



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes August 20, 2018

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustees Terry Parisian, Jeff Helmuth, Don Hackett, Brian Martin, Vince Buono, Eyal Saad, George Terpening, Mike Hopf, Bob Fanelli, Rich Forbes, Ed Quirk, Chris Mason, Brian Mason, Bill Kemble, Dave Gordon, Bob Gallenz, Bill Neubauer, Mrs. Neubauer

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

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

Privilege of the Floor –

Mr. Neubauer, West Camp, addressed the Board regarding the Board as being public servants and working for tax payers. After being confrontational and being redirected to get to his point, Mr. Neubauer complained about the evasive growth in the creek and beach and about a tree across the creek. He complained that Mr. Campbell, the property owner, was not doing anything to remove the tree and it was causing debris to pile up, rats and an odor. Also, that Mr. Campbell uses the Fire Department vehicle with children in the vehicle. Mr. Neubauer questioned how much of the creek Mr. Campbell owned. He also complained about Parks Superintendent Terpening for telling him not to swim in the creek. He says Mr. Terpening doesn't care about the Beach. He also complained about the lifeguards and the employees watering the plants.

Mayor Murphy tried to speak to Mr. Neubauer regarding the points of his complaints. The tree is on private property which a portion of the tree was removed. It is up to the property owner, Mr. Campbell to take care of the remainder of the tree when he can. The complaint regarding the children in the Fire Dept. vehicle will be looked in to. The reason Mr. Neubauer was asked to get out of the water was because he was outside of the swimming area ropes; in a non-swimming area. Mayor Murphy indicated that he had Mr. Neubauer on video and witnesses to the confrontation at the beach with Mr. Terpening. The police had been called and Mr. Neubauer had been banned from the using the beach. He also addressed the measures being taken to address the evasive growth at the beach.

Deputy Mayor Mayer asked Mr. Neubauer to get to his point, to which Mr. Neubauer repeated his ranting about Mr. Terpening and Mr. Campbell. He was not able to continue without being confrontational and was thanked to leave.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from August 6, 2018.

Trustee Martin made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 6, 2018 Village Board.

The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer.

Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for August 20, 2018:

- General \$ 26,954.31
- Water \$ 3,026.39
- Wastewater \$ 6,382.31

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve the Abstract for August 20, 2018. The motion to approve the Abstract for August 20, 2018 was seconded by Trustee Parisian. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Mason reported for the Fire Department. See attached report.

Trustee Helmuth inquired as to what the calls for water rescue calls were for. 2nd Assistant Chief Mason replied that one was a kayaker that was close to the dam and one was for a boater near the dam. Both cases turned out to be non-emergencies.

Bob Fanelli presented his report for the DPW. See attached report.

The guide rail on Lighthouse drive is complete.

The heavy rain storm on Saturday caused flooding on Market Street and the intersection of Main and Partition Street. There are two catch basin drains on Market Street that are not able to handle the heavy rains and excess water due to the severity of the storms. A project to upgrade the catch basins with larger 30x48 size with the casting into the curb are being considered. It will allow for more water to drain more quickly. The flooding at the Main and Partition Street intersection is a NYS DOT issue that needs to be addressed. The Waste Water Dept. had used the camera to check the drains on the Main Street intersection and they were clean and unclogged, so the size and position is a factor as to the flooding.

Trustee Buono asked where the Market Street catch basins drain. Mr. Fanelli said the catch basins drain into the pipe that goes northeast past Washington Avenue passed the High School and into the Sawyerkill by the Gristmill. There is a sink hole in the High School field which is being excavated to alleviate the flooding. Bob Fanelli officially announced his retirement as of September 6th. He thanked the Board and Supervisors for working together and all their cooperation. "The Board has been great". **Mayor Murphy** thanked Bob for his hard work and dedication. The Mayor stated that he was "Ciarlante on steroids". **Trustee Parisian** thanked Bob for doing a terrific job and wished him well on his retirement even though he rather not have him leave. The Board also thanked Bob for doing a great job and congratulated him on his retirement. Bob Fanelli introduced Richard Forbes as his recommendation for his replacement. He feels confident that Rich will do a good job. Mayor Murphy is confident with the recommendation also.

Mike Hopf presented his report for the Water Dept. See attached report.

The excess rain has caused issues at the Water plant. The plant has been on and off line due to the recent heavy rains. He thanked his operators for handling the extra work and overtime to keep the water plant running smoothly.

