



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes March 6, 2018

Present: Mayor Murphy, Trustees Jeff Helmuth, Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Alex Wade, Michael Maclsaac, Bob Gallenz, Virginia Davies

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

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

Privilege of the Floor

Michael Maclsaac introduced himself as the Town Board liaison to both the Town's Conservation Advisory Commission (CAC) and the County's Climate Smart Committee (CSC). He explained the function of the committee.

Climate Smart Communities Members in New York strive to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve climate resilience. They can also create permanent carbon sinks that remove emissions from the atmosphere and learn to adapt to a climate that will continue to change.

The town committee is actively working toward becoming a NY State certified Climate Smart Community. There is a fair amount of work involved, but thankfully we are getting help from Europa McGovern of the Hudson Valley Regional Council, who is well versed in this area.

The County committee (CSC) asked if I could communicate this to the Saugerties village. Becoming a certified Climate Smart Community not only is better for the environment, but it also opens up more opportunities for grants from NYSERDA and other organizations to add to the town and village coffers. The next CAC meeting is in the Building Dep't conference room of the Town Hall, **Weds. March 15th at 7:00**. If anyone from the Village Board or members of the community are interested, they are more than welcome. All municipalities are encouraged to participate. **Mayor Murphy** stated he will discuss it with the Board members and definitely have someone represent the Village at the meeting on the 15th. When are the meetings being held? Mr. Maclsaac said the meetings will be held the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Bob Gallenz remarked regarding the tribute and character of Dan Lamb and **Mayor Murphy** commented that Mr. Lamb will be sorely missed.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from February 20, 2108. Trustee Buono made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2018 Village Board meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hackett to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for March 6, 2018:

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| • General | \$ 66,966.50 |
| • Water | \$ 14,492.71 |
| • Wastewater | \$ 16,248.69 |

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for March 6, 2018. Motion was seconded by Mayor Murphy to approve the Abstract. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Helmuth questioned whether or not the Water Department is on track with their budget. He has not been able to make the day time meetings. **Trustee Buono** mentioned that an evening or Saturday appointment could be arranged. **Trustee Buono** stated that all department budgets are in good shape.

Alex Wade reported that he has received the Village's username and password from the Census Bureau and should be getting the data momentarily.

The engineers were delayed a couple of days by the storm but promised the final streetscape drawings in a couple of days.

Trustee Helmuth reminded the Board that the Sailin' Around Saugerties meet the artists event will be Sunday March 11 at New World at 4:00 pm.

Mayor Murphy stated that he met with Jen Dragon this week. An art exhibit is being planned at Bella Luna on April 29th. It will be a metal art and sculpture display and demonstration. There will be a fire pit being used for the demonstration. The DPW will help with moving sculptures and setting up. A firetruck will be on standby.

Trustee Hackett reported that Eyal Saad is at a two week instructors training.

The Wastewater Department is planning to repair the broken pipe at the Washington Avenue Robinson Street intersection. The job will be an expensive with an estimate of approximately \$55,000 -\$60,000.

Trustee Hackett would like to have the majority of the work done in house by the DPW department with the Merritt Construction on standby to bypass the main trunk line. It would save the Village a lot of money and DPW would be available to do it in August. **Trustee Helmuth** questioned the severity of the leak. Can it wait until August? **Trustee Hackett** stated that at this time it is not an emergency situation but it needs to be done. The \$60,000 was accounted for in the budget. The job would take 1 to 2 days. The line is an old clay line that needs to be repaired and lined. The residents in the area would be notified and street closures would be arranged to accommodate local traffic. The Mayor and Trustees are confident that the DPW Department is qualified to do the job with Merritt on stand by.

Trustee Hackett also reported the Historic Society will be holding an event at the Kiersted House on April 21st, at 7pm. The plans include a band and \$10 per person fee. They would like to have either a BBQ or a food truck on site. **Mayor Murphy** stated that the one day food truck permit paperwork should be filed with the Village clerk and the permit fee would be waived.

Trustee Buono wanted the discussion regarding the Parking Lot Law to be tabled again to the next meeting when there is a full Board. **Trustee Buono** did mention that he felt all parking lots be included in the law. **Mayor Murphy** discussed his reasoning for separating the lots but that it will be up to the Board to decide at the next meeting.

Trustee Hackett also suggested to table the vacant lot on Montross Street issue for discussion with the full Board at the next Board meeting.

Mayor Murphy presented the TNR program. The program has been helping with the feral cat situation in the past. The cats are trapped, brought to the vet to be neutered or spayed and released back to where they had been trapped. Residents are notified by flyer and through the ads on TV23 and the Saugerties Times.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve \$500 budget for the TNR program to be conducted as in the past. The motion to approve the TNR program was seconded by Trustee Buono. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Buono. Motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Next Village Board meeting is Monday March 19, 2018 at 5:30pm.

Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk
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