



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes February 19, 2019

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustees Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Terry Parisian, Mike Hopf, Eyal Saad, George Terpening, Richard Forbes, Paul Boice, Captain Filak, Dave Gordon, John Livermore

**Mayor Murphy** called the **Village Board Meeting** to order at 5: 49 pm.

**Mayor Murphy** requested **Trustee Hackett** 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 February 4, 2019. Trustee Buono made a request to amend the February 4, 2019 minutes to read *Mayor Murphy presented the abstracts for February 4, not Trustee Buono.* Deputy Mayor Mayer made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019 Village Board meeting with the correction. The motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019 Village Board meeting with the correction was seconded by Trustee Hackett. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for February 19, 2019:**

- **General** \$ 27,156.29
- **Water** \$ 7,381.39
- **Wastewater** \$ 9,224.54

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve the Abstract for February 19, 2019. The motion to approve the Abstract of February 19, 2019 was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Captain Filak** presented his report for the Police Department. See attached.

Captain Filak reported that the 3 police department personnel attended a Crisis Intervention Team training class for identifying people in crisis and services available to them. It was very well received.

**Mayor Murphy** inquired as to the turn out for the recent Narcon class. **Trustee Hackett** commented that he had attended the class on how to administer Narcon and it was well attended. The Police Department will be offering a class on February 23, 12-3 at the Frank Greco Senior Center titled Stop the Bleed, Save a Life. The class will be free to the public and give instructions on recognizing a bleeding emergency and how to respond before professional rescuers arrive.

**Mayor Murphy** commented that the police force is at a whole new level than it used to be. **Captain Filak** credited the higher level of the department to the accreditation and training as a priority.

The graffiti that has occurred in several areas in the Village is under investigation. **Mayor Murphy** encouraged anyone that has any information about the graffiti to contact the police. The business owners have the expense of removing the paint.

**Mike Hopf** presented his report for the Water Department.

A leak was repaired on Sawyerkill Terrace. There was service line in an old barn foundation that had been leaking. It may be a small part of system wide leak. The amount of water treated will reflect if this repair accounted for any part of the leak. The search for the system wide leak is ongoing.

**Mike Hopf** reminded residents that the water service line, curb box, curb stop and line into the house are the responsibility of the property owner.

The chemical bid opening was held on Thursday February 14. There were 5 companies that submitted bids. The bid tabulation report shows the bids with the lowest bidders highlighted. Slack and ESC Chemical have been our suppliers and always keep their prices competitive.

**Trustee Parisian** inquired if there are County or State bids available. **Mike Hopf** stated that there are no State or County bids for chemicals.

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Chemical bids as presented. The motion to accept the Chemical bids as presented was seconded by Trustee Parisian. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Eyal Saad** presented his report for the Building Department.

The Building Dept. is busy issuing violations to residents that do not remove snow from their walkways within the required 24hours. The fire hydrants and crosswalks are also to be cleared of snow.

**Eyal Saad** wants to remind residents that it is illegal to throw the snow into the street.

The fence around the burnt out house on Russell Street will be taken down and the asbestos remediation will start. After the asbestos is removed, the property owner will be putting up his own fence and begin taking down the house.

The CRZ project at Tina Chorvas Park is nearing completion. Most of the fence has been installed. The erosion control and swelling work will be finished in the spring.

Eyal Saad attended a Train the Trainer class for Building Codes. He will be able to train other building inspectors.

**Mayor Murphy** requested Mr. Saad to contact Mr. Whipple regarding his condemned property at 46 Post Street. There may be several people interested in purchasing the property.

**Trustee Buono** asked if there was anything new with the Cloverlea/Dragon Inn property. **Mayor Murphy** stated that the owner, TJ, had been out of the country for several months. He had contacted the Mayor this past week when he returned. During their meeting TJ confirmed that he will begin cleanup in the spring and still has plans for creating a bed and breakfast and conference center on the property.

**George Terpening** presented his report for the Buildings, Parks and Grounds Department. See the attached report.

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

**Mayor Murphy** thanked Rich Forbes and the DPW men for the great job they are doing to keep the roads clean during the recent storms.

**Trustee Hackett** stated the Mr. Whitaker who lives on Myer Lane requested that the Dead End sign be reinstalled on the street. Rich Forbes will replace the Dead End sign.

**Mayor Murphy** gave the report for the Fire Department. See attached report.

The Brooks BBQ fundraiser is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 6:30pm. The approval to close the alleyway for the BBQ was approved at the previous Board meeting.

**Mayor Murphy** gave the report for Special Projects. See attached report.

**Trustee Hackett** presented the report for the Wastewater Department. See attached report.

The problems with the boiler are probably due to the flooding. The hauler tractor was repaired by the DPW mechanics and is now running well. The hauler rates have not been increased in several years and it is time to evaluate them. The EPA issued violations for solids that were determined to be due to heavy rains. A letter will be sent to the EPA to address the violations within 30days to avoid any charges.

**Trustee Parisian** reported that the DPW budget meeting is scheduled for tonight after this meeting.

**Trustee Buono** reported that budget review meetings are being scheduled with department supervisors.

**Trustee Hackett** noted that a walk light is out on the corner of Ulster Avenue and Market Street. The Clerk will notify Department of Transportation regarding the walk light.

## **Deputy Mayor Mayer reported**

The request for comparison for the Magna5 phone bills was approved to be sent out for review.

- The deadline for artists and sponsors for the art on the street sailboat has been extended to February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sponsor Meet the Artist event is planned for March 10<sup>th</sup> at SPAF. The Village and Town are jointly sponsoring a sailboat. The Chamber will be working with the High School Pathways project which matches students and businesses together for internships and summer job placement. A CPR course is to be scheduled. The next Chamber of Commerce meeting will be at Salt and Soul on Wednesday February 27 at 6:30 pm.
- The Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting will be the 25<sup>th</sup>. The committee requested that copies of the current plan be distributed to the Village Board, Planning and Zoning Board members.
- There is no LighthouseTV23 meeting for February.

**Mayor Murphy** reported that he attended a meeting with Cornell Cooperative, the Town of Saugerties, The Esopus Creek Conservancy, NYSDEC and Saugerties CAC to discuss the options for clearing the creek of the milfoil and water chestnut growth. Several methods were discussed and it was decided to focus on the milfoil first and address the chestnut growth in the second phase. The removal of the chestnuts would likely increase the milfoil. The methods of removal were considered and all agreed that a combination of methods is best. Herbicides were ruled out. The most effective method was found to be hand pulling and harvesting. Cornell will set up a volunteer group that does hand pulling of the weeds. June is an ideal time to pull them out. Maintenance is key. Grant opportunities for harvesters are to be researched also.

**Trustee Hackett** added that he has had some responses about obtaining grants for the harvester. It is important to stay on this issue.

## **Resolution**

**Deputy Mayor Mayer presented Resolution #4 – Amendment to Village Code 171-21 Tax Exemptions. Trustee Buono made a motion to approve Resolution #4 seconded by Trustee Hackett. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all present, Trustee Helmuth & Trustee Martin were absent. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to accept the minutes from the original Public Hearing for the Local Law #1, Tax Exempt Amendment held February 4, 2019. Deputy Mayor Mayer made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019 Public Hearing for the Local Law #1, Tax Exempt Amendment. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019 Public Hearing for the Local Law #1, Tax Exempt Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Buono. The motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.**

**Next Village Board meeting is Monday March 4, 2019 at 5:30 pm.**

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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