



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes January 21, 2020

Present: Mayor Murphy, Trustees Don Hackett, Terry Parisian, Brian Martin, Jeff Helmuth, Supervisors Mike Hopf, Eyal Saad, George Terpening, Mike Marino, Chief Singara, Ed Quirk, Bill Kemble, Dave Gordon

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 – No one was present to address the Board.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from January 6, 2020. Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 Village Board meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Trustee Helmuth. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented the Abstract for January 21, 2020:

- **General** \$ 27,784.21
- **Water** \$ 2,532.51
- **Wastewater** \$ 7,486.41

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for January 21, 2020. The motion to approve the Abstract of January 21, 2020 was seconded by Trustee Parisian. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Chief Sinagra presented his report for the Police Dept. See attached report.

The department applied to be an Opioid prevention provider and partnered with Dr. R. Esposito as the clinical provider. Narcan will be stocked on hand at Police headquarters. Training classes for Narcan will be held on a regular basis.

CPR and AED classes will be held on February 8th and 22nd, sponsored by Diaz Ambulance. There are 20 students allowed per class.

The Police Dept. gave a 3 hour instructional training to the employees of Sawyer Savings Bank. A robbery was staged, instructions were given in the event of an active shooter and work place violence. Training is offered to any business.

TED units – Target Enforcement Details will be in the Village on weekends for quality of life issues, patrolling the streets and parking lots. Bike patrols will be out on First Fridays in addition to foot patrol. Pedestrian safety has become an issue again. In 2018 there was only 1 incident of a pedestrian being struck by vehicles. In 2019 there were 7 incidents of pedestrians being hit. Increased efforts will be made to enforce pedestrian safety.

The 2019 yearend report for the police department will be presented at the February Town Board meeting.

Mayor Murphy noted that the DWI numbers in the Village are way down. **Chief Sinagra** stated the trend is for people use taxis and Ubers when needed. Patrols are out in force as well.

Mike Marino presented the reports for the Wastewater Department. See attached report.

The main electrical gate to the plant has been out of order. If other departments need gas to please try to get it during the day until it is repaired.

The RBC has been inspected by a professional from Darlington Co. and determined that our RBC is not repairable. The square shaft on the RBC is no longer made. The company has gone out of business. He will be getting back with prices of possible replacements.

The DEC is aware of the RBC changing. The SPEDES permit is based on the plant with eight RBC's that it has now. Any changes to the operation of the plant would need new permits. A discussion regarding the RBC and rotating the working RBC's continued. A crane is needed to rotate the 30ft long RBC and would be limited to every 4 to 5 years.

Trustee Hackett inquired how the waste haulers are taking the increase in fees? **Mike Marino** stated that there have been no complaints at all, but winter is a slower season.

George Terpening presented his report for the Buildings, Parks and Grounds Department.

The records room are in the process of being painted and organized.

Mike Hopf presented his report for the Water Department.

The replacement of the control panel will take another 2 months.

There were good results from the Research and Sensitivity Survey for Wintson Farm and the project can move forward.

The Sustainability Award will be presented to the Village of Saugerties Water Department at the 92nd meeting of NYWEA in NYC on February 5th. Mike Hopf and Eyal Saad will be accepting the award for the Village. Lori DeBord from GOSR had written a letter to NYWEA nominating the Village of Saugerties's for the executing of the CRZ projects. It is a big recognition and honor. Mike Hopf thanked everyone who helps with the CRZ projects.

The water and sewer departments are seeking approval of an increase to the water and sewer rates for the next five consecutive years. The 2% increase would begin on August 1, 2020. The increase will help fund necessary projects. The current quarterly minimum 1250 cubic feet rate for water and sewer in the Village is \$94.95 and would increase to \$96.85. The total will be \$8.00 per year for a minimum bill. The rates and amounts are presented on the attached graph.

Trustee Parisian questioned whether or not increase would have to fall under the NYS 2% tax budget cap? There was a discussion regarding the increase and the effect on the tax rate and tax payers.

Trustee Hackett believes that the increase is necessary for the revenue to cover expenses. The fees are not part of our tax base. **Trustee Parisian** is concerned about the burden on the fixed income residents. It is more than 2% for the full five years. Is it possible to review it yearly? **Mayor Murphy** stated that the Town must be notified six months in advance of an increase. Due to the notification requirement it makes sense to have an increase for multiple years.

The Board should review the information regarding the rate increase and be ready to make a decision at the February 3rd Board meeting.

Eyal Saad presented his report for the Building Department.

The aerial photo of the lighthouse was provided to the committee in charge of the Sustainability Award for the cover page of the presentation.

Mike Karashay has been working on grants for archive storage and electric charging stations. The archived documents need to be scanned and re-inventoried. The storage closets will need minor renovations and climate control.

The empty lot on the Partition Street and Montross Street corner is being looked at for the location of electric car charging stations. The ADA requirements for handicap parking would not apply to the lot for the charging stations.

Trustee Martin presented the report for Fire Dept. See attached report. **Trustee Martin** requested the Board look over the specs for the proposed ladder truck. Garrison Fire Equipment will be in the Village next month to answer any questions.

Trustee Parisian presented the report for the DPW. See attached report.

Trustee Helmuth nothing new to report.

Trustee Hackett nothing new to report.

Alex Wade not present. See the attached report for Special Projects.

Mayor Murphy presented the proposal for the change in dental coverages. The dental coverage would be increased from \$1000 to \$2000 for less premium. The CWA Union representative, Mike Luftring, will be consulted to be sure that the change to the dental insurance is approved by the union and will get back to the Treasurer. **Trustee Hackett** wants to be sure that local dentist would be available in the coverage.

Mayor Murphy presented the information regarding the Local Emergency Action Notification System. The emergency information would be televised on local programming through Lighthouse TV23. Procedures and a notification structure would be in place in case of an emergency. The Trustees should forward any questions to Deputy Mayor Mayer and the proposal will be addressed at the February 3rd meeting.

Resolution

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #4 – Village of Saugerties School Choice Week.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #4 seconded by Trustee Parisian. A roll call of the Trustees was 2 yes to 3 No votes, Trustee Buono and Deputy Mayor Mayer were absent. The motion failed to carry.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Helmuth. The motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Next Village Board meeting is Monday February 3, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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