



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes March 2, 2020

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Vince Buono, Jeff Helmuth, Terry Parisian, Don Hackett, Brian Martin **Others:** Alex Wade, Bill Kemble, Dave Gordon, Ed Quirk, 3 SHS student

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

**Mayor Murphy** requested **Trustee Parisian** 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 February 18, 2020.**

**Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes from February 18, 2020. The motion to approve the minutes from February 18, 2020 was seconded by Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for March 2, 2020:**

- General \$ 37,706.76
- Water \$ 9,151.62
- Wastewater \$ 7,925.85

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for March 2, 2020. The motion to approve the Abstract of March 2, 2020 was seconded by Trustee Martin. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

### Trustee Reports

**Trustee Martin** presented two applications for restricted membership to the Fire Department. Liam White and Margaret Wade have applied for restricted membership. This is Liam White's second time to apply. He had been approved previously but withdrew to concentrate on school.

**Trustee Helmuth made a motion to approve the applications of Liam White and Margaret Wade for restricted membership in the Fire Department. Trustee Buono seconded the motion to approve Liam White and Margaret Wade for restricted membership into the Fire Department.**

The Fire Department will be holding its annual Brooks BBQ on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 6:30pm. Tickets for the BBQ are available for \$13 per dinner from any Fire Department member. The Fire Department is asking permission to block off the drive way on the side of the Village office to set up the BBQ.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to allow the Fire Department to use the drive way on the side of the Village office to set up Brooks BBQ. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to allow the Fire Department to use the driveway on the side of the Village office to set up Brooks BBQ. The motion carried unanimously.**

Firemans annual physicals are on going this week at the Fire house.

**Trustee Buono** – Nothing new to report.

**Trustee Parisian** – Nothing new to report for DPW. **Trustee Parisian** stated that he received his water bill and said that nowhere on the water bill does it indicate the rate for the water. He suggests the rate per gallon and the minimum be listed on the bill. A bill was produced that indicated the rate per cubic

foot separate for water and sewer is printed on the bill but a statement of minimum usage being 1250 cubic feet is not. **Trustee Parisian** suggested the minimum information be printed on the bills.

**Trustee Helmuth** reported that he will be working with Mike Hopf regarding the water rates for outside users.

**Trustee Hackett** reported that Mike Marino has three proposals for repair to the Waste Water plants RBC. A recommendation will be brought to the Board at the next meeting.

**Eyal Saad** had reported to Trustee Hackett that there are ten spots required to install the two charging stations that were proposed for the Montross Street vacant lot. There are only six spaces available if the lot was to be made into a parking lot. The way the property is deeded to the Village it can not be sold. Trustee Parisian stated that using the lot for 6 parking spaces would be better than none. A discussion regarding the handicap space requirements and the use of the lot continued. **Trustee Hackett** wants the lot to be utilized for something, possibly a urban camping area. Deputy Mayor Mayer suggested possibly using it as a dog park. There will be more information regarding the charging stations to discuss at the next meeting.

**Trustee Hackett** and **Mayor Murphy** attended a meeting at the library regarding youth in the community.

**Mayor Murphy** stated that the discussion at the meeting centered around how to get communications out to the youth of the community regarding available activities. There are options available for youths that may not be involved in other sports or arts activities. The Mayor suggested a bulletin board outside the municipal office building where it will be near the Boys & Girls Club and can be monitored. The bulletin board suggestion will be made at the follow-up meeting. The committee hopes that more parents will become involved. **Trustee Hackett** added that he was at a Shout Out Saugerties and Saugerties Film Society book signing at the Library. A local author Jared Reinmuth has published his first book. The library offers many programs and is a great asset to the community.

#### **Deputy Mayor Mayer reported**

- Library offers local history events once per month
- The Comprehensive Plan committee reviewed the first 25 pages and made additional changes. The next meeting is 3/23
- The artist picked for the street art is Greg Ivor Morris
- Nigel Redmond has resigned from TV23. Thank you to Rigel for his years of service and hard work with the local TV. There will be an opening on the Board. Anyone interested should submit a resume with a letter of interest to TV23.
- Saugerties Historical Society is sponsoring a calendar with photos of local business as a fundraiser. Does the village want to participate? The information will be emailed to the Board members and be decided at the next meeting.

**Trustee Helmuth** questioned if there is anything in the comprehensive plan regarding cooperate chain - big box stores within the Village limits?

Alex Wade stated that the Comprehensive Plan says the cookie cutter type buildings be avoided. The Planning Board has some interpretation and can require the architecture fit in with the character of the Village. The Zoning laws would have to be changed to include more specific rules for architecture to be enforced. Deputy Mayor Mayer will pass on the comments to the committee.

**Alex Wade** – reported for Special Projects. See attached report. **Alex Wade** mentioned that he hasn't received the final documents for the Bluestone Sidewalk project yet.

**Trustee Parisian** stated that Ulster County has completed the inventory of local streets per Leanne Thornton. The inventory can be obtained from Ulster County.

#### **Resolution**

**Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #6 – Parkinson Awareness Month Proclamation**

**Trustee Buono made a motion to approve Resolution #6 Parkinson Awareness Month Proclamation for April. Trustee Martin seconded the motion to approve Resolution #6 Parkinson Awareness Month Proclamation for April. By A roll call of the Trustees was 6 yes votes, 1 absent. Motion carried. Deputy**

**Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to approve Resolution #6. By a roll call of the Trustees all yes votes. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Mayor Murphy** mentioned that our attorney Ben Neidel is leaving Jackson and Lewis and going to another firm. The Village has the option of staying with another attorney from the Jackson and Lewis firm or remain with Ben at his new firm. The Board agreed that Ben is doing a great job and they would stay with him.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to retain Ben Neidel as the Village attorney with the new firm of Stewart Jones Hacker Murphy LLC. Trustee Buono seconded the motion to retain Ben Neidel as the Village attorney with the new firm of Stewart Jones Hacker Murphy LLC. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Mayor Murphy** reported that he has heard back from Maria & Z at Marine Diving Services regarding the sale of the Harvester. The proposal to purchase would be \$53,000 - \$58,000, which would include the harvester, side boat, trailer, rigs, the GPS, and backup equipment. The Town of Saugerties and John Mullen are interested in a three way partnership with the Village. Each partner would contribute \$25,000 and an account would be set up cover the cost of an operator, repairs and maintenance and to accept donations. A part-time, temporary employee would be hired to operate the harvester. Z would be available for consulting and training. John Mullen has storage space for the winter months. It will be a good addition to the Village and commitment to cleaning up the creek.

All trustees agreed to enter into a three way partnership with the Town and John Mullen in the purchase of the harvester. Ben Neidel will be consulted regarding legal aspects of the three way partnership and whether or not a bid process is required.

**Trustee Buono made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel issues as it relates to employment. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel issues as it relates to employment. Meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:04 pm.** The Board of Trustees met in executive session.

**Trustee Parisian made a motion to close the executive session to discuss personnel issues. Trustee Helmuth seconded the motion to close the executive session. The executive session closed at 6:28 pm.**

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Buono. The motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.**

Next Village Board meeting is **Monday March 16, 2020** at 5:30 pm.

Lisa Mayone  
Village Clerk  
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