



VILLAGE OF SAUGERTIES

43 PARTITION STREET  
SAUGERTIES, N.Y. 12477

**Village Board Meeting  
Minutes  
September 16, 2024**

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Trustees: Don Hackett, Andrew Zink, Vince Buono, Terry Parisian, Jeannine Mayer

Others: Paula Kerbert, Ed Quirk, Bill Kemble, Dave Gordon, Leeanne Thorton, Jim Cornelison, Susan Becker

**Absent:**

**Mayor Murphy** opened the Village Board meeting at 5:30pm.

**Trustee Martin** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**Public Hearing - 25 MPH Speed Limit in Village**

Mayor Murphy informed the meeting members that this is a discussion to reduce the speed limit in the areas from 30MPH to 25MPH.

**Leeanne Thorton, 88 Washington Avenue**, the Town liaison for the Saugerties Transportation Advisory Council and Mr. Buono is the Village liaison. The meeting last month the issue of speed in the Village was a topic of conversation. Safety issues due to excessive speed. Mother Goose Nursery School is now an all-day program, not just morning. Cahill School across from the dinner where children are dropping off in the morning and picked up in the afternoon. The Village Diner parking lot is where parents park and the children cross Washington Avenue. The speed of cars going to the High School and children walking someone is going to get hurt. All of the roads going to 25MPH, some are State roads, where the speed limit, whatever needs to be enforced. Mayor Murphy stated when the State removed 15 MPH, the flashing sign. Coming down Washington Ave coming down to Main Street, the maple tree blocking no turn on red, and the one light is blocked. On Overbaugh Street, thank you to DPW for trimming tree. St Mary's cemetery has trees that need trimming, Mayor stated that those would be Town trees. Trustee Parisian has the reflective red tape on the sign poles. Mayor Murphy stated that between the Village and the Police department have moved the reading speed signs. Issue with staffing for the Town and the Village police force. There are 500 children at Cahill school and now there are about 100 children at Mother Goose. Mayor Murphy stated that the safety of the children is so important, that's why we keep a crossing guard at Cahill. Trustee Zink, the souped cars, Washington Avenue seems to be a draw. In this case are trying to attract attention to themselves by being loud next to a school, in a residential neighborhood, trying to mull over something to do with a noise control.

**Ed Quirk - 229 Main Street** – the only thing I can add, we need to get the enforcement of the speed limits. Mayor Murphy stated he is working with the police weekly.

**Susan Becker – 39 Lafayette** – speedy is a huge problem on Lafayette, parking on both sides there is childcare, funeral home, the street curves and difficult to see. The intersection is a real problem. Mayor Murphy mentioned the discussion of putting a stop on sign there, the school buses could be potentially backed up. We will continue to discuss.

**Jim Cornelison – 46 John Street** – the corner of John Street and Lafayette is dangerous coming out, no one stops at the stop sign, Trustee Buono stated at the last meeting had a discussion with Jorge we need to start to enforce. The second issue is the dirt bikes and four wheelers driving on the road. There were two of them up and down Lafayette without license plates, which is illegal. The tag left on the door solicitation; the company did not have a peddler's license to leave these on resident's door.

**Mayor Muphy made the motion to close the Public Hearing on the 25 MPH speed limit in the Village. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to close the Public Hearing on the 25 MPH speed limit in the Village. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

### **Regular Session**

Mayor Murphy moved the meeting from Public Hearing into the Regular Session.

### **Privilege Of The Floor**

Patrick Landewe, Saugerties Lighthouse keeper. – Lower Esopus Stream Management Plan. Because of our prominent position on the creek, I have been active with the Lower Esopus advisory council during the stream management planning process. A group of Stakeholders and various interested personnel that help guide the planning process. The plan is completed, we are now reaching out to local municipalities to get support for a supporting resolution. A couple of points, it's not a County, DEP or DEC plan. It's a ground up plan, getting things going towards a clean, safe creek to enjoy and get people educated. The plan belongs to all you live on the creek, enjoys the creek and all of the agencies to benefit and guide the spending on the environmental benefit fund, not enough to pay or everything but will help stretch so that it helps lead to grants and other funding and the resolution would be a supporting document in those efforts. Mayor Murphy stated the lower Esopus has been support, Patrick shared that the committee not to look at what hasn't been done but to also look at what has been done already. Trustee Hackett asked how far down the would you go with testing, to the river? Riverkeeper do monthly testing up the creek. Testing in monitoring levels and watching and monitoring, the plan would push more towards the solution. Trustee Zink, the parts of the plan had increasing accessibility to areas like the Gleneire, where there are privately owned. Patrick is not looking at the privately owned, support for easement if something arises. The focus is on areas already publicly owned land or existing access to improve it, enhance it. Trustee Parisian asked about the difference between the plan with the Ashokan and all the communities the brown water, is this an extension of that plan? Patrick stated this plan is only addressing the lower Esopus but improving the overhaul quality of the creek.

