



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes July 17, 2017

**Present:** Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustees Brian Martin, Don Hackett, Jeff Helmuth, Vince Buono, Terry Parisian, Superintendents Mike Hopf, Eyal Saad, Mike Marino, Alex Wade

**Absent:** Mayor Murphy, George Terpening, Bob Fanelli

**Others:** Dave Mason, Robert Ford, Ed Quirk, Bill Kimble, Virginia Davies

Deputy Mayor Mayer called the Village Board to order at 5:18 pm.

Trustee Hackett led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Privilege of the Floor

No one present to address the Board.

Deputy Mayor Mayer presented the Minutes from July 3, 2107. **Trustee Hackett made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 3, 2017 Village Board meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Buono to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for July 17, 2017:

- General \$ 22,951.61
- Water \$ 1,770.86
- Wastewater \$ 11,359.29

Trustee Parisian verified that the \$5273 charge was for a second container for the DPW dump truck. Trustee Hackett questioned the charge for portable toilets at Seamon Park. Trustee Buono confirmed that the portable toilets are located at Seamon Park for visitors use.

**Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Abstract for July 17, 2017, seconded by Trustee Helmuth to approve the Abstract. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Martin** presented the Fire Department report. See attached.

Thank you to Fireman Stan O'Dell, Bob Fanelli, Greg Chorvas and the Ulster County Sheriff's Department for their assistance in painting new fire lines in front the Fire houses.

Trustee Martin reported that the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade went well. The inspection was well attended. All Trustees agreed that the parade and fireworks were great.

Congratulations to Dave Mason for being Fireman of the Year.

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

The increase in odor complaints due to repairs being made to the conveyor. The odor seems to be highest from 4:30 -11:00. Timers have been changed to help with the odor during that time. Trustee Buono commented that the odor is still there. Mike Marino will try to pinpoint the problem and make adjustments. Humidity has an effect on the odor as well.

Trustee Hackett requested Mike Marino to update the Board members on the flooding conditions at the waste water plant.

Mike Marino explained that during the recent rain storm on Tuesday July 11, the heavy rains caused a mud slide from Post Street area above the plant. The mud was 19" deep in the basement and several pumps were under water. The hot water heater and boiler are ruined. The pumps are being dried out with fans before they are tested. Water and mud entered the basement through an air vent in the wall. The plan is to move the vent up higher. Plans to build a retaining wall to direct water away from the building will be discussed with Brinnier and Larios and the Mayor.

**Mike Hopf** gave his report for the Water Department. See attached report.

The recent heavy rains caused the water plant to be shut down for 55 hours. This is the longest time ever.

There was lots of debris in the water. The plant should be caught up by Tuesday.

The DEC has assessed over \$1million dollars in fines in connection with the gas spill that contaminated well water at the Comfort Inn. It was determined that there had been a spill sometime in May that was repaired but not reported. The fines are against the property owner, business owner, contractor and tank operator. Further discussions are taking place to extend the municipal water out Rte. 32 to Sunoco, Comfort Inn, Self-Storage and the proposed new hotel.

Four test wells will be drilled at Winston Farm as part of the CRZ secondary water source project on Wednesday at 10am. Trustee Hackett is interested in getting a report back as to the amount of water in that area.

Trustee Buono inquired about the water availability that was discussed at the last board meeting.

Trustee Helmuth had researched the issue and confirmed that there is plenty of water.

Trustee Buono thanked Mike for moving the parking meters from Main Street near Stewarts to Partition Street in front of Stella's.

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

The plans that Arm of the Sea have for future development of the site next to the Tina Chorvas Park is not allowed in the Zoning Code. The property is located in a PW district and a theatre is not allowed. Eyal Saad is asking that a Performing Arts be added to the Zoning Code. As well as change the parking spaces required for 3 or more dwellings. The Zoning Code is currently 1.5 spaces and Eyal would like to have it changed to 2 parking spots.

**Trustee Helmuth made a motion to have the Village attorney look into the Zoning Code to allow Performing Arts in the PW district and any other district that may apply. Motion seconded by Trustee Hackett.**

Trustee Hackett liked to see the requirements for the multi- family dwellings to have 2 spaces per unit instead of the current zoning requirement of 1.5 spaces per unit.

Trustee Parisian expressed his concern that the change in the parking spaces may conflict with the Village's comprehensive plan to limit homes with not large enough property for parking.

Eyal Saad explained that the change would be for properties going forward not existing.

**Trustee Helmuth made a motion to have the Village attorney look into the Zoning Code to increase the required parking spaces from 1.5 to 2 for properties with more than 3 family dwellings. Motion seconded by Trustee Hackett.**

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

Mr. Wade commented that the public hearing was held for the Bluestone Sidewalk Project at 4:45 prior to this meeting. The project was discussed and will move forward. No one from the public was present with any questions.

The issue of the problem drain in front of Inquiring Minds has been brought up again after this recent storm.

This is a NYSDOT problem. Deputy Mayor Mayer suggested that the issue be brought to the attention of Representative Chris Allen to be addressed with DOT.

**Bob Fanelli** Deputy Mayor Mayer gave the report for the DPW. See attached report.

**Trustee Helmuth** reported that he was approached by Chris Allen regarding complaints by residents of apartments on Main Street where large delivery trucks leave their engines running. The diesel fumes are very strong by the Dutch Ale House and Szecheun King.

Trustee Helmuth and Mayor Murphy had a meeting regarding October being National Arts Festival Month. Suzanne Bennett is interested in creating a month long celebration of the arts in Saugerties. Many activities will be planned. Deputy Mayor Mayer is interested in contacting her to include the Mum Festival also.

(Chris Allen entered the meeting during Trustee Helmuth's report – he will contact NYSDOT regarding the drain and also research the truck issue.)

**Trustee Parisian** thanked Bob Fanelli and the DPW crew for a good job cleaning up after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the car show. The Washington Avenue paving is underway and should be done by Wednesday providing there are no issues or bad weather.

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

**Trustee Hackett** attended the Planning Board Meeting where 4 applications were reviewed. Mary Leahy is doing a good job.

Trustee Hackett contacted Kim Kelly regarding the TNR feral cat program. Prospect Street and Market Street will be the next areas to address.

Praetorious and Conrad will be surveying the Montross Street lot and the right of way. The lot for a potential parking area and the alley way for a potential sale to Michael Persico. Tom Conrad will call Eyal when completed.

Trustee Parisian questioned the legality of the TNR feral cat program in response to a complaint letter.

Trustee Hackett replied that the law that prohibits the TNR was never passed in the state.

**George Terpening** Deputy Mayor Mayer gave the report for the Building and Grounds Department. See attached report.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** reported

- Thank you to the Fire Department, Kiwanis, DPW & Bob Sircusano for the parade, fireworks and car show.
- Visitors Center has been well attended since it has opened. Sign in book for visitors to sign.
- The next Chamber meeting will be at 144 Burt St with Scott Harrison from the Bike Club as the speaker.
- John Remington with the Library Outreach is working on communication options – to act as the hub of the community.

**Resolution #15 – 2017 Ram 2500 4x4 Bid Approval**

Approval for a bid of \$31,870 for 2017 Ram 2500 4x4 from **Sawyer Motors**

**Deputy Mayor Mayer made a motion to approve Resolution #15 – Bid Approval seconded by Trustee Hackett. Roll vote called - all yes votes-Resolution #15 passed.**

**Motion was made by Trustee Hackett to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Buono. Carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm. Next meeting August 7 at 5pm in the Village Hall office.**

Lisa Mayone  
Village Clerk  
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