



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes October 2, 2023

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer Trustees: Terry Parisian, Vince Buono, Andrew Zink, Brian Martin, Don Hackett

Others: Bill Kemble, Ed Quirk, Dave Gordon

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

Trustee Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege Of The Floor

My name is Kathleen Gray, I am Village resident, lived here since 2009, worked out of state for nine years and lived here prior to that. Topic I am going to discuss is housing. My neighbor and I were curious about the new apartments on North Street, so she stopped and checked the rent of the apartments would be \$2,200.00 a month. That is concerning, my mortgage payment with taxes is less than half that. How do young people get going, get started? There are a couple of restaurants, Josie's had a sign stating closed on a certain date because they have no workers. The diner on RT 212 near McDonald's can't get workers. The Mayor added the sign had been there since COVID. I am hoping that the Village Board is consider a new requirement for low to moderate income housing. HUD statics has 97 applicants, extremely low income – 73, very low income - 22, low income – 2. Families with disabilities - 48, elderly families – 28, families with children – 34. It's a shame that elderly people living in apartments with their rents are being jacked up and having to move even out of county to find an affordable place to live. I was told by Deb the HUD office the Mill has a waiting list of a 100 and that there are 400 Air BNB in both Town / Village total. Do we want to push them out, they have to move somewhere else that they can afford. My question is what the Board thinking about and what are you doing about this problem? Mayor Murphy answered stating that this is not just a Saugerties problem, but it's a New York State problem. The development on North Street was approved by our Planning Board, not the Village Board. If it's a private development without state funding, you cannot put requirements on the development on what to charge. If it was state funded, then they would need a percentage of restrictions on what the rents would be. Totally agree and understand your concern but we are limited in what we can do. COVID had changed the landscape, renters being evicted, and landlords are trying to recoup their losses. Kathleen stated thank you for your time, Mayor Murphy thanked Kathleen for her information.

Regular Session

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2023. Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2023. Trustee Buono seconded the motion to approve the minute from September 18, 2023. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for October 2, 2023.

• General	\$	66,352.65
• Water	\$	9,877.55
• Wastewater	\$	9,253.26

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstracts for October 2, 2023. Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to approve the Abstracts for October 2, 2023. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report – Paula Kerbert

TAX payments received about \$3500, there is approx. \$86K left to receive. I will be filling out the paperwork for the next round CHIPS payment coming in December, \$106K coming back to us, including the sweeper payment \$36,800.00 we will get back.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Parisian – Water agreement with water, water meter to be changed, the inner components. The town will pay the up charge or the maintenance charge.

Trustee Zink – Planning Board has not met since our last meeting. The library board will be voting on a new board. The new charter, having new officers and library president will report on the results at the next meeting.

Deputy Mayor Mayer - The Garlic Festival was good, the tough part setting up in the rain. I got called to transport people because she was in crutches, they were in golf cart, they were from Poughkeepsie, married at Diamond Mills, they live in St. Croix. The Mum Festival is coming up on Sunday, starts at Noon, have worked on this today. Art Commission – meet and greet 10th @ Orpheum, sign up online. Joe Schafer helped out at the Garlic Festival on Friday, he gave his raincoat to Jeannine to stay dry, wanted to thank him. Kevin Brown has come to all of the Mum Festival meetings. George and Eileen came to water the Mums on Saturday.

Trustee Hackett – wastewater, driveway looks good. Serena and Jake took me around the plant. Jake is happy there. Rosemarie Brackett, closing the pollinator garden, Ro wanted to thank the Mayor and the Board for all the help. There is artwork there as well. Rosemarie and John Stanford did a great job, along with DPW and the Water Dept for all of their help. Rosemarie shared pictures that were taken at the park. Ulster County Community Action ended on Friday, will start up again in the Spring, final one on Friday.

Trustee Martin - Two applications for Fire Department, John McConnell, Kalina Drive. Jaden Williams, Main Street.

Trustee Martin made the motion to accept the two applications for the Fire Department, John McConnell, and Jayden Williams. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion to accept the two applications for the Fire Department John McConnell and Jayden Williams. All in Favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Building / Grounds, doing a great job by Supervisor Kevin Brown. Kevin and Joel killing with getting the Mums in and the Seamon Park cleaned up.

Trustee Buono – Nothing to report on Traffic Committee. I am getting together with Don Hackett, Mike Hopf, Mike Karashay and Joe Myers to see where they are going forward. Kevin Brown meeting with Seamon Park Board, the holiday decorations.

Mayor Murphy – Doug Robinson from Seamon Park board will meet with Brian and Kevin Brown to discuss bathrooms at Seamon Park, barn at the Seamon Park review Kevin for discussion on upgrade

Mayor Murphy stated we have the two Village Local Law back from the lawyer to file with the State.

Trustee Buono questioned the ***building any improved*** statement in the original law. That statement was written awhile ago. Definition of Building, rentals, STR, we modified the existing not creating new law.

Mayor Murphy made the motion to accept the modified Short-Term Rental Law to file. Trustee Zink seconded the motion to accept the modified Short-Term Rental Law to file. All in Favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy made the motion to accept the modified Parking Law to file. Trustee Zink seconded the motion to accept the modified Parking Law to file. All in Favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of the Centralized Arraignment Parts, (CAP courts) , enter a memorandum of understanding with Ulster County Sheriff's Office pertaining to the transfer of custody of arrestees for arraignment before the Ulster County Centralized Arraignment part located at the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center.

Mayor Murphy made the motion to sign Centralized Arraignment Parts, (CAP courts) Trustee Zink seconded the motion to sign the Centralized Arraignment Parts (CAP courts) All in Favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to Adjourn the Village Board Meeting. Trustee Zink seconded the motion to Adjourn the Village Board Meeting. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:29PM.

The next **Village Board meeting is Monday October 18, 2023, at 5:30PM**

Peggy Melville Village Clerk October 10, 2023