### **Regular Session**

**Trustee Parisian made the motion to approve the amended Village Board Meeting Minutes from September 3, 2024. Trustee Zink seconded the motion to approve the amended Village Board Meeting Minutes from August 19, 2024. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously. Trustee Buono asked they be amended for listing Trustee Zink was present and absent.**

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for September 16, 2024.**

- General \$ 167,887.08
- Water \$ 191,302.43
- Wastewater \$ 26,963.61

**Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstracts for September 16, 2024. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to approve the Abstracts for September 16, 2024. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Deputy Mayer Mayor – ADU** Everyone knows there is a housing crisis in the whole country, Village of Saugerties doesn't own property. Mayor Murphy stated municipalities do not have property to build ADU, the property is not owned. Ulster County is also giving incentives. Deputy Mayer Mayor stated about the Zoning Laws in the Village could be opened to allow the ADU. Trustee Hackett stated that the biggest hurdle is the parking requirements. Mayor Murphy stated that the agreement to new builds would be able, but existing builds. Anything that is decided the parking has to be included. Kingston is offering tax incentives to homeowners. Trustee Zink giving support for revisiting parts of Zoning and consideration of services. Trustee Parisian asked if it's a Zoning one by one? Trustee Zink, I have extensively looked through the Zoning Map and Zoning Schedule of Use and if you want any assistance with it. October 7<sup>th</sup>, 6PM workshop at the Saugerties Public Library open to Village and Town Residents.

Treasurer Report – see attached

#### Trustee Reports

**Trustee Parisian** – Asked about the Smoke Free signs for the Parks, Stan ordered his. Trustee Zink, asked what happens in the case of the violation of that policy, Trustee Parisian stated you would be fined, Trustee Zink asked if it's administered through the Village? Trustee Parisian said through the Police department. Grinder and paver at the end of Washington Avenue, by Satten, is the Village paving?

**Trustee Martin** – Rescue truck is back in service, \$5K in total, both heads on the motor. We done the month of July about 20 jobs. Chris will be giving monthly reports.

**Trustee Hackett** – Wastewater everything is doing good, little amounts of complaints. The vac truck no more jetting, any jetting will be subcontracted out. The new Harvester won't be able to come until Spring.

**Trustee Buono** – Nothing to report

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** – Garlic Festival is 28<sup>th</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup>, Mum Festival is on the October 6<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like to come at Noon at the Mum Festival. The Chamber has an auction. The QR codes on the, the hits 88 in May, June 200, July 245 and August 246. Syracuse, NYC, Boston and Virginia. Thank you DPW, for uninstalling the buses. TV23 cleaning out the playroom, outdated as a green screen. Art Commission made a map of Saugerties for the Arts. In 2025, art replica of Augusta Savage's sculpture. Arts Commission judging the Halloween costumes for the Farmers Market and the Artwork at the Mum Festival.

**Trustee Zink** – Planning Board Meeting canceled for 9/11/2024 and rescheduled for 9/18/2024, will report on that the next meeting. Jeannine and I attended the Local 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary and thanked the Village for all of their support.

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to Adjourn the Village Board Meeting. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to Adjourn the Village Board Meeting. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.**

The next **Village Board meeting is October 7, 2024, at 5:30PM**

Peggy Melville      Village Clerk      September 18, 2024



VILLAGE OF SAUGERTIES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
VILLAGE SPEED LIMIT - 25 MPH

Sign in Sheet

Tim  
Cornelison

Meeting Date: September 16, 2024 Facilitator: William Murphy, M

Name	Address
Leanne Thornton	88 Washington Ave.
Ed Quijk	229 <del>W</del> Main St Saug
Jim Cornelison	46 John St, Saug.
Susan Becker	Weymouth St

## TREASURER'S REPORT

September 16, 2024

We received our CHIPS payment last week for \$47,858.84. The next payment we receive will be in December. That will be more substantial since we did a lot of paving since August.

As of today we have \$<sup>128</sup>130K left to collect for 2024 taxes. I sent out the past dues a couple weeks ago and I am still getting payments in. I also sent the letter from the county to remind them that they have until October 31<sup>st</sup> to pay them or they get handed over to the county.

Paula Kerbert

Treasurer

## Peggy Melville

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**From:** Peggy Melville  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 9:44 AM  
**To:** Village Board 2024  
**Cc:** Paula kerbert  
**Subject:** Comments called in on the article in today's Freeman\_Village Board meeting

All,

Eileen Cunningham lives on Virginia Avenue, called in full support of Leeann Thorton's comments in the Freeman today. Eileen was sorry to miss the meeting but wanted to share her comments of concern.

The Diaz Ambulance crosswalk, dangerous cars coming into the Village would not see a pedestrian in the crosswalk until they make the turn. Eileen doesn't use that crosswalk anymore. Eileen has witnessed 1 in 10 cars stop if a pedestrian is in the crosswalk. Eileen driving in her vehicle witnessed a car pass a pedestrian in a crosswalk so close they came in contact with their bags. Eileen thought to turnaround and follow to get their license plate, but they were gone.

I explained that the conversation will continue, she can't make the next Village Board Meeting but will try and make the 10/21/24 meeting. Thank you.

Peggy Melville  
Village Clerk

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