



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes December 16, 2019

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeanne Mayer, Trustees Jeff Helmuth, Terry Parisian, Don Hackett, Brian Martin **Others:** Alex Wade, Mike Hopf, Richard Forbes, George Terpening, Captain Filak, Aiden Hughes, Dave Gordon, Brian Mason, Ed Quirk, 13 SHS students

Mayor Murphy opened the meeting at 5:30pm.

Mayor Murphy requested **Trustee Helmuth** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Murphy presented the **Village Board Minutes from December 2, 2019.**

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the **Village Board Minutes from December 2, 2019.** The motion to approve the minutes from December 2, 2019 was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented the **Abstract for December 16, 2019:**

- General \$ 377,302.62
- Water \$ 58,364.83
- Wastewater \$ 48,104.44

Trustee Parisian questioned how long the reimbursement for the Streetscape project from the Federal Government will take. Mayor Murphy that he has had experience with NYS but not Federal and would have the Treasurer look into it.

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the **Abstract for December 16, 2019.** The motion to approve the **Abstract of December 16, 2019** was seconded by **Trustee Parisian.** All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor

No one present requested to address the Board.

Supervisor Reports

Mike Hopf reported for the Water Department. See the attached report.

Trustee Parisian asked what the difference between the Soda Ash chemical feed pump and the Grundfos pump is. **Mike Hopf** stated that it is the same type of pump just a different brand name.

George Terpening reported for the Buildings, Parks and Grounds Department. See the attached report.

Mayor Murphy stated that Seamon Park looks great decorated for the holidays. Mr. Terpening said that the lights are on a timer from 4pm – 12pm.

Trustee Hackett reported the Building and Safety Department. See the attached report.

Mike Karashay has been hired as a part time grant writer to help with Special Projects. Mr. Karashay has attended seminars and several webinars. He will training with Alex Wade.

Trustee Martin reported for the Fire Dept.

Mayor Murphy, Trustee Buono and Trustee Martin met with Garrison Fire & Rescue to discuss the purchase a new fire truck to replace 1992 LTI truck. Garrison would like to meet with the Board in February to answer any questions or concerns. The Fire Department will be looking into grants and options for financing.

Trustee Hackett – Reported for the Waste Water Dept. See the attached report.

The update on the RBC will cost \$300,000 and not the \$270,000 first thought. There is \$105,000 financing balance available and the rest to be bonded.

Trustee Helmuth asked whether or not switching methods at the plant now would save the cost of the RBC replacement. **Trustee Hackett** said that switching operating methods is only in the planning stages and would take several years before it would be ready to switch. **Trustee Parisian** inquired whether or not the RBC is needed now or can we phase into a new system? The cost to replace the RBC is high if the operating system will be changed over in 2-3 years anyway. **Trustee Hackett** stated the process for the engineers, DEC, EPA and environmental review for a new system is not a short term process. The RBC is needed now to run each cycle. New sewer rates had been approved by the Board in October to begin in January 2020.

Richard Forbes reported for the Department of Public Works. See the attached report.

Rich Forbes complimented his crew on the amazing job they did clearing the snow from the roads and the business district. A new snow blower was purchased to get in smaller spaces. The new snow blower will have an attachment to blow the snow directly into the dump truck. Trucks are being prepared for more snow predicted for tonight and tomorrow.

Mayor Murphy also complimented the DPW for the great job cleaning up the streets for the Holiday in the Village on Sunday.

Captain Filak reported for the Police Department. See the attached data report.

The holiday in the Village was a success without any incidents. The remaining major event for 2019 is the New Year's Eve Ball Drop.

The policy for off street parking during the winter was discussed. Issuing tickets will be relaxed for cars parked in the municipal lots overnight in any space available not just the designated overnight spaces. The designated overnight parking signs will be covered up for the winter. **Trustee Hackett** stated he would like the Mayor to be able to declare a snow emergencies. Currently Ulster County declares the snow emergencies. The County overrides the Village. There is an issue of how to get the word out to the residents regarding the snow emergency. The village law would have to be discussed and amended to include snow emergencies.

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

Mayor Murphy asked Alex Wade how long it would take the Federal Government to reimburse the Village for the street project. Alex stated that the Federal Government would probably take approximately 6 weeks.

The location and number of EV stations were discussed if the Village were to have them installed. There is a 20 to 80 percent match from the government. The land would be considered the 20% match. The charging stations are free for 1 year. The Library may be installing several in their parking lot.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Parisian – Nothing new to report.

Trustee Helmuth - Nothing new to report.

Trustee Martin - Nothing new to report.

Trustee Hackett - Nothing new to report.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported:

- Angie Smith's term as a member on the Chamber Board has ended. Ray Burger is the new member taking her place on the Board. Thank you to the Board, Police, Fire Dept., DPW, George Terpening, Sawyer Motors, Kiwanis and Village businesses for a successful Holiday in the Village. The Chamber Holiday party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18th at SPAF.
- The New Year's Eve ball drop will be advertised more this year. DJ Riley will be the live music. **Trustee Parisian** stated that the City of Kingston is not having their NYE celebration this year.

Mayor Murphy stated that he had been contacted by Marine Services regarding the purchase of their harvester. Marine Services is going to be concentrating more on diving than harvesting next summer and are offering the 2 year old harvester to the Village for sale. He would teach someone to operate the harvester. The Town is considering also. The County shared services may cover a 50% reimbursement by the state for the harvester. The Village and Town could possibly go in together on the purchase. It may generate a part time summer position.

The National School Choice Week Proclamation request will be addressed at the January 6th Board meeting. A copy of the proposal will be forwarded to all Trustees.

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Helmuth. The motion carried unanimously.
The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.**

Next Village Board meeting is Monday, January 6, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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