



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes August 15, 2016

Present: Mayor William Murphy, Trustees Terry Parisian, Vince Buono, Don Hackett and Jeannine Mayer

Absent: Trustee Brian Martin

Others: Mike Hopf, Mike Marino, George Terpening, Bob Fanelli, Eyal Saad, Ed Quirk, Alex Wade, Robert Ford, William Kimble, and Others

Mayor Murphy called the Village Board to order at 5:00pm.

Trustee Buono led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

Mayor Murphy presented the minutes of the August 1, 2016 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Parisian, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for August 15, 2016:

- General - \$71,018.86;
- Water - \$8,475.56;
- Wastewater - \$8,884.74.

Motion was made by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Alex Wade presented his Special Assignment report (copy attached). He discussed a new street lighting proposal received by the Village. Not enough information was provided and Mayor Murphy will set up a meeting with the company. Mike Hopf mentioned that the Village may have to partner with the Town for the proposal to work financially.

Mike Hopf presented the Water Department report (copy attached). He advised the Board that Johnson Controls will meet with him on August 16 to review the hoped for savings data one year after the completion of the project. Mike will report back to the Board.

Eyal Saad presented the Building Department report (copy attached).

George Terpening presented the Parks and Grounds report (copy attached).

Bob Fanelli had no written DPW report. He advised the Board that the DPW had helped the Wastewater Department with a sewer break on Main Street. Drainage was recently installed on Mill Lane Extension. The DPW will repave Mill Lane Extension before winter. The DPW is making use of the shared services agreements with the Towns of Saugerties, Ulster and the County. This agreement benefits everyone. The DPW is replacing the metal drainage plates in the business district. The DPW marked out an ADA compliant parking area at the Village Beach. The DPW will send out the "Chip Truck" to remove piles of branches left from Saturday's storm.

Mike Marino presented the Wastewater Department report (copy attached). He also mentioned that the sewer line in the Main Street business district is 100 year old clay pipe. Three breaks have occurred and replacement is needed. Mike has spoken with the Village engineer and is exploring options considering cost and impact to businesses.

Trustees Parisian, Buono and Hackett had nothing to report.

Trustee Mayer advised the Board that the plans for the Mum Festival are going well. The Gallopin' around Saugerties Stallions auction is set for Sept. 17 at SPAF. She also advised the Board of the recent Planning Board meeting.

Mayor Murphy asked the Trustees if all had reviewed the "Driver Agreement" for Village employees. The Board agreed that any employee who drives a Village vehicle should read and sign this agreement. After discussion, motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the agreement be distributed to all employees and returned to the Clerk for file. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono asked if the golf cart used by Park Department staff was properly licensed and insured. Mayor Murphy advised that the cart is exempt from licensing because it is used by a municipality. The vehicle is insured. Trustee Hackett mentioned that residents cannot legally drive a golf cart on streets.

Mayor Murphy asked the Trustees if they had considered his recommendation to appoint Jeff Helmuth to fill Patrick Landewe's unexpired term on the Village Board. Mayor Murphy advised the Board that the appointment did not require Board approval but he welcomed their input. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Parisian, to approve Jeff Helmuth to fill the position. Carried unanimously. Jeff will have to run for the position at the March 2017 Village Election.

Mayor Murphy then discussed the vacancy created on the Planning Board by Jeff Helmuth's appointment. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Buono, to appoint Mary Leahy to Chair the Planning Board and appoint Rita Ford as a permanent member of the Planning Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy advised the Board that long-time Village Attorney Alex Betke is leaving his Albany law firm. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Parisian, to appoint Benjamin Neidl as Village Attorney. Mayor Murphy advised that Village staff has been very satisfied the Mr. Neidl's work and response time. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #10/2016. This resolution establishes the position of Deputy Clerk as required by the Ulster County Personnel Department. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hackett, and carried unanimously. A current Village staff member will be appointed to this position at no additional compensation to the employee.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #11/2016. This resolution promotes awareness of people living with "special needs". Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Mayer, to approve Resolution #11/2016. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy advised the Trustees that the Village has been approached by two residents asking to purchase Village property that adjoins theirs. Stan O'Dell has requested to purchase a small piece of land between his property and Lynch's Marina. Mr. O'Dell would like to acquire the land so he may replace the bulkhead and tie into the new one to be built by Saugerties Steamboat Company. He has offered the Village \$1500.00. Michael Persico would like to purchase the alleyway between his townhouses behind Stella's Restaurant and Montross Street. Mr. Persico has offered the Village \$2000.00 for the property. Mayor Murphy has spoken with DPW Super Bob Fanelli. Mr. Fanelli has no issues with these purchases. Mayor Murphy has also spoken with the Village Attorney who agrees that these are fair offers. The Village Attorney will write resolutions for the Board to consider and vote on at the September meeting of the Village Board. The Board asked that the attorney explore any right of way issues that may exist and be sure that no property becomes landlocked by these sales.

Trustee Parisian asked that when the new contract is negotiated with Time Warner Cable, consideration be given to providing local Channels 6 and 10 with HD service. Trustee Mayer promised to bring the request back to the committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Buono, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 5:55pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Frank, Substitute Clerk Filed 8/16/16