



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes March 16, 2020

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Trustees Vince Buono, Terry Parisian, Don Hackett, Brian Martin **Others:** Paula Kerbert, Bill Kemble, Dave Gordon

**Mayor Murphy** opened the meeting at 5:30pm.

**Mayor Murphy** requested **Trustee Hackett** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Privilege of the Floor** - No one present requested to address the Board.

**Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from March 2, 2020.**

**Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes from March 2, 2020. The motion to approve the minutes from March 2, 2020 was seconded by Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for March 16, 2020:**

- General \$ 22,051.27
- Water \$ 8,544.49
- Wastewater \$ 10,370.28

**Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstract for March 16, 2020. The motion to approve the Abstract of March 16, 2020 was seconded by Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

### **Trustee Reports**

**Trustee Hackett** reported that Mike Marino has three proposals for the repair of the Waste Water plant's RBC. This is an emergency situation. Three bids were received and approval is needed from the Board.

The Jager bid did not include the cost of the labor and the RBC shaft remained square. The Darlington was for a RBC with a round shaft and was \$210,000 all included. The Benson Steel bid was for the metal fabrication of the RBC with a round shaft.

The RBC with a round shaft is preferred to the square shaft. After discussion of the three bids and Mike Marinos recommendation, Trustee Hackett suggested to accept the bid from Darlington. The Waste Water department has \$175,000 in there budget and the difference would be bonded.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to accept the bid from Darlington and move forward to replace the Wastewater Dept. RBC unit. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to accept the bid from Darlington and move forward to replace the Wastewater Dept. RBC unit. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Parisian** reported that DPW's front loader blew a compressor. The repair will cost \$10,000. The front loader is 5 years old and had a 3 year warranty. It is rare for this to happen, so the Village will be contacting Hyundai regarding any coverage that they may be able to provide.

**Mayor Murphy** mentioned that the DPW's Elgin street sweeper is 20 years old and in constant need of repair. The cost of renting a sweeper was researched but proved to be too expensive. The yearly NYS CHIPS funds made available to the Village from the state for road repairs and equipment will cover the cost of the sweeper. The cost of the sweeper would be approximately \$248,000 and if it is financed for 8 years the annual payment would be approximately \$35,000. The annual payment is an eligible expense through the NYS CHIPS program. There are 2 requirements per the CHIPS guidelines, 1) *the leased item is expected to have at least a 10 year service life* and 2) *a written statement from the municipality that the leased item would be purchased at the end of the lease and kept at least 10 years.*

The Village DPW has plans to keep the sweeper for at least ten years. This year's budget would not be affected due to the length of time, 5-6 months, it takes for the ordering and building of the sweeper.

**Trustee Parisian** is concerned that there is enough CHIPS money left over to maintain the streets. The yearly CHIPS funds is on an average of \$75,000 to \$80,000, so there would be enough money in the program to maintain the Village streets as well as the lease payment. The category for Extreme Weather funds may be used in combination with CHIPS funds, but is not guaranteed each year. The purchase would be made through Sourcewell which would eliminate the bid process.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve the use of NYS CHIPS funds to pursue the purchase a new street sweeper. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to approve the use of NYS CHIPS funds to pursue the purchase a new street sweeper. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Parisian** reported that the spring brush cleanup is scheduled to begin the week of **April 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**Mayor Murphy** updated the Board on the changes that are occurring regarding the response to the COVID 19 virus. The plan of personnel changes are in effect for the next two weeks. Governor Cuomo is requiring the local governments to reduce their nonessential workforces by 50%. Anyone that can, should work from home. Office staff will be reduced and the office closed to the public. Phone calls will be answered and payments can be placed in the drop box. The Mayor, Supervisors and CWA union representative met today regarding staffing and personnel.

**Mayor Murphy** has been working with the school to help supply free school lunches to families in need. Lunches will be available for pick up in 12 different locations beginning Tuesday and Thursday this week and Monday and Wednesday next week. Teachers are volunteering to hand out the lunches at each location. The DPW is available to deliver the lunches to the 12 locations if needed.

**Mayor Murphy** had met with Dan Whalen, from the Boys and Girls Club and Tom Struzzieri, HITS and Diamond Mills, to arrange to distribute 50 dinners to families in need on Monday and Wednesdays 4:30 – 6:00. Tom Stuzzieri has offered food, his kitchen at Diamond Mills and his staff to provide the meals. The dinners will be on opposite days of the free lunches to insure the families have a hot meal at least once per day. The hope is to sustain the generosity to extend beyond the two weeks.

**Trustee Parisian** questioned why the reduction in staff is for 2 weeks at a time. **Mayor Murphy** explained that the reduction in staff will be on a daily basis for the next two weeks, not necessarily each getting 2 weeks off at a time. Each Supervisor is in control of staffing based on the needs of their department. Those employees who are not at work are on call in the event they are needed. If there is a need for them to be called in during the day they should be available. They will be getting paid. A call out for anytime after a regular work day would remain at the current overtime rate.

**Trustee Buono** reported that the budget has been submitted to the Clerk and Trustees for review. The Public Hearing for the budget is tentatively set for April 6th. Mayor Murphy reminded all that there to be no public meetings until further notice by the state, so we will have to keep informed as to any changes before the Public Hearing can be held.

**Trustee Martin** presented an application for active membership to the CA LynchFire Department. Dillon McAvoy have applied to change his membership from Social to Active.

**Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the application of Dillon McAvoy for active membership in the CA Lynch Fire Department. Trustee Buono seconded the motion to approve the application of Dillon McAvoy for active membership in the CA Lynch Fire Department. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Martin** informed everyone that there is now a sign in sheet along with antibacterial wipes at the Fire house. Chiefs have limited access and restricted access for members and the public only for the next 2 weeks, due to the response to the COVID 19 regulations. Chiefs and Captains will be meeting to review response protocols and medicals.

Results from the Fire Department's Brooks BBQ will be presented at the next meeting.

As of tonight, Governor Cuomo has not cancelled the Village elections. The Clerk requested permission to nominate an additional election inspector for the Village Elections on Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup>, in the event that one of the approved election inspectors cannot be at the election. The Clerk recommended Cecelia Karashay to be the additional election inspector.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to nominate Cecelia Karashay as an additional election inspector for the March 18<sup>th</sup> Village election. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to nominate Cecelia Karashay as an additional election inspector for the March 18<sup>th</sup> Village election. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Martin. The motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.**

Next Village Board meeting is **Monday April 6, 2020** at 5:30 pm.

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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