



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes March 19, 2018

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Brian Martin, Terry Parisian, Jeff Helmuth, Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Eyal Saad, Mike Hopf, George Terpening, Mike Marino, Bob Fanelli, Alex Wade  
**Others:** Brian Mason, Ed Quirk, Z. Willie Neuman, William Kemble

**Mayor Murphy** called the **Village Board Meeting** to order at 5: 30 pm.

**Mayor Murphy requested Trustee Helmuth** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Privilege of the Floor

Z. Willie Neuman addressed the Board regarding his water chestnut sculpture that was on display at the Village Beach. The sculpture has fallen down and cannot be put back where it was because the post is rotten. Twenty percent of the sculpture is damaged. Willie is asking for permission to float the sculpture on the water instead on placing it back on the beach. Willie explained what type of float would be used. The Mayor Murphy responded that he was not sure if it would be legal for the Village to give permission since the creek is a tidal waterway. It would have to be placed closer to the beach area. The Mayor requested Willie to send an email with the details to the clerk and we would look into it.

Willie also mentioned the noise from the truck and motorcycle traffic is very loud. The motorcycles deliberately rev their engines while at the traffic lights. The Mayor stated that it is not illegal and the Board has addressed the noise in the past. There is not much legally that can be done. The trucks bring commerce into the Village. Willie requested putting up a sign. The Mayor agreed that artistic signs that Willie paints are fine and for Willie to bring the designs to the Board for approval. The placement and installation would be done by the DPW.

Willie will check with Chief Sinagra regarding the enforcement of loud motorcycles.

**Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from March 6, 2018. Trustee Buono made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 6, 2018 Village Board meeting. Trustee Hackett requested an amendment to the minutes by correcting the date of the event at the Kiersted House from April 20<sup>th</sup> to April 21<sup>st</sup>. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hackett to approve the minutes with the amendment. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for March 19, 2018:**

- General \$ 14,732.76
- Water \$ 1,420.58
- Wastewater \$ 6,020.42

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for March 19, 2018. Motion was seconded by Trustee Mayer to approve the Abstract. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Bob Fanelli** presented the report for the Department of Public Works. See attached.  
The overtime budget for the winter is still good unless it snows again.

**Mike Marino** presented his report for the Waste Water Department. See Attached report.  
Trustee Parisian questioned whether or not the pump station lost power during the recent power outage. The power was lost for a very short time before it was right back on again.

**Eyal Saad** presented his report for the Building and Safety Department. See attached. Mr. Saad reminded the public to check their smoke detectors and change batteries when necessary. The overnight off street parking has ended as of March 15<sup>th</sup>. The MS4 reports are being worked on along with Bob Fanelli and are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. The contractor will be installing a new pipe that holds the dock and ramp in place at the beach. The contractor has one year from installation to make repairs. The fence at Tina Chorvas Park and the bulkhead bids will be posted at the same time.

**Mike Hopf** presented his report for the Water Department.

**George Terpening** presented his report for the Buildings, Parks and Grounds Department. See attached.

**Alex Wade** see attached report for Special Projects. See attached report.

The electric car charging stations were discussed. Since the Village is not part of the original grant for the current charging stations, Alex is working with Vernon Benjamin from the Town to see what grants may be available for the Village. There are issues and logistics to be addressed before any charging stations are installed in the Village. Who pays for electric? Should it be part of the Chamber of Commerce-Business owner's responsibility? Locations? Would it be beneficial to have a questionnaire at the Visitor Center to determine the need?

**Brian Martin** presented the report for the Fire Department. See attached report.

Mr. Martin noted that the membership application for Mr. Sweeney is in the committee process. Trustee Parisian inquired as to how much interest there has been in the Jr Firefighter program. So far two candidates have been interviewed for the Jr. FF Program.

**Trustee Parisian** had nothing new to report.

**Trustee Helmuth** reported that he attended the Town Advisory meeting regarding Climate Smart Community certification. The goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. A lot of data and research is required. Once certified by NYSERDA, the Village would be eligible to apply for grants. The application is based on a point system. Points are earned by completing each task listed on the chart. Mayor Murphy suggested that we may already have done the items listed on the chart when the Village had Johnson Controls do an energy survey. Trustee Helmuth will attend the next meeting.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** reported that the

- Leanne Thornton is looking for appointments to the Comprehensive Plan Board
- TV23 is asking for an increase in our donation from \$600 to \$750. The committee members are staying the same.
- The Revolving Loan Committee to start their meeting soon.
- Shout Out Saugerties is looking for people to be involved again this year.
- 41 Artists this year for Sailin' Around Saugerties. The Town/Village artist is Lillian Johnson. The boats will be on display at SPAF on April 20 at 5pm. The installation by DPW to begin on 4/21.
- The Visitor Center will be open April 17<sup>th</sup>. The hours will be 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays only each month 5:00 - 8:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday 12-5:00pm.
- Chamber of Commerce concert series is scheduled to start in June, July August and September
- The Chamber website is being updated. The next Chamber meeting will be held at The Exchange on March 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30. The speaker will be

**Trustee Hackett** had nothing new to report.

**Trustee Buono** had nothing new to report.

The Parking Lot law was discussed and tabled for further discussion at the next meeting. There is a concern whether or not all lots in the Village would be part of the law. Enforcement is an issue. Mayor Murphy will discuss the Ulster Avenue lot with Eyal Saad before the next meeting.

The sale of the vacant property on the corner of Montross Street and Partition Street was discussed. It was decided that the sale would be by auction with the opening bid of \$10,000.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to sell the Montross Street Property. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to sell the Montross Street property. Trustees Hackett and Helmuth voted No and Trustees Parisian, Buono, Martin and Deputy Mayor Mayer voted Yes. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to set the opening the bid for the vacant lot on Montross Street at \$10,000. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to set the opening bid for the vacant lot on Montross Street at \$10,000. Trustees Hackett and Helmuth voted No and Trustees Parisian, Buono, Martin and Deputy Mayor Mayer voted Yes. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #7 – Parkinson Awareness Month Proclamation.**

**Trustee Martin made a motion to accept the resolution and took a roll call for approval of the Resolution – 7 Yes votes. Motion seconded by Trustee Parisian. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Murphy requested a moment of silence be observed for Gladys Hutton who passed away on March 13<sup>th</sup>. A moment of silence was observed by all.

**Trustee Martin made a motion to set a Public Hearing for comment on the 2018 - 19 Village Budget for the next Board meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30. Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to set a Public Hearing for comment on the 2018 - 19 Village Budget for the next Board meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded Deputy Mayor Mayer. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.**

**The next Village Board meeting and Public Hearing is Monday, April 2, 2018 at 5:30pm.**

Lisa Mayone  
Village Clerk  
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