The Winston Farm production well will require an easement from the property owners.

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

The Village beach is closed as of Thursday August 16th due to bacteria. There has been no word from Ulster County as to the new test results and when the beach will reopen. The Lifeguards have been helping with plantings at Seamon Park.

Eyal Saad presented his report for the Building and Safety. See attached report.

Mr. Saad addressed the issue of throwing the grass in the street. Many Village residents are blowing the grassing from cutting their lawns into the street. This is dangerous for vehicles and clogs the storm drains. He is looking in the Village Code to see if there is a code against the grass in the streets.

The Lighthouse CRZ project is beginning. A barge with materials will be shipped to the Lighthouse within the week. There will be a holding area for the timber on the LoDolce property at 12 Ferry Street for one day.

The Tina Chorvas Park had gone to bid and will be started soon.

The water in front of the bookstore is coming from a constantly pumping sump pump.

Trustee Parisian inquired as to the burnt out Russell Street property. It has been longer than the 3 week stay. Is there something the Village can do to get the stay lifted?

The judge has not issued a release of the stay. Eyal will contact the Village attorney to proceed with lifting the stay order. **Trustee Hackett** inquired if the Village would take down the building. The property owner is responsible for the removal of the building. The Village would only take it down if the property owner refused. Eyal stated that we're still waiting for the report from NYS fire with the results of their investigation.

Trustee Hackett reported for the Waste Water Department. **See attached report.**

There was some flooding at the sewer plant from the rain storm.

The sewer project on Washington Avenue is underway. They had been waiting for a manhole. The tree near Mr. Scala's property will not be removed unless it becomes a safety issue.

Trustee Parisian confirmed the announcement that Bob Fanelli would be retiring. Bob has done a fantastic job and we'll be sorry to see him go. We wish him well in his retirement. Bob has been mentoring Rich Forbes for several months to take his place. Rich is very capable candidate for the Superintendent position. He knows the village very well. He will be on a 3 month probation.

Trustee Hackett inquired as to the salary for the DPW Superintendents position. **Trustee Parisian** stated that the salary is \$57,500. Trustee Parisian also stated that Bob Fanelli is owed 106 days to be used to buy his medical coverage for one year.

Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the recommendation of Richard Forbes for the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works position. Trustee Martin seconded the motion to approve Richard Forbes for the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works position. Motion carried unanimously. Congratulations Rich.

Rich Forbes thanked the Board for the opportunity. He will do his best for the Village. The great crew is part of the reason to take the position.

Trustee Helmuth reported that a Waterfront Advisory Board meeting will be scheduled soon to vote on a new Chairman. **Alex Wade and Trustee Helmuth** have been updating the core document of the Waterfront Advisory Board.

The parking lot law workshop was very well received. There was a good discussion with the residents. The issue of overnight parking and snow emergency were discussed. Nixel alerts are a possibility. Details will be worked on with the Village Attorney and brought back to the Board.

Trustee Buono thought that Trustee Helmuth did a good job of conducting the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported

- Chamber of Commerce last meeting was a BBQ
- 3000 people attended the TV23 hosted Caribbean Festival fundraiser
- Woodstock Film Festival is proposing a Saugerties Crawl Oct 10 -14 Village businesses would be able to participate with special offerings and events.
- A Visitor's Street Map is being planned by Mark Smith
- The Saugerties Chamber is looking for an alternative location for the Visitor Center since the free lease runs out this year. An average of 25 people use the visitor center during the weekends. **Mayor Murphy** thought that the closed Town's visitor center could possibly be relocated somewhere in the Village.
- Next meeting of the Chamber is at the Library at 6:30 on Wed. August 29th
- All are invited to the Mum Festival on Sunday, Oct 7th 12-5
- The Library Vote is Thursday, September 6 10am – 8:00pm

Trustee Martin had nothing new to report.

Trustee Buono had nothing new to report.

Trustee Parisian added that he would like to acknowledge a thank you letter from the Esopus Creek Conservancy to Bob Fanelli and the DPW for helping them prepare their site for a new pavilion. **Mayor Murphy** added his thanks and stated he received a thank you to Bob Fanelli and the DPW crew from the Reformed Church for the removal of the tree that had lifted the sidewalk and their insurance company would not renew their coverage.

Trustee Buono made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. Motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Next Village Board meeting is Tuesday September 4, 2018 at 5:30pm.

Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk
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