



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

**Village Board Meeting
Minutes
December 4, 2023**

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer Trustees: Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Andrew Zink **Absent:** Trustee Brian Martin, Terry Parisian

Others: Bill Kemble, Dave Gordon, Ed Quirk, Kevin Brown

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

Deputy Mayor Mayer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Murphy - having this meeting with heavy hearts tonight, lost two members of our Village Community, Sam Fisco passed last Sunday. Sam was a member of the current Zoning Board. Sam will be missed by many in the Village who worked with him as well. Trustee Hackett, he will be missed; Trustee Hackett was his neighbor and good friend. Trustee Hackett said he will be missed in the Village and the Zoning Board; he was really just a good guy.

Secondly as you all know we lost Alex Wade last Tuesday morning. It's been a difficult week for this office and a lot of people. Mayor has been in touch with his cousin George Anderson and Dolly Dearer, they were comforted to know how much Alex was cared for and revered. There will be a service at Seamon Wilsey this Saturday. The Village is thinking of doing a celebration of Alex's life in the Spring, we have restaurants who want to be involved. I can't tell you how many times in 20 years when I was asked a question and said I will have to check with Alex. Thank you, Alex, for all you did. Every time we hear a cell phone go off in a meeting we will think of Alex.

Mayor Murphy asked for a moment of silence for Sam Fisco and Alex Wade.

Privilege Of The Floor

Regular Session

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2023. Trustee Buono made the motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2023. Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2023. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for December 4, 2023.

• General	\$ 43,341.15
• Water	\$ 4,730.67
• Wastewater	\$ 16,665.15

Deputy Mayor Mayer made a motion to approve the Abstracts for December 6, 2023. Trustee Zink seconded the motion to approve the Abstracts for December 6, 2023. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy introduced the newest Supervisor to our Village Team, our Park Superintendent, Village Electrician, assistant Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Kevin Brown.

Kevin Brown wanted to come to let you know we, Mike Karashay and myself have submitted a Grant a Decarbonization Grant, all of the interior lighting, heating, window, doors it's all part of it. They need an Energy audit is \$7,500.00, we are asking for \$5K of that \$7,500.00, that's the max we can receive for phase 1. The street lighting, the ballast, and starters - \$1,500.00 each street poll, we have about 6 that are not currently working. I am doing what I can with what I have.

Also wanted to bring up the Revitalization Grant from New York State, Coxsackie \$430K was successful getting this grant. Coxsackie had their boat launch park, includes downtown business section, the front fascia of the buildings and their parking lots. It's a large project, you are involving the building owners, business owners and the Village Board. I wanted to bring this to the Village Board before we ventured down the path to start this. Mayor Murphy suggested getting local businesses on the committee. We can pick the sections of the Village to revitalize.

Historic businesses have benefited from tax savings by making improvements in the past. We also have the revolving loan, that has been used by local businesses.

Wreaths and lights are up on the poles, approx. \$2,800.00 a wreath with the wrap. There are 32 poles in total, there are guide wires around these poles that can't have a wreath placed on.

Treasurer Report –

Paula Kerbert – The 2023 tax roll, balance \$144,441.97. Continuing to send out past dues. Balance from 2016 – 2022 the total taxes due \$57,658.66.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Zink – Planning Board working on finalizing the FAQ, to be supplied with applications.

New application for 35 Livingston Street, the Church special use permit for a boxing gym on the second floor submitted last week.

I was asked by residents of Washington Avenue to inquire about extending the Zoning in their area. Meet with Eyal Saad to understand

I spoke to Ulster County Planner and stated zoning is much easier, losing zoning restrictions. Down zoning is tightening restrictions long term implications.

I will have a report by the next Village Board meeting.

House Smart Initiative Woodstock is having a really big rezoning, the county is footing the bill for specialized consultants. I work for the County and have a good relationship with them.

Deputy Mayor Mayer – Arts Commission Meeting, Meet and greet Friday the 15th, at the Local, illuminating arts. Posting anything that has to do with the arts, they are posting information on Facebook, Instagram posting, anything going on in the Town or Village. They have monthly newsletter.

Regular Chamber meeting at the Local, next meeting on the 20th CMC.

Holiday in the Village, people showed up even the rain.

I want to thank DPW, they were cleaning up the parking lot at 5PM

Thanks to all the store owners who participated, Bob for the toys, Kiwanis for the lights, Fireman for the parade that we did.

30th Woodstock, spoke to Rich Walker, a lot of things going on.

Snow Moon Festival – having a chowder cook off, dropped off letters to all restaurant

Follow up meeting on 12/11/2023 for the Mum Festival

TV 23 Meeting will be on the 12/17/23

Trustee Hackett – Meet with Eyal, busy and dealing with things that come up with the absence of Alex.

Wastewater getting the lines cleaned out, they will be working on after the holiday. We are waiting for the results for the State grant, it should be in December.

Trustee Buono – I asked Peggy to send me a copy of the Union Contract, Mayor will be looking and reviewing. Peggy will email the Union Contract to the Village Board Members.

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 6:18 PM.

The next **Village Board meeting is Monday December 18, 2023, at 5:30PM**

Peggy Melville Village Clerk December 5, 2023