



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes December 7, 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, Jeff Helmuth, Brian Martin **Others:** Alex Wade, Paula Kerbert, Mary O'Donnell, Susan Murphy, Dave Minch, Elizabeth Shafer, Steven Shafer, Marcus Arthur, Gayle Porter, William Kimble, Ed Quirk, Jeff Domanski, 2 unidentified callers.

**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 November 16, 2020.**

**Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2020.**

**The motion to approve the minutes from November 16, 2020 was seconded by Trustee Helmuth.**

**All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for December 7, 2020:**

- General \$ 79,155.06
- Water \$ 59,846.52
- Wastewater \$ 22,079.23

Several transactions on the Abstract were discussed.

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for December 7, 2020. The motion to approve the Abstract for December 7, 2020 was seconded by Trustee Helmuth. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Mayor Murphy** informed the Trustees that volunteers are needed for the toy giveaway scheduled for this Sunday, 9am – 12 noon at Cantine Field near the large pavilion. The toy give-away was arranged by Bob and Larry Sircusano along with the Toys for First Responders national organization. The Christmas giveaway is for all needy families not just first responders' families. Over 2000 toys have been shipped for distribution. The families have been notified and will be assigned a time to pick up the toys. The toys will be delivered to those families that may not have a way to pick them up.

**Mayor Murphy** also stated that there is a live drive-in showing of The Voice, tonight to watch Saugerties resident, Ian Flanigan perform. A large monitor will broadcast the show and there are 200 parking spaces available. The arrangements were made through Bob Sircusano, Hope Rocks, Markertek and private donations.

### **Guest Presentation**

**Jeff Domanski**, representing Hudson Valley Energy, spoke to the Trustees regarding the Community Choice Aggregation program through NYS. Mary O'Donnell is co-ordinating with the Town for their electrical supply as part of the Climate Smart Communities project. The Town has already passed a local

law to explore a CCA enrollment. The Village of Saugerties would also have to pass a local law if they chose to participate in the program. The CCA is a cost savings opportunity. The Town and Village would form a community buying club to get the lowest cost and the public would benefit from the savings. The CCA is open to all residents and businesses to participate. The rate is fixed, no contracts, no restrictions, and no minimums. All residents and businesses are automatically included in the CCA. They will see a line item on their Central Hudson bill referring to the charge through the CCA. Residents are automatically in the program and must opt out to not participate. Jeff Domanski included slides that detail the program which were not viewable on the Webex call. The process and implementation are outlined in the attached presentation slides. The Trustees discussed with Jeff Domanski the process and possibility of the CCA.

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Treasurer Paula Kerbert** reported that the outstanding balance for the 2020 taxes is \$46,244.24. The previous year's total is \$67,690.94. There will be a possible \$27,233.23 received from Ulster County for foreclosure properties.

### **Trustee Reports**

**Trustee Helmuth**-Left the meeting after the guest speaker for another meeting.

**Trustee Buono** thanked the volunteers with the Kiwanis Club for their help with decorating and lighting Seamon Park.

- **Trustee Martin** reported that the Fire Department annual holiday candy run has been cancelled. Santa will be escorted on a fire truck through the Village on Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be no stopping or candy given away.

### **Deputy Mayor Mayer**

- Thank you to the Fire Department for arranging the wonderful light parade and to Kiwanis for the beautiful decorations at Seamon Park. The winners of the business holiday window displays were JJ Newberry, Pop Vintage and Reis Insurance. Check the Chamber website to sign up to be on the list for the holiday house lights contest. The Chamber of Commerce sponsored Loyalty cards have been collected and winners to be announced. The Chamber chose butterflies again for the street art for 2021. This year there will be a map and brochure combined. The Chamber will host their annual Holiday Party as virtual party on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Main Street Restaurant is offering discounts on food and drinks during the virtual party.
- The Comprehensive Plan Committee has held the three required Public Hearings to review the updated plan. Comments from the Ulster County Planning Board are pending.
- The Artists Association has posted 3 profiles on their website. Patrick Wadden will be a guest speaker at the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Patrick will be discussing the planned Tidewater Center.

**Trustee Parisian** reported that the DPW completed the leaf pick up in the Village and put lights on the bridge and light poles. The Christmas tree has been donated by the Spallino family from Finger Street. It is in place at the Reis parking lot and was lit at the Holiday in the Village on Sunday.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** complimented the DPW department on the fabulous job they did decorating the tree.

**Alex Wade** report for Special Projects is attached. Alex also complimented the DPW on the beautiful job they did decorating the village for the holidays.

**Trustee Hackett** reported that the Building Dept. has been conducting business inspections and issuing building permits. A reminder that all cars must be off the street parking from 3am – 7am beginning December 15 until March 15.

The Wastewater Department received a letter from the Darlington Equipment Company apologizing for the delays in getting the replacement RBC. The Darlington Co is having problems getting products from their suppliers due to the COVID related delays.

**Trustee Hackett** informed the Board that there will be a nurse's car caravan to raise awareness of the need for a mental health and detox facility in Ulster County and NYS. The caravan will form at the Kingston Hospital on Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting seconded by Trustee Parisian. The motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.**

**The next Village Board meeting is Monday December 21, 2020 at 5:30 pm via Webex.**

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Lisa Mayone  
Village Clerk  
12/11/2020