



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes July 5, 2022

Present: Mayor Murphy, Trustees Jeannine Mayer, Jeff Helmuth, Vince Buono, Don Hackett, Brian Martin, Terry Parisian
Others: Dave Gordon, Rosemarie Brackett, Martin and Tamika Dunkley, Mary McNamara

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

Trustee Helmuth led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Martin Dunkley addressed the Trustees regarding his plan to reintroduce the Caribbean Festival at Cantine Field. The festival is planned for August 13th beginning with a parade through the Village. The parade would go down Washington Avenue, to Main Street, to Market Street and end at Cantine Field. The parade would start at 11am and will be led by a police escort. No streets will be closed. The Carnival will include local talented performers and a variety of permitted vendors. There is space still available for vendors and parade participation. Volunteer information and applications can be found at the website - seasonedgives.org. **Trustee Hackett** volunteered to be a judge for the parade.

Seasoned Gives is a nonprofit organization that provides youth training, mentorship, entrepreneurship, counseling, and workforce development along with free meals. Martin Dunkley is a commissioner with Ulster County Commission of Human Rights, his contact number is 845 616 1228.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve the Caribbean Festival parade through the Village on August 13th. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to approve the Caribbean Festival parade through the Village on August 13th. All in favor, the motion carried.

Rosemarie Brackett gave an update on the pollinator garden at the Montross Street corner lot. Rosemarie provided a photo of the first Monarch caterpillar and chrysalis that was found in the garden. A wood fence has been put up along the back of the property, plants have been planted, mulch has been spread and a brick wall with a bluestone cap has been built on the Partition Street side of the lot. The labor for the fence was donated and the mason donated his time and labor for the brick wall. The space in between the brick wall and the sidewalk will be lined with bricks with names from local bricks yards. Sawyer Savings Bank generously donated funds for a second arbor. Tree Commission member, John Stafford, built and installed the second arbor at the Montross Street entrance. The mulch path will be replaced with either bluestone or brick in the future as funds allow. A small low fence will be installed on Montross side to prevent dogs from getting into the garden. There are several bluestone boulders throughout the garden for seating. **Trustee Buono** stated that the Kiwanis Club may be interested in donating a wooden bench. Rosemarie will be a guest speaker at the July 19th Kiwanis meeting and will bring up a possible partnership. The direct water supply for the garden is still anticipated. Thank you to **Trustee Hackett** and the Village Board for having the foresight to realize that the small empty lot could be transformed into something for the whole community.

Trustee Hackett stated that Anthony Manella was the mason that donated his time to build the brick wall. He is a local person that grew up in Saugerties and he did a great job.

Mary McNamara addressed the Trustees concerning water related issues. Whether or not there will be a Village and Town water task force/committee?

Trustee Buono stated that the water advisory committee would come together to bring suggestions and possible grant opportunities similar to the STAC Committee. **Mayor Murphy** does not see a need for a task force since the Town is our water customer. The Town needs to advise the Village as to their future needs for water. A secondary water source is being researched to increase our daily allotment. All the water from the Winston Farm well will not be dedicated to Winston Farm. The excess would be available to the Village.

Trustee Parisian added that the based on the recent report from Mountainkeepers, Winston Farm’s daily use will exceed what their well will supply. The report projected usage at Winston Farm from when there was a water park included in the plan. The water park may not be in the current plan.

Trustee Helmuth is reviewing the current agreement with the Town for water usage. The currant Town contract is for 650,000 gal. per day of the total the Village’s allotment of 1.850 million gal. per day. If we exceed our allotment we can be fined. The two months of the summer are the highest volume. Our water tank could supply the Village for one day, if necessary.

Mayor Murphy will be in contact with Supervisor Costello to further discuss the water issue.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from June 20, 2022.

Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from June 20, 2022. The motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from June 20, 2022, was seconded by Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

A correction to the June 6th Village Board meeting minutes was submitted. The information regarding the Ulster County traffic committee stated that Ulster County will not receive any federal money for highway projects this year. The statement should be corrected to - will **not be receiving an increase** in federal money for highway projects this year.

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the correction to the June 6, 2022 Village Board meeting minutes. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to approve the correction to the June 6, 2022 Village Board meeting minutes. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for July 5, 2022.

