



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes June 7, 2021

Due to the 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, Trustees Don Hackett, Brian Martin, Vince Buono, Jeff Helmuth, Others: Alex Wade, Paula Kerbert, Michael Karashay, Andrew Zink, Mary McNamara, Bill Kemble, Dave Gordon, Patrick Wadden, Jeff Domanski, Marcus Arthur, Ed Quirk,

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

Mayor Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Patrick Wadden made a presentation on behalf of Arm of The Sea Tidewater Center. He is proposing a partnership with the Village in obtaining a grant from the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan. The LWRP grant is only open to municipalities with a deadline of July 29. The proposed project includes reconstruction of 130 feet of bulkhead and a walkway along the former coalbin structure. The project would provide additional public access to the waterfront. The organization is willing and able to be responsible for completing the grant application securing the matching funds and handling all construction management and grant reporting requirements.

Mayor Murphy was concerned that the amount of grant money the village can receive will be affected by this grant. Is it possible for a third-party administrator? Patrick stated that an MOU used by Beacon, when they partnered with the Scenic Hudson for the grant, will be provided for reference and template. Mayor Murphy would like to arrange a meeting with the Village lawyer to discuss.

Trustees Buono, Martin and Hackett expressed their support for the partnership in the grant as long as it would not affect the Villages abilities to receive other grant money.

Alex Wade added that the Waterfront Advisory Board should also be part of the decision making and that a resolution would be required. Trustee Helmuth will work together with Alex Wade regarding the resolution.

Jason Silverman and Paul Sturtz with Upstate Films were not present to make their presentation.

Mayor Murphy stated that Upstate Films will be hosting a free movie night at the field across from Cahill School. They have received permission from the School District to use the field on Saturday, July 31st. They are considering purchasing the Orpheum Theatre and would like to introduce themselves to the Board and community.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from May 17 and the Year End Board Meeting from May 28, 2021. Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from May 17 and the Year End Board minutes from May 28, 2021. The motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from May 17 and the Year End Board minutes from May 28, 2021. was seconded by Trustee Buono. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for June 7, 2021:

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| • General | \$ 14,003.48 |
| • Water | \$ 6,545.74 |
| • Wastewater | \$ 5,817.25 |

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve the Abstract for June 7, 2021. The motion to approve the Abstract for June 7, 2021, was seconded Trustee Helmuth. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Trustee Martin presented an application for active membership with restrictions to the Washington Hook and Ladder Company from Kobe Edwards. The fire Chiefs are in favor of the application.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to accept and approve the Fire Department membership application for Kobe Edwards. Trustee Buono Seconded the motion to accept and approve the Fire Department membership application for Kobe Edwards. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Helmuth had nothing new to report.

Trustee Hackett reported that the harvester has been in the beach and surrounding area recently. Approximately 10 tons of vegetation has been removed so far. The vegetation is brought to North Street to dry out and then mulched. Thank you to Eyal Saad for taking over the management of the harvesting project and doing great job.

Mayor Murphy stated that you can see a difference in the beach area already.

Trustee Hackett reported that the Wastewater Dept. has ordered a new electronic gate for the entrance to the gas pumps. The cost is approximately \$20,000 and the funds will be taken from Wastewater Short Lived Assets account.

Trustee Buono had nothing new to report.

Trustee Buono commented on the cleanup work being done at the former Cloverlea/Dragon Inn site. The site looks better already. **Mayor Murphy** mentioned that the new owner has had some issues with the NYS Dept of Labor recently regarding the cleanup and has been in contact with him and Eyal Saad for direction.

The Community Choice Aggregation Administrative Agreement had been distributed to all Trustees for review and input. The Trustees agreed with the comments and changes made by the Village attorney.

Mayor Murphy made the motion to approve the Community Aggregation Agreement per the changes from the Village attorney pending email confirmation from Trustee Hackett. Trustee Martin seconded the motion to approve the Community Aggregation Agreement pending email confirmation from Trustee Hackett.

Mayor Murphy announced that there will be a memorial ceremony at Cantine Field to honor first responders and to dedicate the Jack Rose monument on **Saturday, June 19th at 10am**. Honorees will be Howard Garrison, Kerry Winters, Kenny Klinch and Jack Rose.

At the direction and suggestion of the Village attorney to complete the paperwork for Local Law #1 for the Community Choice Aggregation project, **Mayor Murphy** reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment form, Part 1 regarding project information and Part 2, Impact Assessment for Local Law #1 2021. **Mayor Murphy** went through the 20 questions of Part 1 and the 11 questions of Part 2, all answers were No. The SEQR part 1 & 2 will be signed by Mayor Murphy.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve a negative SEQR declaration for Local Law #1 2021. Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the negative SEQR declaration for Local Law #1 2021. After a roll call of 5 yes votes, the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Paula Kerbert reported that the Village taxes have been mailed out and payments have been being made. Several payments have been made through the new online payment option. So far there have been no requests for payment plans.

Ulster County has sent a letter stating that the Village may be receiving approximately \$58,000 in mortgage tax revenue. A resolution will have to be passed by Ulster County legislature first.

Trustee Hackett inquired how the Bonding process is going for the Wastewater project. **Treasurer Kerbert** stated that she is waiting for the engineering report from Brinnier and Larios to be completed.

Alex Wade – Report for Special Projects. Report attached.

William Kemble from The Kingston Freeman asked about the Community Choice Aggregation Program opt out letter and electric rates. **Jeff Domanski** from Hudson Valley Energy responded with the timeline of the outreach efforts. Any letters will not be going out until a minimum of 60 days after the signing of the Administrative Agreement. Every eligible customer will receive a detailed letter describing the rates, the duration of the program and the opt out option along with separate opt out post card. All at no cost to the Village.

The Central Hudson rates that would be included on the informational letter was discussed. **Mayor Murphy** was not prepared at this time to state a specific rate that he would include in the letter. The best interest of the residents of the Village will be considered.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the June 7, 2021 Village Board Meeting seconded by Trustee Buono. The motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm.

The next Village Board meeting is Monday June 21, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Webex.

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Lisa Mayone Village Clerk June 16, 2021