



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

**Village Board
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2021**

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Jeff Helmuth, Terry Parisian, Brian Martin, Superintendents: Mike Hopf, George Terpening, Richard Forbes
Others: Rosemarie Brackett, Andrew Zink, Nina Schmidbaur, Bill Kemble, Brian Hubert, Ed Quirk

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

Trustee Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Rosemarie Brackett addressed the Trustees with an update for the Tree Commission. The Tree Commission has completed phase one at the Montross Street lot. The lot has been cleaned out, soils replaced, mulched and arborvitae have been planted as a screening from the neighboring property. Four large bluestone boulders will be used in place of benches. The bus stop has been transformed into an arbor for flowering vines. Additional design plans and preparation for spring planting will be done over the winter. The watering has been done by members using a truck and tank. Rosemarie inquired if the existing water line at the property could be connected again. **Mike Hopf** stated that there is existing service line but the curb box is inoperable. The line would have to be excavated to reach the shutoff at the corporation and replaced with a yard hydrant. The cost would be \$800-\$1000. **George Terpening** also stated that Parks and Grounds would water the park.

Isabelle Soffer from the Arts commission has contacted Rosemarie to offer to help decorate the park for the holidays. Sculptures and a pollinator garden is being discussed with the Arts Commission.

Trustee Buono stated that the Kiwanis Club may be interested in donating to support the park.

Rosemarie Brackett and **John Stafford** had looked at the sidewalks on Washington Avenue that have been uprooted by a tree. The sidewalks could be ramped to save from cutting the tree roots.

Rosemarie stated she feels that the harvester is incredibly important to keep the creek free of the milfoil and is in support of a second harvester.

Nina Schmidbaur reported for the Library Board. The carpets throughout the library will be replaced and the library will remain open during the replacement. The alarm and security system will be upgraded. Life Spring has donated hearing aids that have Bluetooth connections. The Friends of the Library are making gift baskets with children's books to be placed in various locations throughout the village.

Mayor Murphy confirmed that the Village DPW will continue to plow and remove snow piles from the library parking lot again this winter.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from November 1, 2021.

Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from November 1, 2021.

The motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from November 1, 2021, was seconded by Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for November 15, 2021

- General \$ 38,459.21
- Water \$ 2,322.76
- Wastewater \$ 11,861.84

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstract for November 15, 2021. The motion to approve the Abstract for November 15, 2021, was seconded Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

George Terpening reported for Parks and Grounds. See attached. The WeeBees playgroup will begin their fall/winter Donlon schedule on November 29th through March 31, 2022.

Mike Hopf reported for the Wastewater Dept. See attached report.

The DPW helped with the removal of the damaged sluice gate using the plasma cutter.

Brinnier and Larios are working on the design for the plant upgrades. The plan is being prioritized by need and cost.

The search continues for a Wastewater Superintendent.

Mike Hopf reported for the Water Dept. See attached report.

A vendor agreement for an **LIWAP- Low Income Water Assistance Program** was presented. The agreement to accept payments is required to participate in the LIWAP. The program is through NYS to help low-income households pay for their water and wastewater services. The payments are made directly to the Village as an electronic funds transfer. The program is starting on December 1, 2021 -2023. The Trustees agreed that the Village should send in the paperwork to participate in the LIWAP.

The dredging project is ready to put out to bid to start in the Spring. The new dredging project will cost approximately \$571,000. The last time the reservoir was dredged was 2008. Eyal will organize a group of divers to clean the debris from the intakes to get through the winter.

Mike Hopf presented Resolution #13 Notice of Estoppel-Reservoir Dredging

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #13 – Notice of Estoppel – Reservoir Dredging.

Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to approve Resolution #13 – Notice of Estoppel – Reservoir Dredging. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy thanked Mike Hopf for his help the Wastewater Dept. while looking for a Superintendent.

Rich Forbes reported for the DPW dept. See attached report.

