



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes July 1, 2019

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustees Vince Buono, Brian Martin, Don Hackett  
**Others:** Alex Wade, Bill Kemble, Dave Gordon, Ed Quirk, Mary McNamara, Emily Vale, Ed Hunlock

**Mayor Murphy** opened the meeting at 5:30pm.

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

### **Privilege of the Floor –**

Resident **Ed Hunlock**, 47 South Partition Street, spoke to the Board regarding his concerns of the speed of the traffic on South Partition Street near the beach. He stated that cars speed, 35 -40 MPH, from the Diamond Mill area to the beach. There are small children in the area and he is concerned for their safety. He is asking if there is something to be done about the situation.

**Mayor Murphy** stated that after speaking with Mr. Hunlock earlier this week, he researched the laws regarding speed bumps. It is illegal to install speed bumps on NY State roads but not prohibited on local roads as long as they meet NYS highway regulations. The number of speed bumps are determined by the number of cars per hour, per day. The seasonal speed bumps could be removed during the winter months to allow for plowing the roads. **Alex Wade** stated that rumble strips alongside the road are permitted.

**Mayor Murphy** stated he wanted to be sure the neighborhood was aware of the situation and have no objection to the speed bumps. **Mayor Murphy** asked Mr. Hunlock to check with his neighbors and present the Board with a signed petition. **Mr. Hunlock** was agreeable to getting a petition.

**Mr. Hunlock** also mentioned the problem with people bringing their dogs to the Village Beach and not cleaning up after them. **Mayor Murphy** stated that there is a law against dogs at the beach. The lifeguards should be letting people know that dogs are not allowed and instructing them that dogs **are** allowed only at Chorvas Park and Seamon Park. The lifeguards are instructed to call the police, if necessary.

**Mary McNamara** introduced Emily Vale, Executive Director of the Hudson River Watershed Alliance. They shared information regarding the Community Resilience Building for Hudson River Estuary Communities program. The program involves a one day workshop which identifies climate change impacts and develops strategies to eliminate or reduce the impact. It brings together municipal officials to discuss weather related challenges and recover from extreme weather events. The HRWA is asking for help in picking a date and names of who should attend. The information gathered from the workshop results in a report to be used to identify vulnerabilities and develop a plan of action. The suggested actions will be consistent to both the NYS Climate Smart Communities Program and NYS DOS Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan.

**Mayor Murphy** asked what the plan of action would be. **Mary McNamara** suggested an initial meeting for either July 23 or 24 to plan the workshop for the fall. **Mayor Murphy** requested that the Town and Village stay together on this program and to be included in emails to arrange Board representation. More people may be available for a later day meeting. Assistance with grants will be key. **Mary McNamara** stated that the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan puts the Village in a higher category for funding. The dates for the workshop will be confirmed.

**Trustee Buono presented the Village Board Minutes from June 17, 2019.**

**Trustee Hackett** made a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes from June 17, 2019. The motion to approve the minutes from June 17, 2019 was seconded by **Deputy Mayor Mayer**.

**All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Mayor Murphy presented the Abstract for July 1, 2019:**

- **General** \$ 21,890.14
- **Water** \$ 5,962.57
- **Wastewater** \$ 2,222.94

**Trustee Buono** mentioned that he reviewed the listings of the lawyer's fees for the year and is concerned that the costs be managed more closely. **Trustee Hackett** inquired if the fees included travel and is it necessary to have the attorney at all the meetings. The fees do include travel from Albany.

**Trustee Hackett** questioned the \$420 fee for Sweeney Carting. **Mayor Murphy** explained that the fee was for the additional clean up of garbage that was left when the gates were unlocked for residents to leave their brush. The gates have been locked now since residents were abusing the use of the area. The fee was for the few months that it was open. **Trustee Hackett** also questioned if Sweeney Carting is still using our dumpsters. Why are paying dumpster fees? **Mayor Murphy** stated that the fees are from UCRRA for the dumping of garbage. The UCRRA was going to charge for the mixed paper and cardboard recycling if it was in one dumpster. The Village provided an additional dumpster to avoid the extra expense.

**Trustee Hackett** inquired about the charge on the Water abstract coded as *21' Toro OHV RWD Personal Pac* of \$649.99. No one was aware of exactly what the charge was for.

**Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstract for July 1, 2019. The motion to approve the Abstract of July 1, 2019 was seconded by Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Reports**

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

**Trustee Martin** reported that the Fire Dept. will conduct inspections for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade on Main Street at 8:30 am. The parade starts at 11am.

