



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

## Village Budget Public Hearing and Village Board Meeting Minutes April 5, 2021

**Due to COVID19 pandemic and the Governor's Executive Order 202 regarding open meetings, this meeting was held via Webex. Connection information was broadcast online for residents to participate.**

### **PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 2021-22 VILLAGE BUDGET**

**Present:** Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Vince Buono, Terry Parisian, Don Hackett, Brian Martin, Jeff Helmuth  
**Others:** Alex Wade, Paula Kerbert, Andrew Zink, William Kemble, Catherine R. and 1 unidentified caller

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** opened the Public Hearing for the 2021-22 Budget meeting at 5:30pm.

**Public Hearing comments-** There was no one from the public on the Webex call that had any comments regarding the proposed 2021-22 Budget.

The Trustees agreed that they were impressed with the overall process and felt that the Supervisors did an excellent job keeping costs down. **Trustee Buono** thanked Treasurer Paula Kerbert and the Supervisors for their hard work.

**Trustee Buono** made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing for the 2021-2022 Budget until the April 19<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting to allow for written comments. **Trustee Hackett** seconded the motion to adjourn the Public Hearing for the 2021-2022 Budget until the April 19<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting to allow for written comments. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

### **REGULAR SESSION**

**Present:** Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Vince Buono, Terry Parisian, Don Hackett, Brian Martin, Jeff Helmuth  
**Others:** Alex Wade, Paula Kerbert, Andrew Zink, William Kemble, Catherine R. and 1 unidentified caller

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** opened the Village Board meeting at 5:40pm.

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

#### **Privilege of the Floor**

There was no one on the Webex call to address the Board.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from March 15, 2021. **Trustee Parisian** made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from March 15, 2021. The motion to approve the minutes from March 15, 2021 was seconded by **Trustee Hackett**. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

**Trustee Buono** made a motion to reappoint Judge Robert Schnell as the Associate Justice for the Village of Saugerties for a yearly appointment ending March 31, 2022. **Trustee Hackett** seconded the motion to reappoint Judge Robert Schnell as the Associate Justice for the Village of Saugerties for a yearly appointment ending March 31, 2022. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for April 5, 2021:**

- General \$ 50,646.07
- Water \$ 10,981.29
- Wastewater \$ 59,713.87

**Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstract for April 5, 2021. The motion to approve the Abstract for April 5, 2021 was seconded by Trustee Parisian. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Treasurer Paula Kerbert** reported that the outstanding balance for the 2020 taxes is approximately \$9000. Some previous years taxes have been paid recently due to refinancing and sales of properties. All payment plans set up in June 2020 have been paid in full.

The 2021-22 Budget is posted on the website and paper copies are available in the village office. There have been no inquiries so far.

**Trustee Reports**

**Alex Wade** reported about information regarding independent suppliers of alternate energy sources programs. The rates were allowed to fluctuate and had disastrous results in Texas where residents received huge electric bills. The link to the information has been forwarded to the Trustees. The Village Board should investigate this information before committing to an alternate energy source for the Village residents.

Alex thanked the dozens of volunteers at the COVID vaccine sites for making the process go smoothly.

**Trustee Martin** reported that there will be a full report for the Fire Department from Chief Wade at the next Board meeting.

The budget for Buildings and Grounds includes funds for updates and repairs for the Fire houses and the Seamon Park house.

The new ladder truck cab has been on the fabrication line and is now ready to be sent to Nebraska for arial fittings.

**Trustee Hackett** reported for the Wastewater Department. There has been regular maintenance at the Wastewater plant as well as rebuilding the settling tank.

A meeting with Mike Marino to discuss the options regarding the RBC issue will be later this week. There has been no response from Don Elder. We have to have the RBC installed before we start getting DEC violations.

Eyal Saad is busy in the Building Department with applications and inspections.

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

**Trustee Helmuth** questioned the need to pass a local law as opposed to a resolution for the Community Choice Aggregation project. **Trustee Parisian** responded that the local law is a NYS requirement to enable the Village to participate in the Community Choice Aggregation program. The law is not bidding us to anything. It gives Joule the right to inform the public regarding the CCA, We will get feedback from the residents.

**Trustee Helmuth** stated that there are many other options to consumers for green energy.

**Trustee Buono made a motion to set a Public Hearing for the Local Law regarding the Community Choice Aggregation for April 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to set a Public Hearing for the Local Law regarding the Community Choice Aggregation for April 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Parisian** reported that the DPW Spring cleanup is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>. Brush only. Street sweeping has begun on all streets.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** reported

- Twenty five copies of the new Comprehensive Plan will be distributed.
- The Chamber is working on a tourist map. Thank you to Eyal for his help with editing. The Artist for the Village and Town sponsored butterfly is Jackie Roland.
- The Arts Commission has contacted the owners of 32 Partition regarding possibly displaying local artists in their lobby. Jeromy and Dara Ellenbogen are willing to work with the new Arts Commission. Dara Ellenbogen will attend the next zoom Art Commissions meeting.

**Trustee Buono** inquired if there has been any feedback on the Esopus Creek muddy waters and DEC releases. **Trustee Hackett** stated that Brian Cahill with Ulster County contacted the EPA in an effort to resolve before going to the court.

**Trustee Buono** also inquired if any of the Trustees contacted any of the other municipalities regarding their participation in the CCA program? Trustee Buono will consult the Mayor before he calls the other representatives.

The application to Keep Farm Animals submitted by Nyle Phillips, 8 Tries Terrace, was presented. The applicant is requesting a permit to keep 5 female chickens at her village home in the R2 District. A small shed structure will house the chickens with a netted hoop run. A letter of support from a next-door neighbor is included with the application.

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Application to Keep Farm Animals for Nyle Phillips, 8 Tries Terrace. Trustee Helmuth seconded the motion to approve the Application to Keep Farm Animals for Nyle Phillips, 8 Tries Terrace. The motion carried.**

**Trustee Hackett** stated that a resident contacted the Mayor about changing Montross Street into a one-way street, the Montross lot and parking in the Montross Street area. More to be discussed at the next meeting.

The Oath of Office was administered by the Clerk to Trustees Martin, Mayer, and Helmuth.

Andrew Zink reported that Planning Board is very busy with several applications. There is an application before the Planning Board for a site plan at 317 Main Street. The proposal is to build out and add on a second floor to the Speedy Mart building which will completely change the look of Main and Market Street corner.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Hackett. The motion carries unanimously. The Village Board meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.**

The next Village Board meeting is Monday, April 19, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Webex.  
<https://villageofsaugerties.my.webex.com/join/bmurphy>

Lisa Mayone  
Village Clerk  
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