



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes December 20, 2021

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Jeff Helmuth, Terry Parisian, Superintendents: Mike Hopf, Richard Forbes Others: Andrew Zink, Nina Schmidbaur, Brian Hubert, Ed Quirk

Mayor Murphy opened the Village Board meeting at 5:31pm.

Deputy Mayor Mayer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

No one from the public was present to address the Village Board.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2021.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2021. The motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2021, was seconded by Trustee Buono. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for December 20, 2021

- General \$ 50,538.40
- Water \$ 16,180.50
- Wastewater \$ 9,351.69

Trustee Buono mentioned that the DPW is spending funds on repairing older trucks. It was suggested that the purchase of a new truck be incorporated into the next DPW budget. **Trustee Parisian** stated that an inventory is being conducted and a ten-year plan put into place for phasing in new trucks to replace the twenty-year-old trucks.

Deputy Mayor Mayer made a motion to approve the Abstract for December 20, 2021. The motion to approve the Abstract for December 20, 2021, was seconded Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Mike Hopf reported for the Wastewater Dept. See attached report.

Mayor Murphy stated that the shared service with the Town is working well.

Mike Hopf reported for the Water Dept. See attached report.

The cross training for Billy Voerg and Tristan Mawyin will happen after they have both completed their Wastewater and Water classes.

Rich Forbes reported for the DPW dept. See attached report.

Thank you to the Legg family for donating this year's holiday tree.

The wheel fleet trucks are all over 20 years old. Budgeting for new vehicles to replace the older vehicles is in the plan. It is costing more to repair the old vehicles and they will have no trade in value.

Trustee Hackett reported for the Building Department. See attached report.

Trustee Hackett stated that the Local Law #2 is being reconsidered based on the responses from the UCPB and other interested parties. **Eyal Saad** sent a memo stating that a revision of the zoning code to follow along with the Comprehensive Plan changes is recommended. This proposed parking law could be included in revised version of the zoning code.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to close the Public Hearing for the proposed Local Law #2, Parking Space Amendment. Trustee Helmuth seconded the motion to close the Public Hearing for the proposed Local Law#2, Parking Space Amendment. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to table the proposed Local Law #2, Parking Space Amendment.

Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to table the proposed Local Law #2, Parking Space Amendment. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett stated that interviews will be conducted this week for a part time wastewater consultant. It may be a savings to have a parttime consultant that would be cross trained for both the wastewater and water departments. **Mayor Murphy** stated that the consultant could be an assistant to Mike Hopf as he is covering both plants.

Trustee Hackett added that a special contract would have to be created.

Trustee Parisian had nothing new to report.

Trustee Helmuth had nothing new to report.

Trustee Buono had nothing new to report.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported:

- The Arts Commission had a meet and greet at Wellstock on Glasco Turnpike 12/8. Joanna Black, the 1st Responders group founder was the guest speaker.
- TV23 has several new programs – Destination Pets, Watercolor Studio.
- The Chamber of Commerce is having a skate party at the Ice Arena on December 29th at 6:30. The dress code is Ugly Holiday sweaters.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to appoint Nina Schmidbauer and Andrew Zink to the Tree Commission committee. Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to appoint Nina Schmidbauer and Andrew Zink to the Tree Commission committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Nina Schmidbauer reported that the Library, the Orpheum Theatre, Kiwanis and Inquiring Minds are working together to purchase new books for children to be given out at the movies through January. Kiwanis donated \$300 and 75 books were purchased from Inquiring Minds.

Mayor Murphy stated that the Holiday toy give away at Cantine Field sponsored by The First Responders, CXS and Mattel was a big success. The toys were distributed by the police, fire departments, and ambulance. The families had been invited in advance. The giveaway was very well organized. Bob Siracusano has some toys remaining that he will be distributing to families in need.

Deputy Mayor Mayer had mentioned at the previous meeting that some of the village business owners were interested in having the holiday lights on their buildings again. Some of the buildings still have the lights. **Mayor Murphy** stated that the Fire Department had originally helped with installing the lights on the building. There became issues when the lights were not working or falling off the building. Who is responsible for electric cost, maintenance, and liability? **Ed Quirk** said that the FD did install the lights originally with the ladder truck. **Trustee Hackett** suggested that Mark Smith with the Chamber of Commerce take an inventory of the businesses that may be interested in having the lights on their building.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Buono seconded the motion to adjourn. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.

The next Village Board meeting is **Monday, January 3, 2022, at 5:30 pm.**