



VILLAGE OF SAUGERTIES

43 PARTITION STREET  
SAUGERTIES, N.Y. 12477

**Village Board Meeting  
Minutes  
February 18, 2025**

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Trustees: Terry Parisian, Vince Buono, Brian Martin, Don Hackett, Jeannine Mayer

Others: Paula Kerbert, Ed Quirk, Bill Kemble

**Absent:** Andrew Zink

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

**Trustee Parisian** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**Regular Session**

**Privilege Of The Floor**

**Trustee Parisian** made the motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from February 3, 2025. **Trustee Buono** seconded the motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from February 3, 2025. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

**Trustee Buono** presented the Abstracts for February 18, 2025.

- General \$ 32,887.04
- Water \$ 10,300.93
- Wastewater \$ 13,334.11
- Capital Fund \$ 18,074.59
- TA Trust & Agency \$ 1,649.45 (CWA dues)

**Trustee Martin** made a motion to approve the Abstracts for February 18, 2025. **Trustee Hackett** seconded the motion to approve the Abstracts for February 18, 2025. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer Report** – see attached

**Trustee Reports**

**Trustee Parisian** - Updated copy of the Park Mobile contract, need the total amount of parking space, street and parking lots. discussion of parking lots, overnight parking, metered, permits parking. Permit process for a yearly. Payment fee, the user fee is \$.40 transaction, Village pays 2% or 3%. Fee needs to be determined per hour. Discussion about designated parking, the fee. The local residents permit handicap and off-street parking for tenants. Permit process to be defined and cost. We discussed the permits handicap and off-street parking for tenants and at the last meeting we brought up beach parking and parking lot on Ulster Avenue. Permit parking, street parking with designated parking to be determined in the implementation process. Meters should come down within a year and then parking spaces need to be marked, even if corner marking. No discussion on what will be charged, that will be discussed at implantation process.

Comments to the Board about the Village Budget, the union contract calls for 3% increase and non-union employees follows suit, and I saw some that were over the 3% increase. I would like to see the overall budget limited to 2% increase. I would like everyone to get that. Building and Grounds – personal services \$205,943 and equipment expenses \$9800.00,

capital improvements \$158,000.00 30 % increase over \$405,968, last year \$310,000.00. General comment held at 2%. Fire Dept. they are looking for a new box truck. We need to look at how to fund and raise funds for equipment. This year alone our tax rate increased only minuscule, with the assessment increase. Increase Health Insurance, we need to look at tagging on self-insured.

Trustee Hackett brought up at the last meeting by Trustee Parisian if the Court goes away, why move forward with the new parking system? The fines would be reviewed by the Town Court, the fines go where.

Trustee Parisian read Village Law if the court goes to the Town, the Village still entitled to fines from dog controls violations, violations local law, example parking, and other speeding, surcharge handicap parking. The Village no longer be entitled to fines imposed by violations by NYS in the Village or criminal offenses in the Village. The Village will continue to have cost for record costs, for the record keeping storage in the Village office, for past records. Discussion on the Village Budget.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** – Asked the Board for the contribution to street art, \$58.00 each. I went to the Chamber Board meeting, members videos, they will be on their website, merchants can use for their advertising. Next mixer is at Sue's on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. The applications for Street art are due 2/25/25, the auction is September 14. Arts commission, this Friday will be their meeting, listing all events that go on in the Village.

**Trustee Buono** – Follow up last meeting, did the Eyal look into the Air BnB. Mayor did not speak to Eyal.

**Trustee Martin** – Nothing to report

**Trustee Hackett** – Meet with wastewater to review their budget and any suggestions. We are going to have an 8% increase for 4%, for wastewater, 4% for the sludge that was no longer being taken in. Trustee Parisian suggested the sludge was suspended, there was no decrease on chemical costs. We are in process of building up the department with wastewater. Trustee Parisian asked what are we doing to keep trained operators? Mayor stated it's in the union contract that they have to stay 3 years, then they reimburse the Village for the training cost \$1,800.00. Can the bond payment be paid back at a separate line item, based on the usage would not go up, equally shared by the residence.

**Mayor Murphy** – DPW will be coming in to remove the ice in the business district.

**Trustee Parisian** – I move to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons in the court system, Bill Kemble asked if it was person or persons, Trustee Parisian stated person. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons in the court system. All in favor. Motion carried. Executive session at 6:19PM.

The Executive session was closed.

Trustee Parisian made a motion to go back into regular session, Trustee Buono seconded the motion to go back into regular session. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to Adjourn the Village Board Meeting. Trustee Buono seconded the motion to Adjourn the Village Board Meeting. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.

The next **Village Board meeting is March 3, 2025, at 5:30PM**

Peggy Melville Village Clerk February 19, 2025

## TREASURER'S REPORT

February 18, 2025

I submitted our CHIPS reimbursement paperwork last week and we will be receiving the funds on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The amount is \$10,297.43.

I have completed the first round of budget meetings and the budgets were given to the Mayor on February 7<sup>th</sup>. I also gave all the Trustees copies of the budgets in their drawers and emailed them copies of each. I will be reviewing them this week again, myself and will meet with the Mayor and anyone else who would like to discuss any of the budgets before April 7<sup>th</sup> to finalize before the public hearing.

When I paid the bills this month we took \$138.40 in discounts. I'm trying to use any discounts we can get.

Paula Kerbert

Treasurer