



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes August 5, 2019

**Present:** Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustees Vince Buono, Brian Martin, Don Hackett, Jeff Helmuth  
**Others:** Eyal Saad, Alex Wade, Bill Kemble, Dave Gordon, Ed Quirk, Barbara & Daniel Guzman, Tamara Schuppin, Mary McNamara

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** opened the meeting at 5:30pm.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** requested **Trustee Hackett** lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Privilege of the Floor

**Daniel Guzman** spoke regarding the pedestrian safety on Ulster Avenue. The timing of the traffic light at the intersection of Ulster Avenue and North Street at Price Chopper does not allow for pedestrians to cross. The traffic light only stops the traffic on Ulster Avenue and not the traffic on North Street. It does not stop the traffic in all four directions at once. It is difficult crossing with children. There is no crosswalk or yield signs along Ulster Avenue from Market Street to the light at Price Chopper. A yield sign would help until the traffic light can be updated. **Deputy Mayor Mayer** stated that the Village doesn't have jurisdiction on the state road which Ulster Ave is Rte. 212/32. We could reach out to the state and police to make them aware of your concerns. **Barbara Guzman** also stated that the traffic speeds through Ulster Avenue. **Trustee Hackett** agreed that the traffic speeds on Ulster Avenue and there is limited police enforcement of the speed limit.

**Tamara Schuppin**, a volunteer for TV23, read a proposal to increase the part time program coordinator position to a full time position. The coordinator is currently working 30 hours per week and it is an insufficient amount of time to get all the work done. Time to train volunteers and producing shows is needed. The proposal will be presented to the Town Board at their next meeting. See the attached statement.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer presented the Village Board Minutes from July 15, 2019.**

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes from July 15, 2019. The motion to approve the minutes from July 15, 2019 was seconded by Trustee Helmuth. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for August 5, 2019:**

- **General** \$ 103,817.38
- **Water** \$ 12,205.27
- **Wastewater** \$ 22,119.59

**Trustee Buono** commented that the \$15,000 in the General budget is for the shared services contract with the Town of Saugerties DPW. There is one more year remaining in the four year contract. **Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstract for August 5, 2019. The motion to approve the Abstract of August 5, 2019 was seconded by Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

### Reports

**Trustee Buono** reported that he attended the Transportation Committee meeting with Alex Wade. The Town is continuing work at Bristol Beach. A parking area is ready for people to visit. It is a work in progress. The Town wants to emphasize that the work being done is not paid for by taxpayers. The Traffic Committee is looking for two volunteers. The Traffic Committee would like the Planning Board minutes to be sent to them, so the committee is aware of proposed projects.

**Trustee Martin** presented an application for membership to the fire department. Amanda Martin is applying for membership with restrictions.

**Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the application of Amanda Martin to the Fire Dept. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to approve the application of Amanda Martin to the Fire Dept. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aden Hughes** received the attached letter stating that the NYSDEC, Title IV Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant he had applied for was awarded for \$1500 in matching funds. Eligible equipment may be purchased up to \$3000 to get the full \$1500 grant reimbursement. **Trustee Martin** stated they plan to replace nozzles, hoses and purchase brush firefighting equipment with the grant money.

**Trustee Hackett** reported that the Waste Water Dept. is doing well. There are no reports of flooding from the recent storm. There were a few odor complaints that have been addressed.

**Trustee Hackett** is concerned about the Central Hudson gas project work in the lower West Bridge Street area. He had sent an email to Chief Sinagra requesting the bike patrol monitor the area. He is also concerned with the parking issue during the project. There is limited parking in the West Bridge St, Allen, Montgomery, McDonald and Montross Street area. He will speak with John Mullins about how they will handle the parking.

**Alex Wade** presented his report for Special Projects. See attached report.

Mr. Wade stated that appointments are needed for the work on the Community Resilience plan.

**Trustee Buono** questioned if there has been any response from Congressman Delgado's office. Mr. Wade stated that there has been no response from his Albany or Washington office and they'll have to do the best without him. Mr. Wade had hoped for some relief from some of the project requirements. A meeting with the state and DOT is scheduled for Wednesday.

**Trustee Helmuth** reported that he had attended the Community Building Resilience meeting.

A workshop is planned for September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The focus of the workshop is to address the issues of resiliency towards global warming, sea level rise, fires and weather related issues.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** read the letter received regarding the American Legion parade to be held on October 19 to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Post 72 of the American Legion and World War 1.

**Trustee Helmuth** stated that requests for participation were sent to municipalities and community organizations. Roger Donlon will be the Grand Marshall and the museum at the American Legion will be open to the public.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** discussed the email received from Mayor Murphy regarding the beach cleanup.

**Mayor Murphy** has been in contact with Marine Services from Catskill to remove the milfoil and water chestnuts from the beach area. The cleanup will be coordinating with private home owners and J. Mullins who own properties along the creek. The Village will be supplying dumpster to haul away the debris. The proposal includes 3 options. The second option would cover 3.8 acres for a cost of \$5300. There is money in the Parks Department budget that would cover the cost. If Mr. Mullin also hires Marine Services the area cleaned would total 8.8 acres. If the proposal is accepted, the work would begin by August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** reported:

- Thank you to Tamara Schuppin for the presentation for a fulltime Program Director at TV23.
- The Mum Festival Committee has heard back from Ray Mayone regarding the horse and wagon. They will be at the Mum Festival this year donating the horse drawn rides.
- Trustee Parisian is reviewing the franchise agreement for the

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** requested a moment of silence for the victims of the El Paso and Dayton mass shootings.

**Trustee Buono** suggested the Mega billing be looked at again when the contract is due for renewal.  
**Deputy Mayor Mayer** has requested a print out of how much money was saved since switching to Mega for a comparison.

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Helmuth. Motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.**

Next Village Board meeting is August 19, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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