



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes May 20, 2019

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustees Terry Parisian, Brian Martin, Jeff Helmuth, Don Hackett, Vincent Buono

Others: Chief Sinagra, Alex Wade, Mike Hopf, Eyal Saad, Rich Forbes, George Terpening, Paul Boice, Ed Quirk, Bill Kemble, Dave Gordon,

Mayor Murphy opened the meeting at *5:32pm*.

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

Privilege of the Floor – *no one was present to address the Board.*

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from May 6, 2019.

Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes from May 6, 2019. The motion to approve the minutes from May 6, 2019 was seconded by **Trustee Martin**. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for May 20, 2019:

- General \$
- Water \$
- Wastewater \$

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstract for May 20, 2019. The motion to approve the Abstract of May 20, 2019 was seconded by **Trustee Hackett**. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Chief Sinagra reported the Police statistics for the month of March. See attached report.

There will be a presentation to discuss pedestrian safety in May at the Sr. Center. Three pedestrian auto accidents occurred in the month of March. There had only been one in 2018.

Four positions are open in the department. The sergeants have been working double time to cover all shifts. Sergeant Kraft retired last July, Sergeant Helsmoortel and Sergeant Rell both recently retired.

Officer Mills was promoted to Sergeant and Officer Tome will be promoted to Sergeant this week.

Sergeants are vital to the Police Dept. to limit liability to the Town and Village. Accreditation of the department has led to a high quality of service.

George Terpening presented his report for the Buildings, Parks and Grounds. See attached report. Seamon Park was a busy location on Friday night for Jr. Prom photos.

Mike Marino presented his report for the Wastewater department. See attached report.

Thank you to John Mullen for the help with repairing the Vacor machine. The only place to have the Vector repaired is 300 miles away in Rochester. Eagle Deisel is the local dealer, who has repaired the Vector in the past, is not equipped to dismantle the truck to fix the pump due to the weight- 2000 pounds.

Notices have been posted regarding illegal sewer connections in the Barclay Heights area.

Mike Hopf presented his report for the Water Department. See attached report.

The copy of the easement for Central Hudson to install new poles along Water Department property on Ralf Vedder Road is included. The easement was reviewed by the Village attorney and needs to be approved and signed by Mayor Murphy.

The annual Saugerties Fish and Game Club fishing tournament is scheduled for May 19th. It will be the 8th annual youth tournament. They are requesting use of the reservoir again this year.

Several leaks within the water system have been detected by NY Leak Detect and repairs made.

*Mike Hopf requested approval of the hiring of Colin Miller to replace Fred Carney's fulltime position at the Water Department. Colin will be a 2019 graduate of SUNY Cobleskill and was a summer employee last year. **Trustee Hackett** inquired if Colin has his certification or will he get it while employed. Mike Hopf stated that Colin would receive his certification training on the job.*

Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the hiring of Victoria Davide for a full time position in the Water Department. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to approve the hiring of Victoria Davide for a full time position in the Water Department. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Parisian asked if the leak in the Town was found by NY Leak Detect. NY Rural Water was not able to detect the leak. The Town dug to expose the pipe in the area they suspected the water leak was and ultimately had to call in the Town of Ulster, who has a correlator, to listen in on the system and calculate the location of the leak. The leak was detected close to the tank. It was a difficult leak to detect. The meter used to bill the Town for usage is read once a week and fluctuates weekly. The measuring device in the meter pit will be replaced to assure accuracy.

Eyal Saad presented his report for the Building Department. See the attached report.

The house at 18-20 Russell Street has been taken down but the work has been stopped due to issues with the asbestos removal permits. A new asbestos contractor has been hired and clean-up work should continue.

The bulkhead and fence at Tina Chorvas Park is partially complete. The dock has been installed. The contractors may be helping with installing the dock at the beach. They have equipment to help with pounding in one of the poles before the dock is installed.

Eyal Saad held a meeting today with Patrick Wadden, Arm of the Sea and the Village attorney regarding Arm of the Sea's plans for the proposed Tidewater Center. Once the issues have been resolved the plans will be brought to the Board for review.

Deputy Mayor Mayer questioned Eyal about the problem of people dumping debris at the end of Clermont Street and Partition Street. Eyal stated that the property is owned by 1 Clermont Street and they have been issued violations and they clean up, but it is an ongoing problem.

Rich Forbes presented his report for the Department of Public Works. See the attached report.

The spring cleanup is being done. The trees along Main Street are scheduled to be removed on Tuesday at 4am. The decision to start early was made to avoid parking issues for the local businesses. Tuesday is also the day that parking is banned in the business district for street sweeping, so there should be no cars parked overnight. The removal will continue on the following Tuesday if needed. The goal is to replant the new trees in the existing holes. The new trees are scheduled to be planted on Tuesday 22nd. The existing holes will be coned off for safety.

Mayor Murphy suggested covering the holes with plywood and cones to avoid any accidents.

Alex Wade reported that the Bluestone Sidewalk Project has finally been advertised for bid. J. Mullen is the first to pick up a bid packet.

The Title VI report was completed and is valid for 3 years.

Trustee Martin presented the report for the Fire Department. See attached report.

Friday April 26th is Chiefs Night 6:30 at Village Pizza. Please respond by April 21st.

