



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

Village Board Meeting & Public Hearing Minutes October 16, 2017

Present: Mayor Murphy, Trustees Brian Martin, Vince Buono, Don Hackett, Terry Parisian, Jeff Helmuth, George Terpening, Mike Marino, Alex Wade, Chris Mason

Absent: Deputy Mayor Mayer, Mike Hopf, Bob Fanelli, Eyal Saad

Others: Ed Quirk, Brian Mason, Robert Ford, Bill Kemble, Robert Gallenz, Mary McNamera, Z Willie Neuman, Chris Allen, 4 High School students

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

Trustee Buono led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Z Willie Neuman thanked the Mayor and Board for their support in his creating a small sitting area at the corner of Main Street and Market Street. Mr. Neuman would like to have a crosswalk on Partition Street from the Municipal Parking lot area to across the street. He stated that many people are crossing illegally and the closest crosswalk is at the corner of Main and Partition Streets which is far for handicapped people or with a stroller. He is concerned that the Village would be liable if someone got hurt crossing the street. Mayor Murphy stated that if pedestrians are crossing illegally that the Village wouldn't be liable. And that the Village had previously looked into putting a crosswalk at Jane Street and at Russell Street to 150 Partition Street (Stella's Station) but it wasn't possible because of the curb cuts and losing two parking spaces. Trustee Parisian added that there are ADA requirements and that the sidewalks are not wide enough, there isn't the required 2% slope and parking spaces will be lost.

Mr. Neuman brought up another issue regarding a growing puddle at the corner of Market and Main Streets. The channel needs to be wider for proper drainage. Mr. Neuman requested that Mullen and sons come back to that area and make the channel near the curb wider. Mayor Murphy stated that it is a NYS road and Mullen was hired by NYS DOT at the time the work was done. NYS DOT approval is required.

Trustee Parisian stated the drain is higher than the crosswalk. Alex Wade also stated that ADA will not let you put a drain where needed and NYS DOT was supposed to have fixed the problem when the crosswalks were installed. Mayor Murphy will contact John Mullen to see if he could get a work order from NYS DOT to fix the problem.

One more issue that Mr. Neuman brought up is that he thinks the turn on the same corner needs a metal guardrail to prevent the cars from cutting the corner and going over the curb. Mayor Murphy stated that sometimes the trucks need to cut the corner in order not to hit the cars at the stop light that are stopped too far into the intersection.

Mary McNamara was present to address the Board regarding the invasive species in the creek and beach area. There are quite a few community members who are interested in accessing the invasive species in the creek. Mayor Murphy had spoken to a resident that works for DEP and found out that it may be brought in on boats and kayaks. The Village and DEP along with IPaddle could have a meeting and schedule a time for the harvester from Port Ewen to be used and also set up a program to steam clean the kayaks before they go in the creek. Ms. McNamara stated the Esopus Creek conservancy had The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development do a study on the infestation of the water chestnut and eurasian water milfoil. It would be nice to coordinate efforts. Mayor Murphy would like to have it done in the spring before the swimming season. Parks Supervisor George Terpening added that a good solid winter with a thick ice will also help clean out some of the growth in the creek.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from October 2, 2107. Trustee Hackett made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 2, 2017 Village Board meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Martin to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented the Abstract for October 16, 2017:

• General	\$ 32,861.89
• Water	\$ 3,904.31
• Wastewater	\$ 11,326.88
• Special – Seamon Park	\$ 2,731.20

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstract for October 16, 2017. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hackett to approve the Abstract. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

The special abstract for the cost of the mums was paid through the Park Fund, the Blue Catz and Kiwanis Club. There was no expense to the taxpayers.

Chris Mason presented the Fire Department report. See attached report.

Alex Wade presented his report for special Projects. See attached report.

The traffic light sensor at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Main Street is not working properly. The sensor is located in the street and if a car is not stopped far enough forward, the sensor does not change the traffic light. The sensor should have originally been installed on the pole. The short term solution would be to paint the sensor in order to make it more visible to drivers, until NYS DOT can correct the problem. Primarily the sensor going North on Washington Avenue is the problem.

Trustee Parisian nothing new to report. Reminder - Leaf pick up will be November 13-17 – leaves only, one time only!

Trustee Helmuth reported that the Mum Festival went well.

Trustee Helmuth read the Proclamation for Shout Out Saugerties at the opening ceremony on Friday evening.

Trustee Buono nothing new to report.

Trustee Martin nothing new to report.

Trustee Hackett nothing new to report. Eyal Saad is at training in Albany for 3 day- see his attached report.

Al Bruno, a member of the STAC committee, made a presentation regarding parking in the Village. Mr. Bruno contacted a research company – Carl Walker Designs, and received information as to what they can do to address the Village parking situation. The company can provide a couple of plans and proposals based on the information sent to them. One of the plans includes a Parking Study. The study includes a crew to inventory the current parking, project a plan and create a proposal for possibilities to address parking. This particular company specializes mostly in parking structures and parking garages. The comprehensive study which includes the business district would cost approximately \$18,200. The initial proposal that the company came up with would be a 3 level structure in the municipal lot behind Mirabella's. It would provide approximately 186 to 202 additional parking spaces. The parking could be metered or not. The revenue aspect would be up to the Board to decide. There are grants available to fund the study. Trustee Helmuth inquired if ground level parking would solve the

handicap parking requirements of having an ADA compliant elevator in the structure. After discussion it was determined that handicap spaces are required on all levels to avoid discrimination. Mr. Bruno stated that the structures are fabricated to look any way you want. Trustee Helmuth stated that a traffic study had been done several years ago and it was determined that the parking was adequate then. The Board discussed that the changes and growth in the Village since the study would make it too old to be credible. Mayor Murphy added that there are parking spots available in the outer parking lots that are not always utilized.

Alex Wade asked whether or not it would be wise to get competitive bid proposal. Trustee Buono commented that the study and proposal should not be from the same company. The obligation to the company should be for the study only. Mayor Murphy agreed and stated that the study would have to be funded by grant money and not tax payer money.

Z Willie Neuman made a request for a possible dog run/park in the Village. Mayor Murphy mentioned that there are two doge friendly parks in the Village – Seamon Park and Tina Chorvas Park. There is not available space in the Village for a proper Dog park – possibly the Town.

Legislator Chris Allen reported that the Ulster County a Resolution by John Parete before the legislature for Ulster County to collecting the delinquent taxes. Saugerties is one of three Villages that are not collected by Ulster County – New Paltz and Wawarsing. It doesn't look good for the resolution passing.

Trustee Parisian asked why Saugerties is different than any other Village in NYS. What law in Ulster County states that these 3 Villages are excluded? **Chris Allen's** responded that there is the absence of specific language in the state law that requires Towns to be made whole not Villages. It whould be 2020 until they have a new computer system before it can be changed.

Mayor Murphy requested a moment of silence be observed in honor of the passing of Greg Mulstay and Cliff Tienken Sr. Mr. Mulstay was a former two term Village Trustee in the 1960's and Mr. Tienken served on the Village Plumbing Board and the Waterfront Advisory Board.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Martin. Carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Next Village Board meeting is November 6 at 5:30pm.

Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk
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