



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes June 4, 2018

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Terry Parisian, Jeff Helmuth, Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Brian Martin  
Alex Wade, Bill Kimble, Christina Coulter, Ed Quirk, Bob Gallenz, Z Willie Neuman, Family members of Youth Awards recipients, 15 Saugerties High School students

**Mayor Murphy** and Mary Olsen presented the Saugerties Community Youth Awards to **Emmaleah West, Anthony Spucches and Michael Ferrara.**

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

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

### **Privilege of the Floor**

Z Willie Neuman spoke concerning the water chestnuts invading the swimming area of the Village beach. The algae and the chestnuts are taking over. Mr. Neuman has an idea for a rake. Mayor Murphy stated that there had been workers at the beach a few weeks ago and pulled out truckloads of chestnut growth. Mr. Neuman also mentioned there is a large amount of duck and goose droppings. He is willing to be part of an organized effort to help clean up the beach area. Mr. Neuman addressed the students in the audience to encourage them to volunteer to be part of the cleanup effort. Mayor Murphy stated he appreciates his concern and is aware of the situation. We will put together a volunteer committee. Trustee Helmuth explained that during June the water chestnut grows in such a way that it floats, relocates and reattaches. Even though it has been cleaned up it continues to grow and spread.

Bob Gallenz thanked the members of the Fire Department for the wonderful job they did fighting the fire on Russell Street on April 21st. It is a testimony to the Fire Department that the whole block did not catch fire because the houses are so close.

Mr. Gallenz stated that there are 44 more days until the traveling Vietnam War memorial will be in Saugerties. He is concerned that the large number of people that will be attending the wall will tax village resource. Mayor Murphy assured Mr. Gallenz that the Village would be able to handle the additional people.

### **Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from May 21 and May 31, 2018.**

Trustee Buono had a correction to the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes. The date for the Opening Ceremonies for the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall **should be Thursday, July 19** not Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> as recorded in the minutes of May 21. **Trustee Martin made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 21, and May 31, 2018 Village Board meeting with corrections. The motion to approve the minutes with corrections was seconded by Trustee Hackett. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for June 4, 2018:**

- **General** \$ 34,576.65
- **Water** \$ 5,027.55
- **Wastewater** \$ 4,946.02
- **Short Lived Assets** \$ 4,402.75

**Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Abstract for June 4, 2018. The motion to approve the Abstract for June 4, 2018 was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Alex Wade** See report regarding the Bluestone Sidewalk project and the Census.

**Trustee Parisian** has reported that DPW is finished with the Storm cleanup. Some pictures will be posted to the Village webpage. The paving of Finger Street and Bennett Avenue will begin mid-July.

**Trustee Helmuth** has nothing new to report.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** reported

- The Chamber of Commerce meeting/social gathering was at the Steamship Co.- Fred Costello was the guest speaker. He spoke regarding projects the Town is currently involved in - Bristol Beach, a dog park, new ice arena roof, sculpture day, shout out Saugerties and the Woodstock Film festival. The next meeting will be at the Stony Pony on June 7th.
- Saugerties has a large number of old stone houses which the chamber is looking into promoting by organizing a stone house day.
- Thank you to the DPW for installing the Sailing Around Saugerties sailboats in the business district.
- Mum Fest. Committee meeting tonight at 7:00pm.
- The yearly meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to be scheduled. Jeff Helmuth will not be on the committee this year.

**Trustee Hackett** would like to see more American flags flown in the Village. He suggested placing flags on the lamp poles in the business district. After a discussion regarding the placement of the flags, Trustee Buono stated that the American Legion may have some extra small flags that are used for holidays that he could get for the Village. He will need to know how many flags would be needed. Mayor Murphy suggested placing them in the flower planters that hang from the lamp poles. They would be high enough that people would not be able to remove them.

**Trustee Martin** reported that there was an issue with the electrical board of the 2002 LaFrance fire truck. It has been repaired by Garrison and the truck is back in service. The truck will also need and lighting package.

Chief Wade will have a full report on the storm damage at the June 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**Trustee Buono** The follow-up for the AUD is that the 2014/15 is completed and the 2015/16 is very close to being done.

**Trustee Parisian** reported that the new owners of the Clovelea/Dragon Inn property, introduced themselves to and met with the Historic Review Board to present their initial plans for the property. They are working with their architects to produce historic renders of the building. They are considering a Bed and Breakfast or a boutique hotel. They are also working with Village Historian Marjorie Block on historic preservation. They will bring back the renderings to the Historic Review Board for their review. The Historic Review Board is not against them removing the falling down additions but they would like the new owners to preserve it to the time period of the building.

**Mayor Murphy** stated that his meeting with the new owners was very positive and that he feels they have good intentions. They have a demolition permit to start cleaning up the property.

**Trustee Helmuth** reviewed the final draft of the proposed parking law. **Trustee Hackett** feels it is ready to go. **Trustee Parisian** stated that the final draft includes what is needed and easier for the police to enforce.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to set a Public Hearing for the new parking law for June 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm. Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded motion to set a Public Hearing for the new parking law for June 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Resolution #10 - Parks Restoration Project Funding - Lighthouse Project**

Approval of awarding bid to New York Drilling of Saugerties. See attached resolution.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #10 Parks Restoration Project Funding – Lighthouse Project. Seconded by Trustee Hackett. Roll call was 7 yes, motion carried unanimously.**

**Mayor Murphy** informed the Trustees that he will have flatbed float for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and all are welcome to join him. The Stallions baseball team will be on the float as well.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** asked if anyone would have a convertible to use in the parade for the Mum queen and her court. Right now they just have a truck and would prefer a car. Please notify Deputy Mayor Mayer.

**Trustee Parisian** presented the Memorandum of Agreement for the Union contract and explained each point. The current contract has expired as of May 31<sup>st</sup>. It will remain in effect until a new one is ratified.

**Trustee Hackett** had questions regarding the calculations of the wage increases in percentage as opposed to cents per hour. **Trustee Parisian** and **Mayor Murphy** explained that the raises calculate out to between 1.5- 2.5% based on the employees base pay.

**Trustee Parisian** noted that there needs to be a correction to the MOA #4 regarding the addition of the accumulation of sick leave days. The total requested is 170 but the figures in the paragraph add up to 160. This will have to be changed by the village labor attorney, Mr. Wallens. There was a discussion regarding the calculation of sick leave buy out towards health insurance. **Trustee Hackett** questioned whether or not the buyout was costing taxpayers additional money. **Trustee Parisian and Mayor Murphy** explained the process and that it is less expensive for the Village to put the sick time towards health insurance for the employee upon retirement or % of buyout then to pay them for the sick time now.

**Trustee Buono** inquired as to whether or not we know if the insurance premiums will be going up this year. **Mayor Murphy** stated that the insurance premiums were not going up based on the information gathered for the budget preparation.

**Trustee Parisian** continued to go over the remaining points of MOA. There was additional discussion regarding the insurance benefits and the cost to the employees and the Village. The union employees will have a meeting this week to review the Memorandum of Agreement.

**Trustee Buono made a motion to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Hackett. Motion carried unanimously. The Trustees met in Executive Session beginning at 6:15.**

**Trustee Buono made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Parisian. Motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.**

**Trustee Buono made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. Motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.**

**Next Village Board meeting is Monday June 18, 2018 at 5:30pm with the Public Hearing at 5:15pm.**

Lisa Mayone  
Village Clerk  
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