



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes July 16, 2018

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Trustees Terry Parisian, Jeff Helmuth, Don Hackett, Brian Martin, Ed Quirk, Bob Gallenz, Mary McNamara, TV23 Videographer

**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** – No one present requested to address the Board.

**Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from July 2, 2018.**

**Trustee Helmuth made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 2, 2018 Village Board. The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Mayor Murphy presented the Abstract for July 16, 2018:**

- **General** \$ 56,797.68
- **Water** \$ 6,340.20
- **Wastewater** \$ 12,957.08

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for July 16, 2018. The motion to approve the Abstract for July 16, 2018 was seconded by Trustee Parisian. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Mike Hopf** presented his report for the Water Dept. See attached report.

WSP, the contractor for the Winston Farm water exploration project, has completed their report. The next step is to drill a full production well and connect to the distribution center. The question is whether or not the Village purchases a piece of the property or obtains a right of way for the well. Mike Shortell suggested that the Village own at least a 200 foot radius around the well with a right of way easement through Snyder farm.

Trustee Parisian asked about the high iron content in the water as well as the volume of the water since the property is currently empty. Mike Hopf stated that as the more water that gets filtered through the pump, the iron count will go down. The volume will be effected based on who will occupy the property in the future.

Mayor Murphy stated that if we own all the water rights, we would be able to sell it back to any new owner/occupants of the property. Mike H. will speak with Bill Blankenship regarding the ownership and control of the well. Trustee Parisian suggested an analysis of a lease versus ownership cost.

Mayor Murphy stated that if the money is in the project budget, why wouldn't we want to own the property. We would need to know how much the property would cost. Mike H. will discuss with Bill Blankenship and GOSR.

**Bob Fanelli** presented his report for the DPW. See attached report.

The Town will help with repainting the crosswalks after the Viet Nam traveling wall has been removed.

Mayor Murphy complimented the DPW on the work done on Finger Street. The state painted the lines very quickly. Not many of the Village streets are wide enough to be striped.

**Mike Marino** presented his report for the Wastewater Dept. See attached report.

The Main Street catch basins on Main Street near the Inquiring Minds Bookstore were cleaned and flushed.

The bookstore is getting water in the basement. The roof drain had been clogged, and the water was leaking

back into the building. Everything was cleared and checked. There are cracks in the building's basement which may contribute to the water getting into the basement.

**George Terpening** presented his report for the Buildings, Parks and Grounds. See attached report. The Village beach and pool are open. The pool averages about 35 people per day. It is busy with the summer Recreation and day care children. The Lions Club is requesting that the pool be open on Saturday and Sunday. George T. stated that they will try it for a trial basis, but when it was tried in the past there has been very little use on the weekends.

**Trustee Martin** reported for the Fire Department.

**Trustee Hackett** reported for the Building Dept. **See attached report.**

Mayor Murphy mentioned that the property owners for the house on Bennett Avenue will be hiring someone to clean up the yard.

**Mayor Murphy presented Deputy Mayor Mayer** report. See attached

- Congratulations to firemen and sponsors for a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and fireworks. Thanks to everyone for Car show and to the DPW support for both events.
- August 3 - Sunset Concert 6:30 at Reformed Church yard, Davey O and Caroline Doctorow
- August 10 - Kick off for Artist Studio tour at Opus 40 and studio tours August 11 and 12.
- September 15 - Sailing Around Saugerties Auction at SPAF.
- The Saugerties Chamber has been asked to host the kick-off party at various places around the Village for the Woodstock Film Festival in October.

**Mayor Murphy** recognized Mary McNamara to address the Board.

Mary McNamara mentioned that the Army Corp of Engineers is proposing 6 alternatives for storm surge barriers in NY Harbor. The public is requesting more meetings to better learn of the barriers and levies and to take a longer time. Some of the alternatives are very substantial. Walls across several areas of the Hudson would have major impact on the aquatic life and impact the Esopus Creek as well. Mary left comment cards to send to the Army Corp of Engineers.

Mary also mentioned that the Woodstock Land Conservancy submitted a grant for the benefit the Plattekill Creek watershed. They will be the lead agency with the support of the Town and County. The Town and Village are a unique example of cooperation and are a model for others.

Mayor Murphy mentioned that he had attended a meeting with the Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding the invasive plants and algae in the creek. We have contacted a company in Pennsylvania that harvests the plants but they have not contacted us back yet. We have also contacted the Town of Esopus regarding the use of their harvester but they say it is not available. The Beach closing was due to high fecal count caused by the extreme weather. It was reopened on Monday. Thank you to Jeff H. doing a good job educating citizens as to the reason the beach was closed.

**Trustee Helmuth made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Hackett. Motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.**

**Next Village Board meeting is Monday August 6, 2018 at 5:30pm.**

Lisa Mayone  
Village Clerk  
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