



VILLAGE OF SAUGERTIES

43 PARTITION STREET  
SAUGERTIES, N.Y. 12477

## Village Board Meeting Minutes March 3, 2025

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Trustees: Brian Martin, Don Hackett, Jeannine Mayer, Andrew Zink

**Others:** Paula Kerbert, Ed Quirk, Bill Kemble

**Absent:** Terry Parisian, Vince Buono

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

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

### Regular Session

#### Privilege Of The Floor

**Trustee Hackett made the motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2025. Trustee Martin seconded the motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2025. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Hackett presented the Abstracts for March 3, 2025.**

• General	\$ 44,635.48
• Water	\$ 26,970.54
• Wastewater	\$ 26,630.03
• Capital Fund	\$ 623.39

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**Treasurer Report** – The budget will be reviewed with the Mayor, then will be emailed to the Village Board.

#### Trustee Reports

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** – One application for the revolving loan, Trustee Hackett how many do you get a year? Trustee Zink stated that there is a revolving loan at Ulster County, if the fund runs low to direct them to Ulster County. Arts Commission, elected the Board and the committee positions. Mary McDonald asked for support for her Earth Day project, which they are doing. They also spoke about mentorship; next meeting is Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup>. UC Chamber Mixer at Sue's, Freddie spoke about the Joint Grant that we applied for, Winston Farm. Nancy Donelly wants to do a Saugerties Music and Arts Festival one day event, looking at November through March. TV23 Meeting is 13<sup>th</sup>. Chronogram had a big article on Saugerties.

**Trustee Zink** – Planning Board Meeting, Public Hearing for 169 Ulster Avenue, SPAF was closed also Public Hearing for 8 Ferry Street, Slips was closed. Minutes were approved. The applications for both were approved. Training was discussed for the Zoning and Planning Boards.

**Trustee Hackett** – Wastewater going good, Dennis moving on the Bids, there will be a meeting on Thurs at the Village Office.

**Trustee Martin** – Brooks BBQ 4PM – 7PM pickup. Last Friday the Fire Department was on standby for Catskill on Main Street. Wednesday night there was water rescue training at the beach.

**Glenn Weinberg – Joule Assets** called in and addressed the Village Board via cell phone.

Glenn asked when the next Village Board Meeting was being held, March 17, 2025.

We ran the CCA RPF, we received two bidders from both of the preferred bidders in NY Constellation and Direct Energy, below our benchmark, low enough for me not to recommend moving forward. Wholesale electricity pricing, the market has been jumpy, since the election and then tariffs on Canadian imports, affects electricity as well. No recommendation from Joule to move forward, recommendation is to consider a contract extension offer by the current contract, extend the end date from June (which is current contract), would most likely in November. We are waiting for a final version of the amended contract. To consider it and have a resolution at the next meeting (3/17/25) to approve the amended contract. Once the amended contract is completed, it will be sent to the Mayor and the Clerk and then will be passed on to the Village Board for review.

Glen will take any questions once the amended contract is distributed.

Bill Kemble, from the Daily Freeman I read the bids that came, renewables came in under the benchmark, is the standard the hang up? Glen responded that the renewables were not as low, they were below benchmark, we could have liked to see 5% to 7% lower to make a strong recommendation. The conventional price is above the trailing 12-month average for Central Hudson, plus 5%, which is 8.7%, not allowed to offer. It's a binary and we are not allowed to offer it at all.

Trustee Zink requested, would like to see responses and/or questions with Glen, please copy all Village Board members in response to Joule Asset.

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to Adjourn the Village Board Meeting. Trustee Zink seconded the motion to Adjourn the Village Board Meeting. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:58PM.**

The next **Village Board meeting is March 17, 2025, at 5:30PM**

Peggy Melville      Village Clerk      March 4, 2025