



VILLAGE OF SAUGERTIES

43 PARTITION STREET
SAUGERTIES, N.Y. 12477

Village Board Meeting Minutes May 5, 2025

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

Others: Paula Kerbert, Ed Quirk, Bill Kemble, Chief KJ Swart, Mary McNamara

Absent:

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Trustee Zink led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Privilege Of The Floor

Mary McNamara addressing the Village Board with a proposal requesting a letter of support for a grant for the Town of Saugerties from Woodstock Conservancy. In the packet was a letter of support, a resolution. A discussion on the necessity of a resolution. A discussion about a resolution to voted on, then decided a resolution was not needed, the letter of support would be enough.

The Mayor requested a motion to have the letter of support to Partners for Climate Action for the Town of Saugerties for the Funding Future training and grant program through the Woodstock Land Conservancy. Trust Parisian made a motion to have the letter of support to Partners for Climate Action for the Town of Saugerties for the Funding Future training and grant program through the Woodstock Land Conservancy. Trustee Mayer seconded the motion to have the letter of support to Partners for Climate Action for the Town of Saugerties for the Funding Future training and grant program through Woodstock Land Conservancy. All in favor, motion carried.

Mary McNamara read and submitted a Thank You Note to the entire Village of Saugerties, for support and help for creating Saugerties Earth Day Week. Chamber Commerce helped out a lot. It was founded by six people who didn't know each other, wanting to do something.

Mayor introduced Chief KJ Swart. At the previous Village Board meeting there was a discussion on the Police presence in the Village; the Mayor discussed his experience with visibility of patrolling and police presence. The Mayor stated that Trustee Parisian had concerns and asked him to speak on those concerns.

Trustee Parisian, there is a noticeable presence at Little League field, patrols in the Village. Thank you for that. My concern is short staffed, how many you have assigned but I would like to see a dedicated shift to the Village, that is where most of your activity is happening. If there is a need in the Town for that patrol car, and they need to respond they can respond. My observations.

Chief KJ Swart, thank you. I am down eight (8) Officers; our full staff is twenty-four (24). When there are three (3) officers on, there is someone assigned to the Village. South in a Village. They shift proximity to the calls that are given and move as necessary. Trustee Hackett suggested it will get busier in the Village, and it would be beneficial to have an Officer walking around on foot. Trustee Parisian said that coming into the Village and cars are parked all the way to the intersection, Chief KJ Swart said that if the Officer is on their way to a call they would not be able to stop and address the

parking issue at that time, Trustee Parisian understands the safety and response of the officers. Chief KJ Swart would like to bring back the bike patrol, 40-hour course prior to an Officer starting bike patrol. Trustee Buono, requesting that if the quarterly meetings including Supervisors could the Board request a report on what is going on, what type of crimes are going on. Chief KJ Swart said he would like to do one monthly report.

Mayor wanted to compliment Chief KJ Swart since he has been on board, we speak a few times a week and he has always responded when I have called him. It's been a pleasure KJ, it's nice to have a homegrown Police Chief, you have worked hard for a long time, I truly appreciate it.

Mayor presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2025.

Trustee Parisian made the motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2025. Trustee Buono seconded the motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2025. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for May 5, 2025

• General	\$ 175,854.09
• Water	\$ 14,245.79
• Wastewater	\$ 21,105.17
• Donlon	\$ 250.00

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstracts for May 5, 2025. Trustee Mayer seconded the motion to approve the Abstracts for May 5, 2025. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

**Trustee Buono – wanted to note that the Kiwanis donated \$12K for the footing for the Barn at the Seamon Park
Deputy Mayor Mayer – Kiwanis also donated money for the facade at the Orpheum**

Trustee Reports

Trustee Parisian – I am working on the Park Mobile spreadsheet, requesting fees and locations and doing homework on Village Parking Laws. For the implementation of Park Mobile, we need an internal team and requesting Village Clerk, Enforcement and IT. Eyal Saad recommended IT support and Jorge Castonglio for enforcement. Right now, I want to keep what we have as far as the law, parking times and days will stay for a year, once we decide and have a public hearing to make any changes to the law will be decided then. We can add zones, and the parking lot without having a public hearing.

Trustee Zink – Reported on the SEQRA from the Village Planning Board for Lead Agency on the 83 North Lot Line Change, the Village Trustees all received a copy. We need to approve the Village Planning Board, Trustee Zink asked if there any questions.

Trustee Zink made the motion to approve the SEQRA Village Planning Board to be for Lead Agency for 83 North Lot Line Change. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to approve SEQRA the Village Planning Board to be Lead Agency for 83 North Lot Line Change. All in favor, motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Mayer – attended Chamber meeting at the Paper House Production, Arts Commission, Andrew Rein spoke. On Sunday the 18th the Public Preview at Stony Pony for Barking Dogs Street Art. I did speak to Mike Karashay about looking into grants for food waste. I need to speak to Kevin Brown about Mum Festival fundraising.

Trustee Hackett – nothing to report.

Trustee Martin – Physicals were completed for the year.

Trustee Buono – Mentioning the NYCOM magazine had an article on page 12, through MVP there are grants for Fitness pad.

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 6:28PM.

The next **Village Board meeting is May 19, 2025, at 5:30PM**

Peggy Melville Village Clerk May 6, 2025