



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes January 6, 2020

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Vince Buono, Jeff Helmuth, Terry Parisian, Don Hackett, Brian Martin **Others:** Alex Wade, Bill Kemble, Dave Gordon, 6 SHS student

Mayor Murphy opened the meeting at 5:30pm.

Mayor Murphy requested **Deputy Mayor Mayer** 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 December 16, 2019.

Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes from December 16, 2019. The motion to approve the minutes from December 16, 2019 was seconded by Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for January 6, 2020:

- General \$ 103,338.01
- Water \$ 149,575.64
- Wastewater \$ 15,444.26

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for January 6, 2020. The motion to approve the Abstract of January 6, 2020 was seconded by Trustee Martin. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Parisian – Nothing new to report.

Trustee Helmuth – Nothing new to report.

Trustee Buono – Paula Kerbert, Treasurer has sent out a budget timeline letter to all Trustees.

The letter outlines the dates for the budget process. **Trustee Buono** would like to have public budget meetings to have additional input from all trustees and supervisors. He would like all Trustees and Supervisors to review the budgets and pass along their thoughts and ideas for all the budgets.

Trustee Hackett stated that he thinks it is a good thing for all Trustees to look at other departments budgets. **Mayor Murphy** stated that if they meet as a group it would be violating the public meetings law. The Public Hearing is the final step to the budget process. **Mayor Murphy** stated that all the Trustees should get a copy of all departments' budgets to review and provide input. The onus is on the Trustees to take the initiative to review all the departments' budgets. **Trustee Martin** added that in the past each Trustee got a copy of each department's budget for review.

Trustee Martin - Nothing new to report. The end of the year report for the Fire Department will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Hackett – Reported for the Waste Water Dept.

The 3% increase to the sludge hauling fees have begun.

There will be a meeting tomorrow with Paula Kerbert, Mike Marino, Mike Hopf, and Mike Karashay to discuss the Waste Water budget and options for the RBC replacement or alternatives.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported:

- The New Year's Eve ball drop was well attended. Many came from other places to attend.
- Several complaints received that were forwarded on to Eyal Saad to address.
- There will be a delay to the comprehensive plan since the new planner – Alan Sorenson had a death in the family.

Alex Wade – reported for Special Projects. See attached report. The construction part of the project is completed except for the paperwork that has to be finalized. **Trustee Parisian** thanked Alex for his time and hard work with this project.

The National School Choice Week proclamation request was discussed. It is a nonpolitical proclamation to give the choice of local schools. **Trustee Helmuth** pointed out that it was not done last year.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the school choice proclamation. Roll call resulted in 5 yes votes and 1 No vote. The resolution for the proclamation will be presented at the January 21st meeting.

The High Voltage Direct Current Circuit transmission line was discussed. **Trustee Parisian** had reviewed the letter submitted regarding the change to the approved certificate. The project is a buried, high voltage direct current transmission line that runs from the NY/Canada border to a converter station in Queens NY. The line runs past us under the Hudson River. The correspondence indicates a change to the route in the area north of Albany and a slight revision in Queens. There is no direct effect to our area. There is no action required by the Village.

Resolution # 1- Election Polling Place - See attached.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #1 - Election Polling Place.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #1 - Election Polling Place seconded by Trustee Parisian. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all present. Motion carried.

Resolution # 2- Election Inspectors - See attached.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #2 – Election Inspectors

Trustee Hackett recommended that the Election Inspectors Resolution be changed to include an increase to the compensation from \$125 to \$150. **Trustee Helmuth** made a motion to increase the compensation from \$125 to \$150. The motion to increase the compensation from \$125 to \$150 was seconded by **Trustee Hackett**. **All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Murphy made a motion to accept with the change from \$125 to \$150 Resolution #2 - Election Inspectors seconded by Trustee Buono. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all present. Motion carried.

Resolution # 3- Tax Lien Foreclosure Agreement - See attached.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #3 – Tax Lien Foreclosure Agreement

Mayor Murphy made a motion to accept Resolution #3 – Tax Lien Foreclosure Agreement seconded by Trustee Parisian. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all present. Motion carried.

Mayor Murphy informed the Board that the sale of the harvester to the Village has not been confirmed by Marine Diving Services. Once they have made a decision, the Village will be given the first opportunity to purchase. The Town has committed to sharing 50% of the cost with the Village.

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 5:52 pm.

Next Village Board meeting is **Tuesday, January 21, 2019** at 5:30 pm.

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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