



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes June 15, 2020

Due to COVID19 pandemic and the Governor's Executive Order 202 regarding open meetings, this meeting was held via Webex. Connection information was broadcast online for residents to participate.

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Vince Buono, Terry Parisian, Don Hackett, Brian Martin **Others:** Alex Wade, Paula Kerbert, Mike Hopf, Eyal Saad, Mike Marino,

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

Mayor Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor – no one was on the Webex meeting to address the Board.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from June 1, 2020.

Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from June 1, 2020. The motion to approve the minutes from June 1, 2020 was seconded by Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for June 15, 2020:

- General \$ 42,863.31
- Water \$ 14,874.47
- Wastewater \$ 18,032.14

Trustee Hackett questioned the payment for the Shared Services contract with the Town. **Trustee Martin** stated that it is the last payment of a 5 year contract. The contract is not being renewed.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for June 15, 2020. The motion to approve the Abstract of June 15, 2020 was seconded Trustee Parisian. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Reports

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

The pumps and impellers having issues keeping up with the heavy rains in May. They are over 20 years old and need to be replaced.

The Waste Water crew will use the Vactor for cleaning beginning June 17th on the Wednesday evening.

Trustee Hackett questioned whether or not an engineer was consulted regarding the cost of main job at the waste water plant. **Mike Marino** stated that Dennis Larios knows what the Waste Water Dept.'s wish list is and he will contact Mr. Larios again about getting prices for what has to be done at the plant.

Mike Hopf gave his report for the Water Department. See attached report.

Mike Hopf requested that the late fees be suspended for the current bill be extended to August 1, 2020.

Trustee Hackett asked if the water bills are being paid or not. **Mike Hopf** stated that the payments have been coming in regularly and he can get the figures for both quarters tomorrow. Currently all outstanding balances are un-penalized by late fees. The late fees are forgiven during the pandemic.

Trustee Helmuth made a motion to extend the late fees on the current water bills until August 1, 2020.

Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to extend the late fees on the current water bills until August 1, 2020.

All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Eyal Saad reported for the Building and Safety Department.

New complaints are coming regarding neighbors reporting on neighbors.

The safety meetings will resume once meetings are allowed. Building permits are being issued.

Alex Wade reported for Special Projects. See attached report.

Alex Wade inquired whether Mirabella's had permission to close the road to the municipal parking lot for the new food court.

Mayor Murphy stated that Mirabella's is helping with the Food Court but the Village approved the closure for the community to use during the hours the Food court is open – Friday 5-11pm, Saturday 11am – 10pm and Sunday 10am -6pm. Access to the municipal parking lot is from Russell St. The existing exit is open for two way traffic during the food court hours. Russell Street remains one way from Partition St. to Washington Avenue. **Alex Wade** stated that it would be valuable to widen the exit to make it two way permanently. **Mayor Murphy** stated that a survey would have to be done to see how much room there would be to widen the area.

Additional signage was discussed to direct traffic to the Russell St. access.

Trustee Martin reported for the Fire Dept. see attached report.

The Fire Depts are working together on plans for the July 5th parade 5pm -7pm. The parade will be vehicle only and by invitation only. No marching groups or floats. It will cover approximately 30 miles through the Village and Town. Each local elementary school parking lot are planned to be part of the route. The police will escort the parade along the route and will be at the major intersections.

Trustee Parisian reported that DPW has been patching streets. BML has been contracted by Central Hudson to patch the lanes on the streets where the new gas lines were installed.

There is a parking issue at the new coffee shop – Josie's on Partition Street. People are parking cars on the street in no parking areas and on both sides of the street. It makes it very difficult for traffic to get by and for cars trying to pull out of Post Street. Chief Sinagra will be contacted.

Trustee Parisian stated that the railroad tracks at the Ulster Avenue crossing is in very bad condition.

Mayor Murphy and Supervisor Fred Costello have been trying to contact CSX regarding the condition of the tracks. CSX has not been very responsive. They will continue to pursue CSX.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Hackett reported that there was a training session for operating the Harvester at the beach on Saturday. The Mayor, Fred Costello, Rich Forbes and Paul Boice were there. Mayor Murphy stated that Paul Boice, from the DPW, is being trained as the lead operator of the Harvester. It is safer to have a Village employee as the operator to be covered with insurance. Tom Miller will be the operator for John Mullins. The Harvester will be stored at the beach. A schedule of cleanup is being created to have the beach ready for the possible opening in July.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported

- Comprehensive Plan committee meeting will be a Zoom meeting
- Liaison for Arts council – 1st meeting will be June 26th
- The maps for the Butterfly artwork are now available
- A scholarship winner will be announced later this month
- Outdoor restaurant seating is going over very well.
- TV23 has purchased 4 new cameras and additional equipment and is 100% digital.
- Village Election is tentatively rescheduled for September 15.

Trustee Helmuth had nothing new to report.

Trustee Buono had nothing new to report.

Trustee Parisian had nothing additional to add.

Paula Kerbert reported that the Village has been receiving steady payments of the Village taxes. To date \$586,973 has been paid and \$1,781,994 remains outstanding with a due date of June 30th. Six residents have signed up for the installment plan. Several large escrow payments have not been paid yet. The \$10 fee for the use of credit cards has been going over well. There have been several comments thanking the Mayor for the letter and opportunity to set up a installment plan.

Mayor Murphy stated that Patrick Landewe requested putting up a temporary closed sign on the lighthouse sign at the intersection of Main Street and Mynderse Street. Many people drive all the way to the lighthouse to find out that it is closed causing a lot of traffic. The Board approved of the temporary closed sign being placed over the Lighthouse sign at the corner of Main and Mynderse Street.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer The motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

**The Village Board meeting is Monday July 6, 2020 at 5:30 pm via Webex.
<https://villageofsaugerties.my.webex.com/join/bmurphy>**

Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk
6/18/2020