



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes October 3, 2022

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustees Vince Buono, Brian Martin, Terry Parisian, Don Hackett
Others: Ed Quirk, Dave Gordon, Bill Kemble, Kelly Myers, Sue Sachar, Nina Schmidbaur Zink, Andrew Zink, Bob Gallanz

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

Trustee Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Kelly Myers and Sue Sachar were present to address the Trustees regarding a proposed winter festival event. The Snow Moon Festival (Hunger Moon). event is planned for February 3rd – 5th. The businesses and community need help during the cold winter months. The VFW, American Legion Boys and Girls Club and the Area Council of Churches long with local business will participate in the eventful weekend. Plans include a comedy night, ice sculptures, ice bar, scavenger hunt, craft fair, a chili cookoff, movie, horse and buggy rides, building snowmen, relay races and a carnival at various locations throughout the Village and Town. A winter float parade lead by the Fire Department would follow the parade route and end up at a bon fire at the Village Beach. Arm of the Sea Theatre will participate also.

Trustee Parisian suggested the use of the cow flop instead of the Village Beach for the bonfire due to possible congestion at the beach. **Mayor Murphy** suggested that the parade end at either the HS football field or Cantine Field. Open burning is banned in the Village. Kelly and Sue agreed that Cantine may be a better option since the parade will start there and can end there as well. Coordination will be made with the police department and fire department. Insurance riders will be obtained. Donations and funds will be processed through the Sawyer Motors Foundation.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to support the plans for the Snow Moon Festival February 2-5. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to support the plans for the Snow Moon Festival February 2-5. The motion carried unanimously.

Nina Schmidbaur Zink reported that the library free book project was a great success and generated a \$1000 grant from the Mid-Hudson Library System to purchase 50 additional books and bags to distribute. The books remaining from this giveaway will be sold by the Friends of the Library at the last Farmers Market of the season, October 29th.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from September 19, 2022.

Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from September 19, 2022. The motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from September 19, 2022, was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for October 3, 2022.

- General \$ 40,037.33
- Water \$ 19,035.44
- Wastewater \$ 16,495.63

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstracts for October 3, 2022. The motion to approve the Abstracts for October 19, 2022 was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report

Paula Kerbert had nothing new to report.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Parisian stated that the Town of Ulster has a 2010 Mac, 6wheel, in excellent condition that has been offered to the Village to purchase at \$25,000. Funds have been used from the equipment line and contractual line of the DPW budget. CHIPS funds are not available since the equipment is used.

Resolution # 8 Purchase of Vehicle

Trustee Parisian presented **Resolution #8** for the purchase of the 2010 MacGU712 Dump truck with plow from the Town of Ulster.

Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve Resolution #8 for the purchase of the 2010 Mac GU712 Dump truck with plow from the Town of Ulster. Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to approve Resolution #8 for the purchase of the 2010 Mac GU712 Dump truck with plow from the Town of Ulster. Six yes votes, one absent. The motion carried.

Trustee Parisian reported that the DPW has an appointment with a lighting vendor from Albany to submit a proposal to light the red bridge permanently. The lights would be enclosed and remote controlled. Electric power is already at the bridge and beach.

Street paving is being planned with the help of the Town DPW. Central Hudson met with the paving company. Mayor Murphy is negotiating to have Washington Avenue fully paved curb to curb from Division Street to Post Street. Post, Clermont, and Virginia Streets will be done inhouse. NYS is possibly replacing curbing next year.

Trustee Hackett is concerned about the condition of McDonald Street.

Trustee Hackett reported that the committee for the short-term rentals had a meeting on Tuesday, September 27th. New wording will be written into the existing tenant law regarding registration of short-term rentals.

Trustee Buono mentioned that Ulster County Tourism would have a complete list of short-term rentals. It would be up to Ulster County to collect any additional hotel/motel taxes. **Mayor Murphy** stated that we don't have an issue in the Village with short term rentals. Parking is a separate issue.

The informational list for the Wastewater plant upgrade has been sent to Dennis Larios. The bond has already been approved; we just need the correct figures from the engineer.

The Wastewater Dept. would lose between 6% - 8% their budget if the sludge hauling was stopped. **Trustee Parisian** stated that an offset cost analysis would help determine if the expense, wear, and tear on equipment of accepting sludge is compensated by the income.

Trustee Hackett stated that he, Water Superintendent Michael Hopf and Wastewater Interim Superintendent Joe Myers had decided on hiring Serena Augustine as the new Wastewater Operator Trainee.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the hiring of Serena Augustine as a Wastewater Operator Trainee to start October 24th, 2022. Trustee Martin seconded the motion to approve the hiring of Serena Augustine as a Wastewater Operator Trainee to start October 24th, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Parisian questioned whether there were any answers for the drainage issue at the Martin property on Main Street.

Mayor Murphy stated that the original test hole had collapsed during the heavy rain. It has been fixed and is still being monitored. The process and determination are in the engineers' hands right now and the decision will be based on their professional opinion.

Trustee Martin had nothing new to report.

Trustee Buono had nothing new to report.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported

- The Garlic Festival was this past weekend. It was well attended. Thank you to all the volunteers.
- The Mum Festival Committee is Sunday, October 9th, 12-5:00. **Trustee Helmuth** will oversee the art display and contest. Will any Trustees be attending at the opening ceremony? Mayor Murphy will be out of town. Trustee Hackett volunteered to be at the opening ceremony. Horse wagon rides, Wildlife Show and musical entertainment and vendors. The Elks Club will have a food booth.
- The community signs have been returned and Rich Forbes has found a new company to repaint the signs.

Petition for a Zoning Change

The petition for a zoning change will be discussed at the October 17th meeting. Code Enforcement Eyal Saad will be in attendance to address the zoning issues and concerns regarding the zoning change.

Robert Gallanz spoke to inform the Trustees that Eleanor Roosevelt's birthday is on Tuesday, October 11th.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion to adjourn. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

The next **Village Board meeting Monday, October 17, at 5:30 pm.**

Lisa Mayone Village Clerk October 6, 2022