



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes October 5, 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:** Paula Kerbert

**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 September 21, 2020.**

**Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2020.**

**The motion to approve the minutes from September 21, 2020 was seconded by Trustee Parisian.**

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

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for October 5, 2020:**

- General \$ 59,448.55
- Water \$ 5,077.11
- Wastewater \$ 10,673.44

**Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstract for October 5, 2020. The motion to approve the Abstract for October 5, 2020 was seconded Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Treasurer Paula Kerbert** reported that the 2020 taxes are being paid and the outstanding balance is \$62,049.32. This is much lower than the previous year. The tax installments are being made on time. The installment balances will be paid in full by December. Past due notices go out monthly. Previous year taxes are also being paid. **Trustee Buono** complimented Paula on doing a good job.

**Treasurer Kerbert** referred to the 3 proposals for a new telephone system in the Village office that had been emailed to all. The most recent proposal came from ITC. **Trustee Parisian** stated that he had reviewed the ITC proposal and felt it was a better offer than the other 2 plans, which are the same as what we already are using. The phone system would be stored offsite in the cloud instead of our mechanical closet. The price is the same as the original and can be paid out right or in installments. There is no voice over IP. The system is software driven and upgrades are provided twice per year. Treasurer Kerbert stated that repairs are included in the service contract. And all phone numbers remain the same.

**Mayor Murphy** stated that he would be concerned with data privacy issues. We would want to protect our information.

**Trustee Martin made a motion to accept the ITC proposal for the new telephone system provided there are no cloud-based privacy issues. Trustee Helmuth seconded the motion to accept the ITC proposal for the new telephone system provided there are no cloud-based privacy issues. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Treasurer Kerbert** will obtain a copy of ITC privacy policy.

**Trustee Helmuth** questioned if there were any decisions made regarding Halloween activities.

**Mayor Murphy** stated that the governor has not canceled trick or treating and Ulster County suggested communities having a 7:00pm curfew on Halloween but nothing has been finalized yet. **Mayor Murphy** would like for residents to make a personal choice as to their own safety regarding trick or treating and to stay in their own neighborhoods. He does not want to see carloads of trick or treaters from other areas in the Village.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** suggested that residents wear gloves and masks while handing out candy.

**Mayor Murphy** stated that he would keep everyone posted as to any decision regarding Halloween as it gets closer. The information will be posted on TV23, the Village webpage and Facebook page.

### **Trustee Reports**

**Trustee Martin** reported that the Fire Department's VFIS Cancer policy is due for renewal. The cost per member remains the same at \$188.

**Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the renewal of the VFIS Volunteer firefighters Cancer Insurance policy with Marshall and Sterling. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion to approve the renewal of the VFIS Volunteer firefighters Cancer Insurance policy with Marshall and Sterling. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Trustee Martin** reported that the Insurance company totaled the boat. The Chief is looking for another boat that would suit their needs for the upper and lower creek. Thank you to Paula, Lisa, and Sue at Reis Insurance for their help with the claim.

The Fire Department monthly report will be presented at the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Trustee Hackett** reported that the Wastewater Department had been continuing with their daily duties. They are still waiting for the engineers to complete their work before the Washington Avenue and Main Street sewer replacement project can go out for bid.

The Harvester continues to be in the water. Arrangements are being made with John Mullin regarding storing the Harvester for the winter months.

**Trustee Buono** inquired as to an update for the RBC and medium. Trustee Hackett will advise the Board as to when the RBC will be arriving for installation.

**Trustee Helmuth**-Nothing new to report.

**Trustee Parisian** reported that the DPW budget was used to purchase the roller that was in the Abstract. There is not a specific date yet for the leave pick up in the village.

**Trustee Buono** reported that Kiwanis members would like to decorate Seamon Park for the holidays again this year. The Board approves the decorating of Seamon Park.

### **Deputy Mayor Mayer**

- Comprehensive Plan Committee updated version of the plan is available in the office or by email. A joint Town and Village Public Hearing is required before the plan can be finalized.
- Artists Association has finished their website. Fay Wood will be the first artist to have their profile on the website. Rita Montano is the performance artist and Alex Rappaport is the filmmaker to be featured.  
Chamber of Commerce is accepting online bids on the butterfly art until October 18<sup>th</sup>. Holiday in the village needs finalizing. The idea of a decorative lights contest is being considered. Residents would sign up to decorate their homes with holiday lights and the Chamber would supply a map of the decorated properties for viewing. Prizes will be awarded for different themes.
- Jennifer Russell is the new director of the library. The library is looking into an on line tutoring program.
- Todd Loucks with Direct Energy was contacted regarding the contract that expires in February. This year the Village has saved \$498.95 for gas and \$3142.37 for electric. The Board has to

determine whether to go with a fixed or variable rate. The Board has several months to review the options before renewal. The contracts would then be sent to Mayor Murphy for signatures.

**Alex Wade** reported for Special Projects.

The census is extended through October 31. We are ahead of the state averages.

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the village board meeting seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer.**

**The motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.**

**The Village Board meeting is Monday October 19, 2020 at 5:30 pm via Webex.**

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Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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