Trustee Parisian reported *that he attended a meeting with Eyal Saad, Mary Leahy and Ben Neidl regarding the zoning petition made by Richard Roth. There is background information to this request. The original site plan was approved before Mr. Roth bought the property. There are contingencies to the approval. Teetsel Street is not big enough to accommodate a right of way and a full road to Myers Lane and the roads that connect are not adequate for a traffic and the land behind the property is landlocked, rezoning to R1 would not gain anything for the Village. Due to so many complications it is best for the zoning to stay the way it is or to hire a professional planner.*

Regardless of any changes, the sewer needs to be upgraded and is a condition of the original site plan approval.

Trustee Hackett stated that regardless of any zoning changes the sewer system will be upgraded. It is in the budget to replace the 100year old sewer line.

Trustee Helmuth had nothing new to report.

Trustee Buono remarked about the previous discussion regarding the crosswalk markings at the end of Market Street, Elm Street and Cantine Field. Mayor Murphy referred to Rich Forbes regarding the painting of the crosswalks. We would like to slow cars done on Canoe Hill and have them be aware of pedestrian crossings. The Little League starts in May and the fields are busy through the summer. Rich Forbes will look at the area and paint the markings to designate where pedestrians can walk and install pedestrian walking signs.

Trustee Martin had nothing new to report.

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Deputy Mayor Mayer reported:

- *The Chamber of Commerce board is looking for a new shed to use as a Visitors Center and place it on Partition Street next to Bella Luna. The application for the shed will have to be approved by the Historic Review Board. The public bathroom idea is not working out – possibly in the future. The Discover Saugerties booklet should be distributed by May 1. The progress of the sailboats will be previewed on the Chamber’s Facebook page. There are 12 small versions of the sailboats that the Boys and Girls Club will be decorating and will be on display in the store windows. A separate public event will feature the smaller boats as part of a special “Penny Social” type of event. All the proceeds from the sale of the small boats will go back to the Boys and Girls Club. The small boats will also be on the July 4th float. The next Chamber of Commerce mixer will be April 24th at Helsmoortel Insurance– a mixer event with the new manager of Opus 40 as the speaker.*
- *No TV23 meeting.*
- *The Revolving Loan Committee approved a loan application for Brian Donoghue of Inquiring Minds Book Store.*
- *The Comprehensive Plan Committee will be April 29th.*
- *The first Mum Festival Meeting will be April 29th.*

Resolution #7 NYS Retirement System Standard Work Day Report

Mayor Murphy presented

Deputy Mayor Mayer made a motion approve the **2019-2020 Budget as presented. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to approve the 2019-2020 Budget as presented.**

Budget discussion-

Trustee Hackett stated that it is important for each Trustee to be aware of each department’s budget and that Trustee Buono suggested a workshop to go over each individual department budget.

Mayor Murphy updated the Trustees from the meeting with Town Supervisor Costello regarding possible partnership in the purchase of a harvester for the creek. This year a harvester could be rented/hired for a few days near the beach area. And form a committee to look into possible grants or budget monies to

purchase of the harvester. Some of the companies will give a demonstration of the harvester. Early June is the time to do the harvesting.

***Alex Wade** stated that now the harvesters are not being recommended but a ception machine is recommended instead.*

***Trustee Hackett** said the harvester, we're interested in, will pull the weeds out as well as cut them. There was more room for the extra expense in this budget.*

All in favor, the motion to pass the 2019-2020 Budget carried unanimously.

***Trustee Hackett** questioned approving each budget individually, General, Water and Wastewater as opposed to all three together. **Trustee Parisian** stated that the total of all three have been approved with one motion in the past.*

Mayor Murphy** made a motion to amend the motion to approve the 2019- 2020 Budget to a motion to approve the General Budget, the Water Dept. Budget and the Wastewater Dept. Budget. **Trustee Buono** seconded the motion to amend the motion to approve the 2019- 2020 Budget to a motion to approve the General Budget, the Water Dept. Budget and the Wastewater Dept. Budget. **All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Appointments

***Deputy Mayor Mayer** has a few changes that are not finalized yet. **Mayor Murphy** will announce the Appointments for 2019 at the next Village Board meeting on May 6th .*

Twin Bridges Proposal

***Trustee Helmuth** stated that he feels that the comparison is not "apples to apples".*

***Trustee Buono** feels that the proposal should be for a 2 -3 year term. The timing is right to do something, if the numbers are good.*

***Eyal Saad** added that in previous years we found out that we still use data lines for our taxes. We tried to upgrade the modem to handle VOIP but not being able to get faxes were an issue. Our system is antiquated.*

Trustee Parisian** made a motion to amend the Agenda to go into Executive Session to discuss employee status. **Mayor Murphy** seconded the motion to amend the Agenda to go into Executive Session. **All in favor, the motion carried unanimously. Executive session began at 6:52.

Trustee Parisian** made a motion to close the Executive session. **Mayor Murphy** seconded the motion to close the Executive Session. **All in favor, the motion carried unanimously. The Executive Session closed at 7:15pm.

Trustee Hackett** made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by **Deputy Mayor Mayer**. **Motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Next Village Board meeting is May 6, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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