



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes February 21, 2017

Present: Mayor Bill Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustees, Terry Parisian, Brian Martin, Vince Buono, Don Hackett, Jeff Helmuth, Eyal Saad, Mike Hopf, Bob Fanelli, George Terpening, Alex Wade

Absent: Mike Marino **Others:** Robert Ford, Ed Quirk, Bill Swart, Eugenie Yeo, 1 HS student

Mayor Murphy called the Village Board to order at 5:00 pm.

Trustee Hackett led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Eugenie Yeo, 29 Russell Street was present to address the Board. Ms. Yeo's house on Russell Street, borders the exit lane of the municipal parking lot. She is planning to sell her house and wanted to offer it to the Village before she put it on the market. She feels her property would be convenient to the Village to add to the parking lot.

Mayor Murphy stated that the Village would be interested but it would be a long process for the approval and funds. The process would be at least 6 – 12 months. Ms. Yeo would like to sell within the next 2 years. Mayor Murphy requested that Ms. Yeo draft a formal letter to the Board and send it to the Village office. Trustee Buono will look into the parking aspect of the property and ways to raise funds if it were to be purchased.

Bill Swart, Railroad Avenue was present to address the Board. Mr. Swart is interested in having a waterline from the main to his residence on Railroad Avenue. He had come to the Board at a previous meeting and since then an estimate for the project was done by engineers hired by the Village – Brinnier and Larios. He was surprised at the extent of the project and wasn't sure of the benefit. Why did it have to be done that way? Mike Hopf stated that the engineers used general engineering practices for water mains. If it was a private line it would have been done different.

Mr. Swart stated that he was surprised by reading in the paper that there was a decision by the Board not to do the proposed project. Especially since he had no contact from the Village.

Mayor Murphy stated that the Board did not make a decision. The proposal was brought to the Board members and they were going to look it over and have further discussion. No decision was made and **if it** was decided to go ahead with the project, it would not be done until after June based on the new Budget. Also, there needs to be an investigation as to whether or not it is legal for the Village to do this type of project for one resident.

Mr. Swart stated that he thought it may be possible for the Village to do the project in smaller increments to give them time to raise the funds and complete the project. It would not have to be done all at once. Mr. Swart presented a quote from J. Mullen for the installation of a private line for \$35,000. Mr. Swart stated that he would not have the funds to install himself.

Mayor Murphy stated that any project would have to be presented to all the neighbors and any work put out to bid.

Further discussion continued regarding the projects feasibility and legality. The project will be left open for discussion and possible options. Mr. Swart asked as to the status of the property at 289 Ulster Avenue, where the water line would possibly cross through. Building Inspector Eyal Saad stated that the property is condemned and there is a Stop Work Order issued. Mr. Swart thanked the Board.

Trustee Parisian made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 6, 2017 Village Board meeting.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Martin to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Mayer presented the Abstract for February 21, 2017:

- General \$ 8,440.34
- Water \$ 3,401.22
- Wastewater \$ 5,040.53

Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer to approve the Abstract.

Motion carried unanimously.

Water Superintendent Mike Hopf gave his monthly report. See attached.

He asked the Board to consider the attached spreadsheet with the results of the Chemical bid proposals. Four vendors sent in bids and they were opened on March 9th.

Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer to approve the Chemical Bid as highlighted on the spreadsheet. Motion carried unanimously.

The Village has been asked to supply water and sewer to the new hotel to be constructed on a portion of Winston Farm. They would tap the 16" main and run a private line along the west shoulder of Route 32. The project would be for the private line initially but the Town has the option to add users and the ability to buy back from the developer to create a water district.

Trustee Hackett questioned the billing and if there is enough water to supply the hotel. Is the water capacity sufficient? Mr. Hopf stated that the water capacity is more than enough even at peak times.

Alex Betke is working on an agreement with the Town if they decide to purchase the water line. They are requesting that the Village Board approve the Mayor and Mr. Hopf to sign the contract supplying the water to the Town.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve the Mayor and Mike Hopf signing the contract between the Village and the Town for the water line. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Sinagra presented his report. See attached.

Trustee Buono asked about the URGENT agreement. There is a liability clause in the contract that needs to be addressed before it is finalized.

Chief Sinagra and Mayor Murphy will be participating in Career Day on Friday at Cahill Elementary School.

Eyal Saad presented his report for the Building Department. See attached.

Mr. Saad received a complaint from a DEC officer about illegal dumping on North Street and Ulster Avenue. After an investigation it proved that there was dumping with no permits. Mr. Saad issued a Stop Work Order and DEC issued tickets.

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

Bob Fanelli presented his report for the Department of Public Works. See attached.

Snow cleanup went well. All the snow on the streets in the business district has been removed from the curbs with minimal overtime.

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

Mr. Wade stated that he assumed that there would be a package sewage disposal system at the hotel project.

Trustee Hackett stated he heard that they were going to use the lift station by the Hess station.

Alex stated that it is a complicated engineering process with the sewer portion of the project.

Trustee Hackett said he would discuss it further with Mike Marino.

Trustee Hackett presented the report for the Waste Water department in the absence of Mike Marino. See attached.

Trustee Hackett presented the report for the Fire Department. See attached.

Reminder: Tickets are available for the Brooks BBQ on March 1st.

Trustee Buono had reported that the budget process has started. Meetings with Supervisor's will be scheduled.

Trustee Parisian had nothing new to report.

Trustee Helmuth had nothing new to report.

Trustee Martin had nothing new to report.

Trustee Hackett had nothing new to report.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported that the next Chamber Meeting will be Feb 22 –at New World 6:30 – Speaker will be Susanne Holtz with the UC Economic Development Committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Martin. Carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm. Next meeting March 6 at 5pm.