



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes September 5, 2023

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Trustees: Terry Parisian, Vince Buono, Brian Martin, Don Hackett, Andrew Zink Absent: Deputy Mayor Mayer

**Others:** Bill Kemble, Ed Quirk, Steve Yaeger, Dave Gordon

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

**Trustee Parisian** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Privilege Of The Floor

Steve Yaeger was in attendance on behalf Jackie Russell on the topic of the Planning Board for 310 Main Street. Jacquelyn Russell submitted attached letter dated 8/30/2023 to the Village Board.

Steve Yaeger, I do have a couple of questions not sure how we were told that public sentiment doesn't matter, I am not quite sure why that is, if you look at the Zoning Code or Special Use Permit, 1<sup>st</sup> thing it says is to have Public Hearing, what would be the purpose of the that Public Hearing if the public sentiment doesn't matter?

There are in the special Use Permit concerns for the public, one regarding traffic and public safety. A question about the Comprehensive Plan, we were told it's not considered in the special use process. If you read the duties of the Planning Board on the website one of the duties is to follow the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Murphy stated the Comprehensive Plan is a guide, it's not a bible. It's a guide put together by the Town and the Village for the purpose of future planning, but it's not verbatim. Steve understood that. Mayor Murphy said that public sentiment goes, public hearing is for public sentiment when it comes to special use permits for zoning variance as well, if the respective builder meets all requirements, cannot be rejected only on public sentiment. Other Board members can comment. Trustee Parisian, my only comment on that is we have zoning laws on the books, we have designated districts on the laws and designated and specific uses within the laws. My opinion, my sentiment on why the board or committee allows or grants use of a special use permit or zoning variance. We at one decided that this point agreed that this area is area is conducive to this use and somebody comes in that well I want to put something in there and they have to go for a variance or special use permit. Why is it automatically granted because they ask for it? Mayor Murphy they are not automatically granted, there have been some rejected. Trustee Parisian Steve just said public sentiment doesn't come in when they make those decisions. So, if somebody has an objection to that use in there public sentiment should come into play to for granting that variance or special use permit. Mayor Murphy, I made my comments based on a previous issue. Zoning for that use was permitted in for that application, but the majority of the public did not want it. B1 these Zones are conducive to these businesses. Why would someone come in to ask a for a variance use, if the limit on a building is 3 floors but the application asks for 5 floors, why would you ask? Use in an area the Zoning should be reevaluated if someone asks for something that is not within Zoning. Mayor Murphy suggested that there are 3 apartments upstairs, what is the difference between that and the hotel. Steve explained there is a big difference between an apartment are people are long term and will get to know them. A hotel is people is constant flow of out-of-town people. Trustee Hackett stated he agreed with Trustee Parisian about looking at the Zoning. Trustee Parisian you can look at a district, and review that not all at once. Should be incorporated along with the comprehensive plan when the Zoning can be reevaluated. Trustee Zink stated that Alex Wade report is referencing changing zoning, for ADU's. This could be worked for making changes for other options within those zones at the same time. Mayor Murphy, I have heard what's come up in the planning board, it's not a municipal parking. Steve stated the application with the plans that were submitted has labeled the parking as municipal. Also, on that application there is no property line showing where the parking lot goes through, it's very vague can it go through

like that. I don't think we can answer these questions. Trustee Zink asked the question on parking, how many parking spaces and have it laid out.

Steve asked about the Comprehensive plan, it's a lot of time, work or money spent on the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Murphy says the Comprehensive Plan is an outline and by having this we are also eligible for grants.

Steve stated if it's listed as a duty for the Planning Board to use it, Comprehensive Plan, bring up Saugerties Planning Board and it states that zoning code and outlined by the Comprehensive Plan. This particular project isn't going to employ anyone. This project isn't just about going next to Jackie's house. There are a lot of things that are going on around here and there are a lot of changes going on quickly. Mayor Murphy, I can assure you that I have done this for a long time and so has this board. It's a balancing act, this board we are caught in the middle, we want to keep the Village nice for the locals and we need the influx to keep our economy. I appreciate you coming to the meeting, hope we have answered your questions or some of your questions.

### Regular Session

**Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from August 21, 2023. Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from August 21, 2023. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to approve the minute from August 21, 2023. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for September 5, 2023.**

- General \$ 93,473.84
- Water \$ 26,839.53
- Wastewater \$ 17,060.69

**Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstracts for September 5, 2023. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to approve the Abstracts for September 5, 2023. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

### Trustee Reports

**Trustee Parisian** – Nothing to report

**Trustee Zink** – Town Housing meeting, last Monday. I agree with Alex with what he wrote in his report. Ulster County Legislator from District #6 Phil Erner who spoke about the Ulster County Smart One housing program, separate from the Ulster County Smart Housing Initiative Program, both under Ulster County but separate. The UC Smart One program is what Alex referred to and the deadline is 9/8/2023 for applying. I will continue to attend and report back to the Village Board. The detached units to R1 and R2, that the UC Smart Housing pretty certain that lending their planning for free to municipalities. I would reach out to find in the future if there is something.

Planning Board – public hearings are closed on both 310 Main Street and 105 and 107 Partition Street. A vote will have to taken that the next meeting for the UCPB recommendation for 105 and 107 Partition Street.

**Trustee Hackett** – Also was going to talk about Alex's party. S.P.D.E.S report, Dennis has 18 months to get his report back. Trustee Buono I thought we had a lot of engineering money. Mike Karashay is still looking for grants for funding. Trustee Parisian expenses related to grants, the expenses that the engineers will incur. Joe Myers did not mix at the plant; the smell had diminished over the weekend. Eyal is working on getting the quote for a new harvester to bring to the Village Board.

**Trustee Martin** – Kevin Brown started today for Buildings and Ground Superintendent, The Annual 9/11/2023 service at 6PM. Next Village Board Meeting 9/18/2023 will be held in the Village Office

**Trustee Buono** – American Legion will have their helmet drop on 9/23/2023.

**Mayor Murphy** – Milled Partition Street and Dock Street were done Friday. Both streets will get paved at the end of the week.

Kevin Brown started today, 2 role, backup building inspector and will be working George for the next month at the building and parks. Also have him as our electrician when needed.

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to Adjourn the Village Board Meeting. Trustee Martin seconded the motion to Adjourn the Village Board Meeting. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:02PM.**

The next **Village Board meeting is Monday September 18, 2023, at 5:30pm at the Village offices.**

Peggy Melville      Village Clerk                      September 6, 2023