



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes January 16, 2018

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Brian Martin, Terry Parisian, Jeff Helmuth, Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Eyal Saad, Mike Hopf, George Terpening, Chris Mason

Others: Brian Mason, Ed Quirk, Robert Gallenz, Mary McNamara, 2 students

Absent: Mike Marino, Bob Fanelli, Alex Wade

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

Mayor Murphy requested **Deputy Mayor Mayer** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Robert Gallenz thanked the Village Board for “taking a stand against Central Hudson” by signing the contracts with Direct Energy at the last board meeting. Mayor Murphy stated that is was not necessarily a stand against Central Hudson but more that Direct Energy offered better pricing than Central Hudson.

Mayor Murphy presented the **Village Board Minutes from January 2, 2018**. **Deputy Mayor Mayer** made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 2, 2018 Village Board meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Helmuth to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the **Abstract for January 16, 2018:**

- **General** \$ 77,816.97
- **Water** \$ 11,297.33
- **Wastewater** \$ 17,429.16

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the **Abstract for January 16, 2018**. Motion was seconded by **Deputy Mayor Mayer** to approve the **Abstract**. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Murphy added that the easement from the Town for the Market Street Ext. and Beers Lane water line will save the Village a significant amount of money.

Trustee Parisian asked whether or not the water line from Howard Johnson was a private line. Mike Hopf said that it is a private line. The DEC will require Howard Johnson’s to make the line made permanent.

Mike Hopf added that there was a leak on the 4 inch water main at the corner of West Bridge Street and Partition Street. The line will be addressed on Thursday after the snow is cleaned up. The water from the leak is going into the storm drain at the corner.

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

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

Trustee Hackett requested Eyal address the Board regarding the Planning Board application of Michael Persico. Mr. Saad explained that Mr. Persico applied for a lot line deletion for his property on Partition Street. The change involves two zoning districts B1 and R3. The interpretation of the zoning codes that apply to each zone within one property is being reviewed by the Village attorney.

Chris Mason presented the yearend report for the Fire Department. See attached report.

Trustee Hackett presented the report for the Waste Water Department. See attached.

Mayor Murphy presented the report for the Department of Public Works. See attached.

Mayor Murphy stated that the DPW is doing an excellent job.

Trustee Parisian reported that the DPW department will be removing the snow piles along James and Jane Streets as well as the business district to allow for easier deliveries at the businesses along those streets.

Trustee Helmuth had nothing new to report.

Trustee Buono reported that there was no news from STAC since there was no meeting in December.

Trustee Martin read a letter requesting exempt status for firefighter Stacey McGirr. Stacey has had 8 years of active service with RA Snyder Hose Co #1.

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the exempt status of firefighter Stacey McGirr, seconded by Trustee Hackett. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono added that the treasurer will be sending out requests to the Supervisors regarding their department budgets.

Alex Wade see attached report for Special Projects.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported that the Chamber of Commerce will be featuring sailboats as the street art this summer.

- Sailing Around Saugerties. Artists and sponsors are being sought. Artists are being given \$75 for supplies. The deadline for sponsors and artists sketches are due by February 15. The preview of the artwork will be at SPAF on May 20th and installation is planned before Memorial Day. All required paperwork is available online.
- The Discover Saugerties Guides are scheduled to be available in March.
- The Chamber is looking for a Treasurer.
- The Visitors Center will be closed until March. Not enough activity to pay someone to be there.
- The next Chamber meeting will be held at Five Star Awards, 645 Rte. 212- Dr. Coskey from River Radiology and Jess Roby will be the guest speakers. They will discuss the new NY Health care plan.
- RUPCO will team up with TV23 to possibly do a DIY project and advertising.
- The Spectrum contract is ending. Members are being sought to form a committee to review the contract.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #2 - Annual Village Election Inspectors.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #2 seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all present. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #3 – School Choice Week.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #3 seconded by Trustee Hackett. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all present. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #4 – Tax Lien Foreclosure Agreement.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #4 seconded by Trustee Martin. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all present. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy allowed Mary McNamara to address the Board.

Mary McNamara reported that the CAC in the Town is interested in moving forward with discussing algae blooms in the creek above the dam and she knows the Village is concerned with the invasive plants near the beach.

The DEC water body inventory list going back many decades indicates that this has been a problem for a long time. The possible sources are the phosphorous runoff.

Deputy Mayor Mayer asked whether or not "green" products would make a difference. Trustee Helmuth agreed that it may help.

Mary McNamara feels there is an opportunity to form a group with all the municipalities to address the algae and water chestnut issues.

Mayor Murphy will discuss with the Board to request volunteers to be on a committee regarding the issues on the creek.

Eyal Saad stated the issue with the water chestnuts is that the cutting of the weeds is temporary. The weeds have to be extracted by the root and it is a very tedious job. It does reduce the growth for several years.

George Terpening added that a deep freeze and thaw does help.

Deputy Mayor Mayer said that a harvester was available through the Town of Esopus in the past. Mayor Murphy will contact the Town of Esopus regarding the harvester. Mary McNamara mentioned that Mary McDonald, chair of the CAC, is looking into obtaining a weed extractor that would remove them by the roots as well as the Eurasian milfoil.

Mayor Murphy thanked Mary for her concerns.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded Trustee Helmuth. Carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.

Next Village Board meeting is February 5, 2018 at 5:30pm.

Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk
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