



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes June 1, 2020

Due to the COVID19 pandemic and the Governor's Executive Order 202 regarding open meetings, this meeting was held via Webex. The connection information was broadcast online for residents to participate.

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Vince Buono, Jeff Helmuth, Terry Parisian, Don Hackett, Brian Martin Others: Paula Kerbert, Dave Gordon

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

Mayor Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor - No one on the Webex call requested to address the Board.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from May 18, 2020 and the Year-end Board meeting minutes from May 28, 2020.

Deputy Mayor Mayer made a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes from May 18, 2020 and the Year-end Board meeting minutes from May 28, 2020 as presented.

The motion to approve the Village Board Minutes from May 18, 2020 and the Year-end Board meeting minutes from May 28, 2020 was seconded by Trustee Martin. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

There were no Abstracts for June 1 2020.

Mayor Murphy mentioned that an article in the Kingston Daley Freeman regarding a 4th of July parade was not correct. The reporter had taken information posted on Facebook and used it for the article. There had been no call to the office to verify the information.

Mayor Murphy informed the Trustees that there was a telephone meeting with Town Supervisor Costello, Greg Chorvas, County Deputy Executive John Milgrim, Chief Sinagra and a representative from Diaz Ambulance. Ulster County is encouraging the Towns to celebrate the 4th of July on Sunday July 5th by having simultaneous vehicle only parades in each neighborhood. The parades will also be simulcast on RNN for people to watch from home. The coordinated effort between all the communities intent is to keep people from traveling to other areas in large groups. It is a collaborative effort without final details. It is subject to change and or cancel.

The six Fire Departments, with the Village Fire Department as lead, are meeting to plan how this may work with input from Mayor Murphy and Ulster County. Preliminary plans include inviting participants and keeping it to maximum of 30 vehicles. Greg Chorvas would help out with the staging area. Chief Sinagra and the Diaz Ambulance have safety concerns.

Mayor Murphy stated that there is a lot to consider before anything is finalized.

Trustee Martin added that all the fire districts are involved with the planning.

Trustee Reports

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported

- The Mum Festival is officially canceled.
- The May 18th Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting will be rescheduled for June.
- The Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center will be opened on weekends. The butterfly outdoor art has been installed. The Gala at the end of the season is not finalized yet – it may be online. The Chamber mixer on May 27th with Supervisor Costello as the speaker. Mr. Costello gave helpful information about the Ulster County COVID19 guidelines.

Trustee Helmuth had nothing new to report.

Trustee Hackett reported that the Wastewater Dept. will be working at night on Main Street and Partition Street to clean the sewer lines, June 10th – 17th.

The Building Dept. Is issuing building permits again.

Trustee Martin stated that the his report is included with what Mayor Murphy rpeorted regarding the 4th of July parade.

Trustee Parisian thanked the DPW for installing the butterflies before the department was shut down due to a positive case of COVID19. The Department was closed until all employees are tested. Mayor Murphy stated that the tests were received today and they were all negative. All but two employees are back to work today.

Trustee Buono stated that the Thank yous for the plan for collecting the delinquent taxes should go to the Treasurer Paula Kerbert. Paula is doing a great job and deserves the credit for the implementation.

Alex Wade reported for Special Projects. See attached report.

The Census statistics should be good for getting Federal funding this year. A notice for residents should go on the website to remind them to register and be counted.

Mayor Murphy presented a proposal to add a new \$2.00 fee for water/sewer quarterly bills and \$5.00 on property tax bills when they are paid by credit card. Currently, there is no additional fees to use a credit card for payments.

The service charges to the Village from the credit card company were over \$36,000 according to Treasurer Paula Kerbert. The credit card company charges 3.5% for each transaction. The fees would help to defer the costs. The Town does not accept credit cards anymore due to the service fees. The discussion regarding the fees continued and settled with the fee for the water and sewer at \$3.00 and \$10.00 on the property taxes.

Trustee Buono made a motion to approve a \$3.00 fee to the quarterly water/sewer bills and a \$10.00 fee to the yearly property taxes when paid with a credit card. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to approve a \$3.00 fee to the quarterly water/sewer bills and a \$10.00 fee to the yearly property taxes when paid with a credit card. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Next Village Board meeting is Monday June 15, 2020 at 5:30 pm via Webex.

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