



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes September 4, 2018

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Jeff Helmuth, Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Brian Martin
Alex Wade, Ed Quirk, Bill Kimble, Bob Gallenz, Margaret Todd

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

Margaret Todd addressed the Board. Ms. Todd is requesting permission to have a parade through the village on October 14th. The parade is the CROP walk that the Saugerties Area Council of Churches organizes every year. CROP is a national organization that represents Communities Responsible to Overcome Poverty which began in 1947. Twenty-five percent of the money raised goes to the Saugerties and Woodstock food pantries. The parade will start at the Reformed Church on Main Street and proceed through the village. Ms. Todd will notify the police department of the parade route.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to grant permission to have the CROP walk on October 14th. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to grant permission to have the CROP walk on October 14th. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono had a correction to the August 20th Board minutes. The Abstracts were presented by Trustee Buono not Mayor Murphy as reported. Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from August 20, 2018 with the correction. Deputy Mayor Mayer made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 20, 2018 Village Board with the correction. The motion to approve the minutes with the correction was seconded by Trustee Hackett. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for September 4, 2018:

- **General** \$ 34,583.61
- **Water** \$ 12,121.12
- **Wastewater** \$ 10,564.15

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

Trustee Helmuth reported that the parking lot law revision that he has been working on had been emailed the Board members. He is leaning towards eliminating the Dec 15 – March 15 on street parking ban and replacing it with a Winter Event and would like the Boards additional input. Residents would be notified when their vehicles must be off the streets due to a snow emergency or event. There are free phone apps that are available to alert residents of a winter event or emergency as well as posting it on the Village website, TV23 and office phone s and monitor. There is a subscription type apps that range from \$1900 -\$2400 per year. Discussion continued regarding methods of notifying residents.

Trust Hackett questioned, how would it be handled if a car that is not moved? Would the car be ticketed or towed? Is there a law that allows towing or does one have to be created?

Mayor Murphy stated that they would at least get a ticket and towing as a last resort. We would have to have a conversation with the Police Chief to get his input.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported

- Chamber of Commerce meeting was held at the Library. The Library and the Chamber are working together to help people in the community be aware of all the services available at the Library. The Library vote is Thursday 9/6 10am – 8pm
- Shout Out Saugerties has a website with event details.
- Last free summer concert at the Reformed Church, 173 Main St, Friday 9/7 at 6:30
- Sailing Around Saugerties sailboat raffle will be held on Sat 9/15 5:00pm. Tickets are available at Smith’s Hardware, Town & Country Liquors and the Visitor Center. There will be food, wine and raffles. The auctioneer will be Robert Sircusano.
- The September 26th Chamber meeting will be a hike at the Esopus Creek Conservancy
- The Mum Festival October 7th – vendor space still available. The High School Sr. Class will be volunteering.
- Lighthouse TV meeting will be 9/13
- The last food truck festival will be Tuesday 9/11, 4:30 -9:00 at the Kiwanis Ice Arena parking lot.
- The Garlic Festival will be Sept. 29th & 30th.

Trustee Hackett reported that the Washington Avenue Sewer Project is completed. The manhole had dropped 14 inches with broken pipes. The tree near Scala’s property did not have to be removed. The grass has been reseeded. Thank you to the Washington Avenue residents for their patience during the project. Thank you to Brinnier and Larios’s inspector on sight who caught a lot of issues that were corrected.

Trustee Hackett inquired as to the status of the Montross Street vacant lot auction. It has been sent to the Village attorney. The Village Clerk will check on the progress.

Trustee Martin presented an application for membership in the Junior Firefighter Program. Liam White was recommended by Robert Quirk.

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the application of Liam White to the Jr. Firefighter program. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to approve the application of Liam White to the Jr. Firefighter program. The motion carried unanimously.

The Fire Department is hosting a ceremony to salute uniformed public service and the 17th 9/11 anniversary ceremony on Tuesday, September 11th at 6:30 -7:00 at Cantine Memorial Complex. The Beach is now closed for the season. Mum planting has begun at Seamon Park in preparation for the Mum Festival. All part time summer employees are done and most have gone back to school. It was a very good group of summer employees. They all did a good job, the park looks beautiful.

Trustee Buono had nothing new to report.

Deputy Mayor Mayer questioned the information received about an increase to the Workman’s Comp. insurance. **Mayor Murphy** stated that it is a statewide increase and is getting a lot of pushback. Deputy Mayor Mayer also asked about the Chambers request for space for their Visitor’s Center “shed” or “camper”. **Mayor Murphy** stated that the Board would need specifics as to the size before we can make a decision.

Mayor Murphy distributed pictures of the bell tower on the top of the municipal building. The tower is in need of repair. It may not make it through another winter. The bell tower is in horrendous condition but is salvageable. A quote for repairs and painting was received from LaBounty Painting. There would be 3 phases to the project:

Phase I – Repair or replace the wood structure	\$11,750	
Phase II – Roof Repairs	\$ 2,450	
Phase III –Painting	\$14,900	Total: \$29,100

They had repaired the bell tower 21 years ago. If the Board will vote to preapprove the repairs as long as the funds are in the budget.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to get Phase I of the bell tower project started based on the funds available in the budget. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to get Phase I of the bell tower project started based on the funds available in the budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Alex Wade reported that the Bluestone Sidewalk Project is being held up by more paperwork and approvals. Editing and revising is being done on the L W R P documents.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel disciplinary action, seconded by Trustee Hackett. Motion carried unanimously. The Trustees met in Executive Session beginning at 6:00pm. The Board held a discussion in Executive Session.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. Motion carried unanimously. The Executive Session adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Buono. Motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.

Next Village Board meeting is Monday September 17th, 2018 at 5:30pm in the Village Office.

Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk
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