



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2016

Present: Mayor William Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer
Trustees Brian Martin, Terry Parisian, Vince Buono, Don Hackett
Alex Wade, Robert Ford, Ed Quirk, Bill Kemble, Virginia Davies, Suzanne LeBlanc

Mayor Murphy called the Village Board meeting to order at 5:00pm.
Deputy Mayor Mayer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Suzanne LeBlanc, Hill Street, wanted to address the deterioration of Valley Street and Underwood Street. There are approximately 17 properties, 5 are abandoned, 1 taken down, 6 rentals and 5 owner occupied. The properties are either overgrown, falling down or neglected. One of the abandoned properties is being used by kids and vagrants. On Underwood Street, trash cans are being left out 24 hours a day. Mrs. LeBlanc provided pictures of each property she felt needed to be addressed. She suggested that a law is needed to rein in the absentee landlords and others in the neighborhood that let their properties deteriorate.

Mrs. LeBlanc asked "what would you do if it existed in your neighborhood?" And implied that if it would be addressed quicker if the problem was in the Village's "Nicer" areas- Latham Circle and Washington Avenue. The Mayor responded by producing a photo of a property in his neighborhood on Finger Street that is in need of cleaning up. Just to show that it does exist in other areas as well. She suggested that the Board investigate how other municipalities in other areas handle the same problem. Mayor Murphy said they would do more to be proactive in getting these properties taken care of. The Building Inspector has already contacted a number of these properties and the Mayor would give him the list to address the rest. Thank you.

Virginia Davies, Washington Avenue, spoke regarding a problem with people going the wrong way on Russell Street. They head out of the parking lot on the end of Russell Street onto Partition which is the wrong direction. The Mayor is sure that the police are aware but will inform the Chief.

Mayor Murphy presented the Minutes of the July 18th Village Board meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes approved as written.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts;

- General Fund \$ 100,109.58
- Water \$ 7,781.84
- Wastewater \$ 9,451.65

The Mayor mentioned that the former auditor, George Popp, has helped the treasurer to complete the AUD. The paperwork was submitted to the state for a 6 month extension. Mr. Popp suggested to use separate credit card machines, one for Water payments and one for Tax payments, to keep the figures separate.

Motion to accept the Abstracts was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Hackett.

Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Parisian had nothing new to report.

Trustee Buono had nothing new to report. Trustee Buono inquired about the progress on the Central Hudson/Mullen's project on Washington Avenue. Mayor Murphy stated that there are still properties that have to hook up to the gas line yet. The lines for the walking lane on Washington Avenue need to be painted once they're done. Mayor Murphy agrees that it would be best to have it done before school starts.

Trustee Martin requested from the FD Exempts that the Board meeting on August 15th be held in the Village office due to a function in the Fire House. All agreed to meet in the Village office for the next meeting.

Trustee Hackett reported that the Wastewater Department have been working on a sewer line break on Main Street. Dennis Larios was contacted to get a picture of the clay lines under Main Street from Partition Street to Seamon Park in order to get an estimate of the cost.

Fire Department along with the Police Chief and Diaz Ambulance will be on standby at SPAF for a movie filming that will be having an "controlled burn" on their set. They have all the required DEC permits.

Alex Wade presented his report for Special Projects. See attached.

Alex has been working on projects as well as following up on projects started by former Trustee Landewe.

The Mayor met with Bob Fanelli and Mr. Nekos regarding the request for handicap parking in front of his pharmacy on Main Street. The compromise for not getting the handicap spot is a *10 minute parking only* the spot in front of the building for pick up and drop off only. Mr. Nekos understands the complications of the ADA requirements and was happy to agree with the 10 minute parking sign.

Deputy Mayor Mayer asked about the parking spot in front of the Orpheum Theatre. Trustee Parisian mentioned there is room for one more parking meter. He will check with Bob Fanelli DPW has a meter to install there.

Deputy Mayor Mayer wanted to thank Heidi Brandt for all that she does to raise money for the new playgrounds.

McDonald's donated 3 picnic tables which have been installed. There are donations cans for the playgrounds in several Village stores.

The Seamon Park Board OK'd the natural play space that will be made at Seamon Park.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported on the Chamber of Commerce events.

- Planning Board Meeting August 10 – Public Hearing regarding 24 Burt Street
- First Friday Concert at Reformed Church – August 5
- Artist Studio Tour Kickoff at Opus 40 - Friday August 12. Tour dates are 13 & 14, tour maps are available at the Tourist kiosk at McDonalds and Smith Hardware.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Martin. Meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for **August 15, 2016 at 5:00pm.**

Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk
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