



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes June 6, 2022

Present: Mayor Murphy, Trustees Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Brian Martin Others: Paula Kerbert, Treasurer, Bill Kemble - Kingston Freeman, Bill Barr, Nina Schmidbaur, Andrew Zink

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

Trustee Hackett led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Bill Barr spoke regarding a meeting with Ulster County Legislators Aaron Levine and Joe Maloney about ARPA funds. The Town of Saugerties has been approved for an extension for a water hookup for Mt. Marion. They will receive \$5million ARPA funds for the project. Mr. Barr is concerned with the demand on our water supply.

Mayor Murphy stated that the Town of Saugerties has contract with the Village for an allotment for water usage. They know how much room for growth they have within their allotment.

Mr. Barr is concerned about the supply and the cost to the village for an alternative water supply. **Mayor Murphy** stated that since we did not get the secondary water source well complete before the NYS grant money deadline, the owners of Winston Farm would incur all costs and then turn the well over to the Village and become our customer.

Mr. Barr is willing to help with obtaining the ARPA funds. There is \$9million left in the ARPA funds that needs to be allocated by 2023.

Comptroller March Gallagher had given Mayor Murphy some information regarding the funds. It would be great if the funds could be used to offset the expense for the improvements at the Wastewater plant.

Nina Schmidbaur gave an update for the Saugerties Public Library. The Library Fair was this past Saturday. It was wonderfully successful. Chief Sinagra was directing traffic and giving out free helmets and frisbees. Hope Farm was there with their petting zoo. Rae Stang provided hand painted carnival games. The event also increased traffic for the Farmers Market. Nina informed the Board of Vernon Benjamin's passing. The library will have a page on their website with information about his many contributions to Saugerties. There will be a display of his books featured in the library.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from May 31, 2022 and June 2, 2022.

Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from May 31, 2022. The motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from May 31, 2022, was seconded by Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from June 2, 2022. The motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from June 2, 2022, was seconded by Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for June 6, 2022.

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| • General | \$ 10,706.43 |
| • Water | \$ 6,519.75 |
| • Wastewater | \$ 1,924.35 |

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

Treasurer Paula Kerbert-Treasurer's Report-See attached report- the tax bills were sent out on May 31st. There have been 2 requests for payment plans so far.

The outstanding balance for 2021 is down to \$6,035.76 with three payment plans still being paid. **Mayor Murphy** stated that the payment program is setting a good example for NYS, there are no other communities doing this. The taxes due balance has never been lower.

Trustee Buono-reported that he attended the traffic committee meeting. Alex Wade was unable to attend but passed onto the meeting that Ulster County will not be receiving an increase in federal money for highway projects this year. The Central Hudson project in the Village was discussed. A Town representative presented the safe streets and the possibility of sidewalks down Barclay Heights on 9W.

Chief Sinagra reported that the Police Bicycle patrols will begin this Friday. Two officers will be on patrol Fridays and Saturdays 4pm -9pm through the summer with their primary focus in the business district. A full department report will be presented June 20th.

Trustee Martin- Reported that there will be an open house at the Partition Street firehouse with a dedication to the new ladder truck on Saturday, June 11 from 1 to 4pm. The dedication will be approximately 3pm. The old Simon ladder truck has been out to bid for the second time. It is currently stored at Station 2. There is only one interested group from Florida, John McNeil. They represent a children's hospital that plans to use the truck for the children to explore along with other equipment type vehicles. The name will be left on the truck. The only bid is for \$4500 which is below the \$15,000 minimum. After discussion the Trustees and **Mayor Murphy** thought it is a positive use for the truck and there were no other bids to consider.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to accept the bid of \$4500 for the fire truck. Trustee Buono seconded the motion to accept the \$4500 bid for the fire truck. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett reported that Eyal is doing his normal Building Dept. duties and the harvester is out in the creek. **Trustee Hackett** met with Wastewater interim Supervisor, and all is going smooth at the plant. Alex Wades report regarding the charging stations and the fact that the existing charging stations are not be used much at all. There are currently two at the Frank Greco Center, three at the tennis courts and one at the library. It is usually the same people using the charging station.

Mayor Murphy-Mayor Murphy had met with Chief Sinagra and the Dunkleys. The Dunkleys have sponsored a Caribbean Festival in the past (preCOVID). They are planning the festival for August 18th at Cantine Field. They will be present at the June 20th Board meeting to ask for approval from the Board for a small parade down Washington Avenue to Main Street and to Market Street. The parade will be escorted by the police and no streets will be closed. The Dunkleys run a nonprofit and feed over 600 children in Kingston.

Mayor Murphy asked for a moment of silence to honor the passing of Ronald Strasser and Vernon Benjamin. Mr. Strasser has been the Village Electrical Board Chairman for many years and Vernon Benjamin was a Saugerties Icon and friend to many.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting. Trustee Martin seconded the motion to adjourn. The Board meeting adjourned at 5:55PM.

The next Village Board meeting Monday, June 20, 2022, at 5:30 pm.

Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk

June 8, 2022