



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes December 4, 2017

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Brian Martin, Vince Buono, Don Hackett, Terry Parisian, Jeff Helmuth, Alex Wade

Others: Ed Quirk, Bill Kemble, Robert Gallenz, Christina Coulter, 14 High School students

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

Mayor Murphy requested HS student **Edgar Aguetta** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor No one present to address the Board.

Mayor Murphy presented the **Village Board Minutes from November 20, 2017**. **Trustee Helmuth** made a motion to accept the minutes of the **November 20, 2017 Village Board meeting**. **Motion was seconded by Trustee Buono to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

Trustee Buono presented the **Abstract for December 4, 2017:**

- **General** \$ **193,087.93**
- **Water** \$ **35,635.83**
- **Wastewater** \$ **45,380.03**

Trustee Buono noted that the annual payment to the NYS Retirement Fund was made on each department's abstract.

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the **Abstract for December 4, 2017**. **Motion was seconded by Trustee Hackett to approve the Abstract. Motion carried unanimously.**

Trustee Parisian had nothing new to report. He complimented the DPW crew for the good job they did with the leave pick up, the lights on the bridge and setting up the Christmas tree in Reis parking lot. Many compliments have been received on the tree.

Trustee Helmuth reported that resident on Finger Street has been sent a letter denying them a refund on their water bill unless they can demonstrate that the high usage of water didn't go into the sewer. The high bill at the Star Way Café was due to a break and a portion of the sewer bill will be credited.

Trustee Buono nothing new to report. At the previous meeting we stated that we would discuss the new parking law and the donation to TV 23. **Trustee Parisian** added that the donation amount to TV23 was to be decided during the June 2018 Village budget process. And it was agreed that the Board members do not want to change the meeting space. **Trustee Helmuth** mentioned that he thought the amendment to the Overnight Parking Law was to include a 2 week time limit and the draft only has a 2 hour limit. **Mayor Murphy** clarified that the amendment presented was a draft and the 2 week limit could be added before the final draft. The Village attorney would be consulted to revise the draft and advise if a Public Hearing is necessary for the amended law for the next Board meeting.

Trustee Martin reported that the Holiday Light Parade on Sunday went very well and was well attended. Chief Wade will have a full report about the parade at the December 18th Village Board meeting.

Trustee Hackett had nothing new to report.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported that Holiday in the Village was a great success. There were activities at many business, a free Movie and toy prizes. The prizes awarded for the decorated store front windows were: 1st – Hudson Valley Dessert Company, 2nd Saugerties Antiques Center, 3rd Dutch Ale House. The prizes for the best decorated vehicle in the parade: 1st Asbury Kaatsban Fire Dept., 2nd Centerville Fire Dept., 3rd Glasco Fire Dept. The tree lighting at Seamon Park was great also. **Trustee Hackett** asked if the lights at Seamon Park were on a timer. The lights are now all on timers and should be off by 11pm. **Deputy Mayor Mayer** had a suggestion for Kiwanis to have the large tree already lit and the rest of the lights throughout the park be lit for a more dramatic affect.

- The New Year's Eve celebration committee meeting: Tuesday at 9am
- Saugerties Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party: Wednesday 12/20 6pm
- Lighthouse TV23 new line up: 12/14 with returning series *At the Chief's Desk and Most Wanted*
- The Kiersted House has lost some of their funding and will be approaching the Village for help
- Vinnie McLaughlin would like to be notified when the Planning Board forwards an application to the Ulster County Planning Board.

Jeannine has had some residents inquiring as to when the Menorah will be put up in the Reis parking lot.

Trustee Parisian responded that the Menorah will be put up before the end of this week.

Deputy Mayor Mayer said that Direct Energy has notified the Village that they will no longer be the service provider. Central Hudson will take over after the final bill from Direct Energy unless we find a new supplier. **Deputy Mayor Mayer** will follow up.

Alex Wade presented his report for Special Projects. See attached report. Mr. Wade spoke of the passing of Maurice Hinchey and his contributions to the Village of Saugerties and the Hudson Valley. Mr. Wade worked closely with Mr. Hinchey on the Lighthouse and Kiersted House projects as well as being a personal friend.

Mayor Murphy added to the praise of Maurice Hinchey and requested a moment of silence be observed in honor of the passing of former Assemblyman Maurice Hinchey.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Buono. Carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.

Next Village Board meeting is December 18 at 5:30pm.

Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk
Filed 12/8/17