**Trustee Buono** had nothing new to report but did have a question regarding the home on Post Street that has the collapsed roof. **Mayor Murphy** stated that the owners of the property have not returned our calls. **Trustee Hackett** stated right now we can't do anything unless we want to go to court. The contractor who has built a new house next door is possibly still interested buying the property.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** reported:

- The Comprehensive Plan Committee meetings continue.
- Chief Sinagra was the guest speaker at the Chamber meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The Chief stated that he broadcasts weekly on WKZE, if anyone has anything they would like to promote on the radio.
- Mayor Murphy is also a guest host on the WKZE radio broadcast.
- All the preparations are ready for the Mum Queen and Court to be in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. **Mayor Murphy** stated that former Chief Kimble is the Grand Marshall of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. He had been honored recently at a surprise party for 50 years of service.

**Letter**

**Mayor Murphy** read a letter received from Chief Sinagra regarding Partition Street pedestrian and motorist safety. See attached letter.

The area near 150 Partition Street and 138 Partition Street has a driveway to and from a rear parking lot. The visibility upon leaving the parking lot onto Partition Street is obstructed by parked vehicles on both sides of the driveway. A suggested solution is to either have the driveway one way into the parking lot only and exit through Jane Street or eliminating a parking space in front of 138 Partition Street. Also, pedestrians are walking into the exiting traffic, not realizing it is a driveway.

**Mayor Murphy** stated that something changed and the agreement between the property owners of 150 and 138 Partition Street, to have the traffic exit through Jane Street, fell through and was stopped.

**Trustee Hackett** stated that he thought there was an old right of way through the back of the property to Jane Street. Did Mr. Persico build on the right of way? **Alex Wade** stated that there had been an old right of way behind the buildings and that most of the businesses on Partition Street had exits out the back. He did not think that the right of way ever completely connected all the way through to Jane Street. It was in bits and pieces. **Trustee Hackett** stated that he thought that the best solution would be

the exit out of Jane Street. **Mayor Murphy** will reach out to Pat Raugh to arrange a meeting regarding the right of way and one way out to Jane Street.

### **Twin Bridges Proposal**

**Mayor Murphy** presented the paperwork from Twin Bridges regarding cost savings for the phone service. The Board requests the representative make a presentation to the Board at the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Deputy Mayor Murphy** mention the Mega contract, stating that the savings may not warrant the amount of paperwork. It will be discussed with the Treasurer.

### **Seasonal Employees**

BLDGS & GROUNDS – Jaclyn Gehring, Jaclyn Murphy, Kailey Collins, Jorge Mazariego, Erik Lilland, Nicholas Brennan

OFFICE HELP – Jill Murphy

LIFEGUARDS – Colin Leahy, Anna VanRoy, Grace VanRoy, Marcy Danner

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to accept the list of seasonal employees. Trustee Martin seconded the motion to approve the list of seasonal employees. All in favor. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **Barclay Street Sewer**

The Board had previously approved the reimbursement for half of the Rotor Rooter invoice for the resident at 28 Barclay Street. The invoice was for a service call resulting from roots clogging the sewer pipe. The resident states that the roots were in the main sewer pipe that clogged her sewer pipe and is asking for a full reimbursement. **Trustee Hackett** stated that resident should have called the Wastewater Dept. if there is a sewer issue. Since the problem occurred on a Sunday, then they should have called the Police. The Police have no record of a call from 28 Barclay Street. **Mayor Murphy** had tried to negotiate with Rotor Rooter to reduce the bill but since the bill was already processed Rotor Rooter would not make any adjustments. The discussion continued regarding if full reimbursement would set a precedent. The Board agreed to keep the decision of reimbursing the original half of the invoice.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to keep the original decision of refunding ½ of the Rotor Rooter invoice to the homeowner. Trustee Martin seconded the motion to keep the original decision of refunding ½ of the Rotor Rooter invoice to the homeowner. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Alex Wade** reported for special projects. See attached report. The Bluestone sidewalk project is at a standstill. Attempts have been made to contact Congressman Delgado, but have not received a response yet.

**Mayor Murphy** mentioned that local basketball player, Darnell Edge will be making his NBA debut with the summer league of the Utah Jazz on ESPN2 tonight at 9pm. Darnell played basketball at SHS and was part of the Boys & Girls Club. He will be conducting basketball clinics for local kids this summer. Good luck to Darnell!

**Trustee Buono made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Hackett. Motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.**

Next Village Board meeting is July 15, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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