



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes January 2, 2018

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Brian Martin, Terry Parisian, Jeff Helmuth, Don Hackett

Others: Ed Quirk, Christina Coulter, Z Willie Neuman, Todd Loucks, student.

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

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

Privilege of the Floor

Z Willie Neuman addressed the Board regarding the trench on the corner of Main Street and Market Street. He spoke to Mullins and he said that he would be able to fix it anytime. Mayor Murphy said that he would contact Mr. Mullins when Mr. Mullins returned from vacation.

Deputy Mayor Mayer introduced Todd Loucks of Direct Energy to the Board. The Direct Energy contract for several accounts is due for renewal. Mr. Loucks presented the prices for the gas and electric accounts purchased through the municipal contracts (Mega). Currently the Village has several accounts for the Water Department and Wastewater Department with Direct Energy, the new contract being presented will include accounts for all departments in the Village. Mr. Loucks explained how the electric and gas is purchased and sold through Mega. The existing contracts will remain on a 30 day basis until a new contract is signed. The pricing for both natural gas and electric was explained based on rate classes and fluctuations with providers. Natural gas pricing is calculated as variable with a month to month price, Fixed which is a set price and price protection which is set with a cap on the NYMEX price. The fixed rates are high currently and if chosen this option will not change. The variable locked into the NYMEX rate and changes monthly. The price protection is the variable rate with the cap on NYMEX and it will come down if the NYMEX goes lower – it can be changed to a fixed price if the rates drop significantly.

Electric rates are based on NYISO, who monitors electric flow, market price and demands. There are two pricing options, variable and fixed. The price protection rate is not available for electric. Demand charges are monitored in the fixed price program. Currently the electric rate is down. The variable rates fluctuate.

A discussion regarding rates, rate calculations and savings continued.

All green energy for NYS has to be produced in NYS. Trustee Parisian questioned **if we did go thru MEGA** what would be the rates? The rates are based on a bid. The Ulster County bid for gas and electric was won by Direct Energy. The Village would be “piggy backed” on the Ulster County bid.

The Trustees and Mayor agreed that it would be changing all accounts for electric and natural gas to Direct Energy.

Deputy Mayor Mayer made a motion to sign contracts with Direct Energy for a variable rate with fixed rate adder for the electric and the price protection rate for natural gas for all departments in the Village. The motion to sign contracts with Direct Energy was seconded by Trustee Helmuth. Motion carried unanimously.

The contracts will be emailed to the Village office for signatures.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from December 18, 2107. Trustee Hackett made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 18, 2017 Village Board meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Helmuth to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented the Abstract for January 2, 2018:

- **General** \$ 45,698.40
- **Water** \$ 149,536.02
- **Wastewater** \$ 15,765.52

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for January 2, 2018. Motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer to approve the Abstract. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Parisian had nothing new to report.

Trustee Helmuth had nothing new to report.

Trustee Hackett reported that the Planning Board approved the application for a subdivision by Robert & Lucy Carpenter, I Gurth Lane. The new sewer line will be installed in the spring. The Village will share the cost and take possession of the new line and manhole after completion.

The Building Department is running smoothly and will start working on their budget.

The Waste Water Department had to remove one of the pumps at the East Bridge Street pump station for repair. It will be replaced and the other pump removed for maintenance. The pumps have not been serviced in 20 years and will be on a seven year maintenance schedule to keep them in working order.

Alex Wade gave his report for Special Projects. See attached.

Deputy Mayor reported that the Chamber of Commerce honored Greg Helmsmoortel as Person of the Year at their yearend gala along with a Community Service award for the DPW. Trustee Parisian accepted the award for DPW.

The New Year's Eve ball drop was attended by approximately 100 people who braved the record low temperature. Mayor Murphy said the DJ and ball drop went well.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #1 - Annual Election Polling Place.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #1 seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all present. Motion carried.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded Trustee Parisian. Carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Next Village Board meeting is January 16, 2018 at 5:30pm.

Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk
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