Trustee Martin reported for the Fire Dept. Three FD members traveled to South Dakota to inspect the new fire truck. The first day they were at the plant inspecting for 7 hours, 9 hours the second day and 6 hours the third day. A few issues were found and addressed. The truck is scheduled to be delivered to Garrison in December for final inspection, lettering and tool mantling. The old truck's cylinder has been replaced and it is back in service. After the new truck is received, the old truck will be stored at the Village DPW garage until it is sold.

Trustee Hackett reported for the Building Department. See attached report.

Three bids have been received for the demolition and removal of the derelict property at 46 Post Street. Dan's Hauling \$51,300, Classic Environmental \$98,800, David Frueh Contracting \$119,000. The cost of the demolition and removal will be added to the Village tax bill for the property, along with other outstanding Town and school taxes and paid by the new owner when the house is sold. The property is scheduled to be on the Ulster County foreclosure list for Spring 2022.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to accept the bid for demolition and removal of the property at 46 Post Street made by Dan's Hauling for \$51,300. Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to accept the bid for demolition and removal of the property at 46 Post Street made by Dan's Hauling for \$51,300. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Parisian had nothing new to report.

Trustee Helmuth had nothing new to report.

Trustee Buono thanked Rich Forbes and crew for picking up leaves at the American Legion in time for Veterans Day.

Thank you to Water Dept. Bill Voerg for testing the backflow device at the American Legion.

It would be nice to have Police representation resume at the meetings. **Mayor Murphy** will check with Chief Sinagra.

The cannabis law is being reviewed. **Mayor Murphy** stated that no action is required before December 31. **Mayor Murphy** strongly suggested that the Trustees attend the second meeting regarding the new cannabis law at the Kiwanis Ice Arena on December 13th. Opting in or out is up for discussion. Voting only if we are opting out.

Trustee Hackett stated that the panel at the first meeting was very well informed. Tax revenue from cannabis businesses would be split between the NYS, Ulster County, Town and Village.

Trustee Buono stated that Kiwanis has started decorating at Seamon Park. He has noticed that the Seamon Park house windows and soffits need repair. **Mayor Murphy** stated that money for windows and soffits was budgeted for. Estimates should be reviewed, and the job contracted to be done.

Mayor Murphy stated that the discussion regarding the harvester.

Trustee Parisian stated that he is not against purchasing a second harvester but does not think the purchase is eligible under ARPA funds. Information regarding the eligible projects was distributed and reviewed. Other means or sources to purchase should be pursued. **Trustee Parisian** still feels that the purchase of a second harvester does not benefit the Village taxpayers.

Mayor Murphy explained that the Town will be sharing in the expense of the harvester by continuing paying \$12,500 for 2 more years. The second harvester would focus in the Town and the first harvester to be in the Village beach area. The Village would oversee the operation of the harvester program like Eyal Saad has done this summer. There is an option to rent the harvester to other municipalities. The total cost for the new harvester would be \$69,000. Additional quotes are needed to satisfy the three bids

Mayor Murphy made a motion to pursue the purchase of a second harvester without making a commitment. Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to pursue the purchase of a second harvester.

Deputy Mayor Mayer report:

- Congratulations and Welcome to the Orpheum Theatre for reopening.
- The Arts Commission offered to decorate the trees at the Montross Street Park. Artists are to be featured monthly on their website. a meet and greet at Wellstock on Glasco Turnpike 12/8.
- Holiday in the Village is December 5th. Free movies at the Orpheum for Holiday in the Village. The Chamber is discussing the street art for 2023. Dogs and owls are being considered.
- Kiwanis will light the tree at Seamon Park. The Night Before Christmas to be read aloud.
- The High School Prom is being considered as a Village wide prom.
- An email regarding the NY Eve's ball drop will be sent out to determine interest in having this year.

Mayor Murphy stated that December 12th will be the Holiday toy give away at Cantine Field sponsored by The First Responders, CXS and Mattel.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn. Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to adjourn. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

The next Village Board meeting is **Monday, December 6, 2021, at 5:30 pm.**

Lisa Mayone Village Clerk

November 22, 2021