicle owner know that the car is to be moved. Sargent Castagnola said that it is often difficult because with the use of cells phones, there is no way to find out the contact number. License plates can be run but they are sometimes out of the area.

Mayor Murphy does not want to create an unfriendly atmosphere for residents. What suggestions does the Police have regarding time frame? Sargent Castagnola suggested anywhere from 48 hours to 2 weeks. The possibility of issuing permits for long term parking and tagging cars to be moved within 48 hours was suggested.

Mayor Murphy would like to consult with the Village attorney for input and discuss at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Parisian Reminder - Leaf pick up will be November 13-17 – leaves only, one time only! Notices will be distributed to residents who leave brush stating that the brush will not be picked up and can be brought to Steele Place.

Trustee Helmuth reported that the Shout Out Saugerties event is over and that it was well received. It is possible that it may be done again next year.

Trustee Buono nothing new to report.

Trustee Martin reported that the Ulster County Fireman's Association will hold their annual meeting at the Fire house on November 21st. The Halloween Parade went very well. Chief Sinagra will have a full report about the parade at the November 20th Village Board meeting.

Trustee Hackett had nothing new to report.

Mayor Murphy reported that Lighthouse TV will be live streaming the Board meetings from their new media center at the Senior Center on Market Street. They are requesting that the Village hold their Board meetings at the new media center as well.

The Town is donating a large portion to the Lighthouse TV budget and Lighthouse TV is requesting we increase our \$600 donation to \$1200. The increase would be part of the June 2018 Village budget. Both topics will be discussed further at the next Board meeting when Deputy Mayor Mayer is present.

Mayor Murphy discussed the Montross/Partition Street property. The property is assessed at \$41,000. It has water and sewer and is a buildable lot. Trustee Hackett thought that the assessment was too high especially when the Village owned property on Livingston St was larger and was valued at much less. He would like to see the Montross Street property go for sale at a Public Auction. Mayor Murphy agreed an auction is a good idea. Mayor Murphy would like to get input from the Village attorney before proceeding.

Mayor Murphy presented Alex Wades report for Special Projects. See attached report.

Mayor Murphy presented Deputy Mayor Mayer's report. See attached report. DPW employee Joe Schaeffer is in charge of decorating the Village Christmas tree in the Reis parking lot. Joe has obtained donations from Kiwanis Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Town of Saugerties towards new lights. Mayor Murphy commended Joe for taking on the task and doing a great job.

Mayor Murphy requested a moment of silence be observed in honor of the tragic terrorist attack in NYC and the mass shooting at a church in Texas.

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

Next Village Board meeting is November 20 at 5:30pm.

Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk
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