- General \$ 87,184.40
- Water \$ 4,648.74
- Wastewater \$ 5,819.54

Deputy Mayor Mayer made a motion to approve the Abstracts for July 5, 2022. The motion to approve the Abstracts for June 20, 2022 was seconded by Trustee Martin. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono stated that the Wastewater Dept is better managing the odor control.

Treasurer’s Report – see attached report.

Trustee Parisian reported for the DPW.

The paving at North Street is done and patching continues. DPW did an excellent job setting up and cleaning after the July 4th parade. The DPW has hired Adam Quinn, who will start sometime in July. This fills a position that has been vacant since Rich Forbes moved up to Supervisor. Two more DPW employees will be returning within the next two years.

An article in Municipal Matters magazine mentioned leave-time to respond to fire calls for volunteer firefighters. Should the Village have a law stating that volunteer fire fighters would no longer be on the Village of Saugerties time and disability insurance when they are out on a fire call? The issue will be investigated.

Trustee Helmuth reported that the Rip Van Winkle Campground has applied for a direct connection for water. Mike Hopf will bring it up at the July 18th meeting.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported

- Mayor Murphy was the guest speaker at the Chamber Mixer at the Partition on June 29th.
- The Arts Commission and Upstate Films conducted a tour of the old Dutch chapel. Upstate Films will possibly contract with the chapel for events.
- Thank you to Parks and Grounds for having Tina Chorvas Park ready for the concerts.
- Thank you to DPW for their work before, during and after the July 4h parade. Also, for the lights and flags on the bridge. There is now a permanent electric line installed by CH. Mayor Murphy added that they are looking into string lights that
- There is one Revolving Loan application that the committee is working on.
- Wardell Pottery is open at 158 Partition Street.
- Salt and Fire will be opening at the former Bella Luna location.

Trustee Hackett reported for the Wastewater Dept.

Wastewater will report more updates at the July 18th meeting.

The harvester is scheduled for July 11th at Tannersville to clear out their pond. The Village will provide the harvester and operator at a fee.

Trustee Hackett quoted a law regarding the volunteer fire fighters leave the work for a call. NYS law #S3627- law states that municipal employees are allowed to leave the job for fire related calls.

Trustee Martin- The July 4th parade was a success, it was one of the bigger parades the FD has had in several years. Thank you to the Village Board members and DPW for their help.

Mayor Murphy read the list of new part time summer help.

Employee	Position	Department	Supervisor
Ethan Maloney	Office Intern	Office	Bill Murphy
Ava Cooper	Life Guard	Bldgs, Parks & Grounds	George Terpening
Danna Saad	Life Guard	Bldgs, Parks & Grounds	George Terpening
Timothy Petty	Life Guard	Bldgs, Parks & Grounds	George Terpening
Lisa Pagen	Pool Aide	Bldgs, Parks & Grounds	George Terpening
Alyson DeCelle	Parks	Bldgs, Parks & Grounds	George Terpening
Shay Ryan	Parks	Bldgs, Parks & Grounds	George Terpening
Grace Hopf	Parks	Bldgs, Parks & Grounds	George Terpening
Steven Fischer	Parks	Bldgs, Parks & Grounds	George Terpening
Alex Mooers	DPW	DPW	Rich Forbes

Mayor Murphy stated that the Superintendents will present their department's reports at the July 18th meeting and a formal photo of the Board will be taken.

Mayor Murphy informed the Board that he read and presented a Proclamation to 132 Market Street during the July 4th parade to honor their 35th and last year of parade commentary and partying. The DeCelle family was honored and very thankful to the Board and Mayor for the recognition.

Mayor Murphy addressed the remarks regarding the July 4th fireworks being too late. There will be a discussion between Town and Village to determine what changes can be made to not have the fireworks being delayed so long by possibly adjusting the baseball game start time. The fireworks company did request that the fireworks start at 10pm to have the optimal darkness for the display.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting. Trustee Martin seconded the motion to adjourn. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.

The next **Village Board meeting Tuesday, July 18, 2022, at 5:30 pm.**

Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk

July 12, 2022