



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes September 17, 2018

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustees Terry Parisian, Don Hackett, Brian Martin, Vince Buono, Chief Sinagra  
Eyal Saad, George Terpening, Mike Marino, Rich Forbes, Paul Boice, Alex Wade  
Ed Quirk, Chris Mason, Dave Gordon, Bob Gallenz, 2 HS students

**Mayor Murphy** called the **Village Board Meeting** to order at 5: 30 pm.

**Mayor Murphy** requested student **Skylar France** lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Privilege of the Floor – Robert Gallanz** addressed the Board. Mr. Gallanz is concerned about the condition and safety of the burnt out house at 18-20 Russell Street. He would like the Board to stay engaged on the problem.

**Eyal Saad** stated that he met with the insurance attorney and they plan to conduct their own inspection of the building as soon as the court lifts the stay on the building.

**Mayor Murphy** added that the Village has to abide by the courts before they can take action.

**Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from September 4, 2018.**

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 4, 2018 Village Board.**

**The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for September 17, 2018:**

• General	\$ 110,239.16
• Water	\$ 20,826.96
• Wastewater	\$ 50,879.06

**Trustee Buono** mentioned that the final payment was made on the DPW loader. There are insurance payments for the policy renewal from all three funds.

There was an extra roll off box and cover purchased for the recycling. It will be used for both the recycling and rental to residents. It had been in the budget for the 4<sup>th</sup> unit.

There is also a charge from EZPass for going through the toll plaza without a pass.

SPEDES permit fee also mentioned as being an expensive item.

**Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstract for September 17, 2018. The motion to approve the Abstract for September 20, 2018 was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mike Marino** reported for the Waste Water Department. See attached report.

The Washington Avenue sewer project is completed. The new contractor had to be monitored daily.

The manhole was 15 feet down with broken pipes. New gravel, topsoil and seed is to be completed.

**Trustee Hackett** requested that it be checked that the topsoil was done.

The maple tree had been scheduled to come down with Bart Hill Tree Service. The tree crew of 4 men had waited 2 hours before a decision to not take the tree down was made. A thank you letter to Bart Tree Service to be sent for not charging for their time.

**Trustee Buono** inquired if there have been any odor complaints regarding the sewer plant. **Mike Marino** responded that the odor control is still in use daily and is on a system timer. The times can be adjusted if necessary.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Chris Mason** reported for the Fire Department. See attached report.

**Trustee Hackett** inquired as to how the boat training is progressing. **Chris Mason** would like to get a few more trainings in before the end of the season.

**Chief Sinagra** presented his report for the Police Department. See attached reports.

There have been a number of complaints regarding groups of kids riding bicycles through the streets in the Village and Barclay Heights in the Town. They are causing problems cutting in and out of traffic.

According to local law, bicycles are supposed to be walked on the sidewalks in the business district. There is no riding on the road or sidewalks in the Business district – Market Street, Main Street, Partition Street to Russell Street.

The Police Department is in the process of a 3 day re-assessment for accreditation.

**Eyal Saad** presented his report for the Building and Safety. See attached report.

The house at 46 Post Street had to be condemned due to the roof collapsing. The residents were informed to leave the property. They have all been relocated. The Mayor had contacted several local contractors to see if there was any way to help repair the roof. The estimates totaled of \$100,000.

**Trustee Hackett** inquired as to what was being done at the house at 130 West Bridge St. Eyal stated that the house had been partially renovated and is now for sale again. The house had never been condemned. No inspection was required since it was only a 2 family home. **Trustee Hackett** remarked that he thought the laws need to change to include inspections on all multi-family houses in the Village for smoke detectors and alarms. A discussion continued regarding smoke detectors being the responsibility of the property owner, and how much more liability would it be for the Village. Inspections would cost more for the property owners and an expense to the Building Department for additional employees.

**Trustee Buono** asked, how long does the property owner of the condemned house on Post Street have to fix or take down the house? Eyal stated that they have 30 days and if he doesn't have the ability to do either, the Village will take it down and the cost would be added to the taxes on that property. The cost would be recovered through the taxes when the property is sold. All would have to be approved by the Board and all the proper legal paperwork submitted.

**Trustee Buono** stated that he thought that the property maintenance violations should be extended from the current September 15 to October 15.

**Eyal Saad** stated that he relies on the NYS Property Maintenance Law when he has violators past Sept. 15.

**Eyal Saad** thanked **Mike Hopf** for the confined space entry demonstration during the safety meeting this month.

**Trustee Parisian** asked if there had been any word from the new owners of the Dragon Inn as far as cleaning up the property. **Mayor Murphy** stated that some of the brush has been cleaned up and that the owners promised it would be done before winter. **Mayor Murphy** stated he would like it cleaned up and fenced in and will follow through by contacting the owners again.

**George Terpening** presented his report for the Buildings, Parks and Grounds. See attached report.

The bell tower is in need of repair and painting. The Village has received a quote from LaBounty Painting, who were the original contractors that painted and repaired the bell tower. Requests to several other local contractors were made but they declined to even give a quote.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve the hiring of LaBounty Painting for the repairs and painting of the Village Municipal Building bell tower in three phases for a total cost of \$29,100. The motion to approve the hiring of LaBounty Painting for the repairs and painting of the Village Municipal Building bell tower in three phases for a total cost of \$29,100 was seconded by Trustee Buono. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Rich Forbes** presented his report for the DPW. See attached report.

**Mayor Murphy** mentioned that the NYS DOT also addressed the catch basins at the intersection of Main Street & Partition Street. The owner of the Inquiring Minds called to say he did not have flooding after the recent rain storm.

**Rich Forbes** reported that there were many mechanical/equipment breakdowns recently that had to be fixed. The sweeper is over 20 years old.

**Alex Wade** presented his report for Special Projects. See attached report.

**Trustee Hackett** reported that the Drug Policy document needs to be updated with current information. He feels it should be distributed and signed by all employees.

Trustee Hackett reported that the Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. is sponsoring their annual senior dinner on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Midtown Neighborhood Center in Kingston. There will be a dinner, vendors, entertainment, and 50/50 raffle. The dinner starts at 4:30 and costs \$5.00 per person. The event is being catered by Mirabella's Restaurant.

**Trustee Martin** reported that the Tree Commission meeting was held this morning. Central Hudson, DPW Supervisor, and the Mayor were present to address the tree trimming issues. Central Hudson has agreed to remove several trees that have been trimmed out around the electrical wires and are not in good condition within the next 3 weeks. The homeowners will be notified and smaller trees may be planted in place of the removed trees. There was a discussion regarding tree guards. Also, discussed was having a DPW employee certified as an arborist. More grant money would be available.

The ladder truck is back in service after repairs to the pump. The Fire Chief's new car is in the process of being lettered.

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

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

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** reported

- The Garlic Festival will be at Cantine Field – Sat, September 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>
- TV23 will be having the Caribbean Festival fundraiser again next since it was well received this year.
- The Mum Festival is on Sunday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 12-5. Vendors are still needed.
- Woodstock Film Festival is partnering with the Town to promote films in the area.
- The Chamber held the auction for the artist's sailboats on Saturday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. All the sailboats were sold. The sailboat painted by ZWillie Neuman and 2 HS studios was purchased and donated to the school for display.
- The mural on M&T bank will be unveiled on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30.

**Mayor Murphy** attended and spoke at the ceremony to dedicate and rename the Saugerties Post Office after Congressman Maurice Hinchey today. The ceremony was well attended by local politicians, family and the public.

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Parisian. Motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.**

**Next Village Board meeting is October 1st at 5:30pm.**

Lisa Mayone  
Village Clerk

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