



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes July 20, 2020

**Due to COVID19 pandemic and the Governor's Executive Order 202 regarding open meetings, this meeting was held via Webex. Connection information was broadcast online for residents to participate.**

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Vince Buono, Terry Parisian, Don Hackett, Jeff Helmuth **Others:** Alex Wade, Paula Kerbert, Mike Hopf, Reporter Bill Kimble

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

**Mayor Murphy** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Privilege of the Floor** – no one was on the Webex meeting to address the Board.

**Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from July 6, 2020.**

**Deputy Mayor Mayer made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from July 6, 2020. The motion to approve the minutes from July 6, 2020 was seconded by Trustee Buono. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for July 20, 2020:**

- General \$ 21,612.68
- Water \$ 3,112.54
- Wastewater \$ 14,463.93

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve the Abstract for July 20, 2020. The motion to approve the Abstract for July 20, 2020 was seconded Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Mayor Murphy** stated that the aerators for the beach are meant to keep the water in the beach area moving to prevent algae from growing.

**Paula Kerbert presented Resolution #8** granting **Mayor Murphy** permission to complete a business credit card application. The credit card will be for the Village's use to pay bills and purchases. Tom Murphy, Vice President of Government Banking with M&T Bank, suggested the credit card take place of the debit card that has been used in the past. It is safer for the Village and there is no charge. The credit card offers the ability to purchase and pay bills online and gives a cash back and discount incentives. The credit card will be in the safe in the Village office. The Treasurer will sign out the card for use when necessary. No one person/employee will have possession of the card.

**Trustee Buono made a motion to approve Resolution #8 Business Credit Card Application permission. Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to approve Resolution #8 Business Credit Card Application permission. By A roll call - 6 yes votes, 1 absent. Motion carried.** The guidelines for use of the credit card will be distributed to the Board.

**Paula Kerbert** reported that so far \$1,606,618.84 has been received for tax payments. Approximately \$180,000. remains outstanding. Past due notices were mailed last week. There are ten residents on the installment plans and they are making their payments.

### **Supervisor Reports**

**Mike Hopf** gave his report for the Water Department. See attached report.

**Trustee Hackett** inquired about the water level at the reservoir. Mike Hopf stated that the water level at the reservoir is very well for this time of year and there is sufficient water coming over the dam. No water restrictions are required at this time.

**Trustee Helmuth** stated that the DEC is going into a drought watch. **Trustee Helmuth** advised Mike Hopf to keep an eye on the reservoir levels.

**Mike Hopf** stated that typically this time of year the levels are monitored. The reservoir is about 12million gallons. The reservoir is spring fed and being at the base of 700ft of elevation helps keep water flowing over the dam.

**Trustees Hackett and Helmuth** stated that evaporation is an issue in the recent hot weather at approximately ¼ to ½ inch per day.

**Mike Hopf** inquired whether the Board would like to postpone the fees until September 1 or forgive the late fees for the current bill? New quarterly bills will be mailed by September 1, 2020. Approximately \$340,000 - \$350,000 is billed this quarter, as of today \$94,000.00 is still outstanding. That is \$5000 more due than typical at this time.

**Mayor Murphy** suggested that the late fees be forgiven for this current bill and plan on business as usual for the September 1<sup>st</sup> billing. It can be reevaluated again in September.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to forgive the late fees on the current water bills. Trustee Helmuth seconded the motion to forgive the late fees on the current water bills. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Alex Wade** reported for Special Projects. See attached report.

The response to the Census is behind despite alerts in the media. Are there any suggestions as to additional ways get residents to complete the Census other than the website and TV23?

**Trustee Hackett** presented the report for the Waste Water Dept. See attached.

The RBC repair is on hold until the contractor finishes their quarantine.

The bids will go out for the Washington and Main Street sewer repair project mid – August.

**Mayor Murphy** advised to take into consideration the possible school traffic at the Washington and Main intersection during the repair.

### **Trustee Reports**

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

DPW painted lines and put up signs at the beach parking lot. The Harvester has been out in the creek as much as possible.

**Mayor Murphy** stated that he was glad to see that Electrician Bob Kelly will be helping to install the aerators at the beach.

**Mayor Murphy** presented the report for the Fire Department. See attached report.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** reported

- Suggested the Census be included on Facebook.
- The Arts Commission filled their vacancy on the Board with Evonne Cohen.
- The Chamber of Commerce ZOOM meeting will be July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.
  - The Saugerties Artists Tour will be a virtual tour of each artist's workspace and posted on line.
  - Shout Out Saugerties has events happening this weekend.
- Tom Struzzieri, HITS and Diamond Mills, has offered the help of his marketing department to assist with TV, online and print publications to promote all the business in Saugerties. The marketing department will be working with The Saugerties Chamber of Commerce, Destination Saugerties, and Saugerties Tourism representatives.
- Bob Sircusano is producing radio ads to promote several restaurants in Saugerties for the next 4 – 5 weeks.
- The club signs at the entrance to the Village on Ulster Avenue is going to be refurbished by the AutoZone developer. Clubs will be contacted for accuracy.

**Trustee Helmuth** had nothing new to report.

**Trustee Buono** had nothing new to report.

**Mayor Murphy** requested a moment of silence to observe the passing of Marian Vail. Marian was a long time Village resident who had served as Deputy Mayor, Trustee, Treasurer, and Clerk.

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Parisian. The motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.**

**The Village Board meeting is Monday August 3, 2020 at 5:30 pm via Webex.**

**<https://villageofsaugerties.my.webex.com/join/bmurphy>**

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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