



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes January 3, 2022

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Brian Martin, Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Jeff Helmuth, Terry Parisian
Others: Bill Kemble

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

Trustee Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

No one from the public was present to address the Village Board.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from December 20, 2021.

Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from December 20, 2021. The motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from December 20, 2021, was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for January 3, 2022

- General \$ 53,824.33
- Water \$ 4,866.97
- Wastewater \$ 4,715.45

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for January 3, 2022. The motion to approve the Abstract for January 3, 2022 was seconded Deputy Mayor Mayer. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – see attached report.

Paula Kerbert reported that all 2021 tax payment plans have been paid in full with the exception of two plans that were extended. The budget timeline was distributed to all Trustees and Supervisors to prepare for the 2022-23 budget.

Trustee Parisian had nothing new to report.

Trustee Parisian mentioned that at the last meeting the topic was brought up regarding the Supervisors having to attend monthly Board meetings. **Trustee Parisian** suggested that the attendance requirement for the Supervisors be changed to quarterly. The Trustees agreed that a monthly report would be submitted to the departments liaison and attendance would be required on the ***second monthly** meeting of the quarter beginning January 2022. Additional attendance would be requested as needed. * Corrected from **third monthly** meeting -1/18/22

Trustee Helmuth had nothing new to report.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported:

- The Arts Commission has formed committees and are creating a newsletter to spotlight new and younger artists.

Trustee Hackett stated that an interview were conducted this week for a part time wastewater consultant. The applicant declined the job since he could not provide the amount of time needed for the position. An interview is scheduled with another consulting firm this coming week. **Trustee Buono** questioned if the consulting company from Oneonta had been contacted. **Trustee Hackett** stated that **Supervisor Hopf** had contacted the Oneonta firm.

Trustee Hackett added that **Mike Hopf** is doing a fantastic job, spending 30hours a week at the Wastewater plant.

Mayor Murphy stated that the Wastewater capital project will require a lot of time from the Supervisor.

Trustee Hackett reported for the Building Department.

There were 122 building permits for 2021, up from 114 for 2020. The Department of Labor permits were received for the Post Street house demolition. A court appearance for the owners of 32 Ulster Avenue is scheduled for January 24th. The annual SPEDES report has been submitted. Safety classes on Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence have been conducted.

Trustee Hackett stated that since we can't use the ARPA money to purchase a second Harvester, we need to find ways to include it in the budget.

Mayor Murphy reminded **Trustee Hackett** that the harvester has to be moved to the North Street garage for the winter.

Trustee Martin reported for the Fire Department.

The new fire truck will be at Garrison's on Friday, January 7th. The equipment will be mounted, and the lettering applied.

Trustee Buono had nothing new to report.

Trustee Buono inquired about the sidewalk ordinance. The current sidewalk ordinance was reviewed by the insurance company who made suggestions to modify the ordinance. The wording that the insurance recommends was distributed to all Trustees. **Trustee Parisian** mentioned that the Village would most likely be brought into a lawsuit no matter what the ordinance says. **Mayor Murphy** and **Trustee Hackett** suggested that Building Inspector Eyal Saad look over the insurance company's proposed wording and will consult with the Village Attorney as to what changes may be made.

Special Projects – see attached report.

Resolution #1-Election Polling Place was presented by Mayor Murphy. See attached.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve resolution #1- Election Polling Place seconded by Trustee Hackett. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all present. Motion carried.

Resolution #2- Tax Lien Agreement was presented Mayor Murphy. See attached.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #2 – Tax Lien Agreement seconded by Trustee Parisian. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all present. Motion carried.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Helmuth seconded the motion to adjourn. The Board meeting adjourned at 5:51pm.

The next Village Board meeting is **Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 5:30 pm.**

Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk

January 6, 2022