



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes September 6, 2022

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustees Vince Buono, Brian Martin, Terry Parisian, Don Hackett, Jeff Helmuth Others: Ed Quirk, Dave Gordon, Rod Martin, Rae Stang, Melanie Gardner

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

Trustee Helmuth led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Rae Stang presented her petition to change the zoning code to change the parking requirements. The B1 district currently requires 1 parking space per 2 units of new construction. The petition requests that the requirement be changed to 3 parking spaces per 2 units of new construction.

A proposed new construction project of a three-story apartment building on Partition Street is requesting a variance from the Zoning Board for parking spaces.

Rae Stang suggested that the Village could possibly issue parking passes to the Village landlords for their allotted spaces.

Trustee Hackett stated that the parking has been being reviewed for years. The Business district parking requirements was changed back in the 1980's to promote business when most of the buildings were vacant. The overflow was to use the parking lot. Now that all the buildings and apartments are mostly full, there is not enough parking. Previous parking change requests were not approved by Ulster County.

A SEQR Part 1 form must be completed, and the Board will review for the next meeting on September 19th.

Rod Martin was present to address the Trustees regarding the progress on the drainage problem on his property and his neighbor, Ann Anadola's driveway. The issue will be discussed once Ann arrives.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from August 15, 2022.

Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from August 15, 2022. The motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from August 15, 2022, was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for September 6, 2022.

- General \$ 113,873.21
- Water \$ 199,507.70
- Wastewater \$ 8,436.26
- Trust & Agency \$ 3,755.29

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstracts for September 6, 2022. The motion to approve the Abstracts for September 6, 2022 was seconded by Trustee Parisian. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report - see attached report.

Deputy Mayor Mayer forwarded a compliment from Tom Murphy, M&T Bank who said that Paula was a pleasure to work with and is doing a wonderful job.

Resolution No. 7 2022 Ford F650 with Boss Plow and Sander

Trustee Parisian presented Resolution No. 7 for the DPW's purchase of a 2022 Ford F650 with Boss Plow and Sander from Romeo Ford, Kingston NY to be financed through M&T Bank for a total of \$150,657.15. This truck will replace an older plow that will not pass inspection. Two more plows are needed and will go out for bid and bond later this winter.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution No. 7 for the purchase of a 2022 Ford F650 with Boss Plow and Sander from Romeo Ford, Kingston, NY, to be financed through M&T Bank for a total of \$150,657.15.

Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 7 for the purchase of a 2022 Ford F650 with Boss Plow and Sander from Romeo Ford, Kingston, NY, to be financed through M&T Bank for a total of \$150,657.15. All 7 yes votes, the motion carried unanimously.

The Petition for a Zoning Change

The Petition for a Zoning Change regarding parking regulations will be reviewed once the SEQR is received. A Public Hearing will be set at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Parisian had nothing new to report.

Trustee Helmuth reported that the reservoir levels are back up. After having consulted with Water Superintendent Hopf, **Trustee Helmuth** recommends the Water advisory level 1 be lifted.

Trustee Helmuth made a motion to lift the Phase 1 Water advisory regarding restricted water usage in the Village. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion to lift the Phase 1 Water Advisory regarding restricted water usage in the Village. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

A first draft of the Town and Village Water agreement will be presented to the Town Water Dept. for review.

The dredging project at the reservoir is going well. It has not been finalized yet.

Trustee Hackett reported that the harvester is back in service. The rain has caused the Tannersville cleanup to be postponed to Thursday. The Wastewater plant is running well. The rain event did not cause any alarms or issues. The Wastewater Operator trainee position has been posted in house with no interest and will be published to the public again. Dennis Larios will be at the Main Street property when the active sewer line is being camera and provide an engineering evaluation. A camera is being borrowed tomorrow from the Town of Ulster.

Rod Martin questioned which line would be being camera. **Trustee Hackett** stated that in the past the old line was not able to be camera due to being filled with mud. **Trustee Parisian** stated that the old line may be a cistern and the water would be absorbed into the cistern. **Rod Martin** discussed that in the past John Ruffner told him it may be a cistern and the Wastewater Dept. came back and vectored the old pipe and water was flowing into the pipe from the street and back yard as it was vectored. At that time, they all agreed that it was not a cistern but an old sewer pipe. The drainage and catch basin plan was the suggested solution.

Mayor Murphy said the Village did not commit to a drainage system to Willow Lane. The topography of the property is a major factor in the drainage problem. There has not been a water problem this summer since there has been a draught. Which indicates the flooding comes from the rain not the pipes. **Rod Martin** stated that the pipe still had over 5ft of water in it during the draught. He has a video of the water flowing endlessly.

Rod Martin will be notified what time the engineer and Wastewater will camera the lines.

Mayor Murphy offered to with help excavating and fill based the engineer's determination.

Trustee Martin reported for the Fire Dept. The September 11th service will be held at Cantine Memorial Park on Sunday, September 11 at 6pm.

Trustee Martin requested that the Village Board meeting on September 19th be held in the Village office due to a Fire Department event being held in the Hooks Room.

Trustee Buono reported that the Transportation Council committee meeting will be September 23rd.

The current rental agreement law can be changed by only a few words to cover the Village for the short-term rental properties. **Mayor Murphy** stated that the committee will be meeting again on September 23rd.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported

- Leanne Thornton and the Town attorney made comments regarding the TV23 franchise agreement. It has been 12 years since the agreement has been reviewed. The Town has created a wish list to be considered including a digital channel. Mike Campbell has shared the franchise agreement online.

- The Arts Commission will be asking for a budget increase from the Town and a donation from the Village. The increase would be to fund their awareness campaign to promote Saugerties arts, cultural and educational programming, beautification projects in the Village including murals, gardens and eventually a cultural arts center. The next meet and greet will be at Opus 40 on September 21st 3 – 6pm for painting, song writing, and 6-8pm for meet and greet.
Mayor Murphy stated that the request will have to be presented to the Board with justification. The Arts Commission member Isabel Soffer will be judging the art exhibit at the Mum Festival. They are also volunteering for the Zero Waste intuitive at the Garlic Festival.
- UpState Films has a list of charity organizations that will receive the proceeds from their Thursday popcorn sales. Farmers Market, Small World Playground Fund, Headstart, Arm of the Sea Tidewater Center, Saugerties Lighthouse Conservancy, Village Tree Commission will be the charities for the next 6 months.
- The next Chamber of Commerce meeting will be at 11 Jane on Wednesday, September 28th. The Chamber gala and auction for the owl street art will be at the Kiersted House barn - 3pm on September 18th.
- The Mum Festival Committee is working on the details for October 9th, 12-5:00.
- There has been no response from the sign company regarding the community signs that they were supposed to be repairing. At this point, the signs will be picked up whether they are completed or not.

Mayor Murphy requested the proposal for the Arts Commission's budget request to all Trustees to review.

Mayor Murphy stated that Dan Ahouse, Upstate films, is trying to find a small-town grant to help the Village businesses and replace the marquee at the movies.

A solution to make the Donlon handicap accessible is being considered. It was determined in the past that the building is structurally unable to handle an elevator. A chair lift is being considered for the main staircase. Dan Ahouse and Senator Michelle Hinchey are working to get a grant that may cover the purchase of the chairlift. Pricing for a chair lift will be explored and the possibility of using ARPA funds to be refunded if the grant is received.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to adjourn. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

The next **Village Board meeting Monday, September 19th, at 5:30 pm.**

Lisa Mayone Village Clerk September 16, 2022