



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes July 15, 2019

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustees Terry Parisian, Vince Buono, Don Hackett, Jeff Helmuth, Others: Mike Hopf, Mike Marino, George Terpening, Captain Filak, Alex Wade, Bill Kemble, Dave Gordon, Ed Quirk, Anthony Bell, Patricia Rough

Mayor Murphy opened the meeting at 5:30pm.

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

Privilege of the Floor

Patricia Rough remarked about the excessive garbage in the Village, stating that it “is out of control”. “Garbage in the Village has increased since the garbage and recycling service has moved to the Steele Place location”. Ms. Rough stated that tenants can’t walk to the parking lot with their garbage anymore, so they leave it in the cans on the street or dump into private dumpsters and parking lots. Pat Rough stated that trailer loads of debris have been dumped also.

Mayor Murphy replied that he didn’t think there was a trash problem in the Village and if she is having a problem with garbage in her private dumpsters and lots that she should call the police to report it. It is illegal dumping. **Captain Filak** confirmed that it is illegal and to call if the police to report it. If there was any identification in the garbage they would be able to identify the person. Also, they can use the cameras in the area to help identify who is leaving the garbage.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from July 1, 2019.

Trustee Buono requested the July 1st meeting minutes be amended to read that the Abstract was presented by Trustee Buono and not Mayor Murphy as written.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes from July 1, 2019 with the correction. The motion to approve the minutes from July 1, 2019 with the correction was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayor. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for July 15, 2019:

- **General** \$ 134,320.60
- **Water** \$ 5,333.72
- **Wastewater** \$ 16,887.36

Trustee Parisian stated that the \$12,000 in the General budget to Montano’s was for the hammer drill for DPW from last year’s budget. **Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for July 15, 2019. The motion to approve the Abstract of July 15, 2019 was seconded by Trustee Helmuth. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

Reports

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

Trustee Parisian questioned the strong odor of urine this past week. It is not the typical of odor that is near Lighthouse Drive. Mike Marino stated that it is unusual to smell urine but the odor control enzymes should have taken care of that smell.

Mike Marino stated that large amounts of wipes have been clogging the pumps. They are getting through the pump grinder that needs to be repaired. The bar screen has been catching some. To replace the grinder would be \$45,000 and repairs would cost \$25,000.

The sump pump notices have been distributed. **Trustee Buono** questioned how the follow up has been conducted. **Mike Marino** stated that they have been setting up inspection appointments once they are contacted by the property owner. This is to comply with the EPA requirements.

Mike Marino thanked the DPW employees for their help and hard work with the sewer repair job on Partition Street.

Deputy Mayor Mayer asked how long the fix to the grinder would last if it was repaired as opposed to buying new. The repair would last approximately 2-3 years per Mike Marino. **Trustee Hackett** suggested the Mike Marino speak to Alex Wade regarding a possible grant for the grinder pump. **Mayor Murphy** suggested Alex draft a letter to Senator Amadore for assistance with the grant.

Michael Hopf presented his report for the Water Department. See attached report.

Michael Hopf stated that Mullen's Construction will be replacing gas mains and services along the South side at the end of July for Central Hudson. The streets involved will be Ulster Ave, Elizabeth St., Cross St., Livingston, First St., Washburn Terrace, part of Main St., Jane St., Montgomery St., Allen St., West Bridge St., Hill St., East Bridge St., Theodore Place, Ann, Underwood and Mill St. The project is estimated to take 3 months.

Mayor Murphy stated that there have been several meetings with Central Hudson regarding the project. Central Hudson will be sending out notices to residents and putting up signs in the area.

Captain Filak presented the report for the Police Department. See Attached report.

The Bike Patrol has been successfully covering special events, 4th of July, 1st Fridays, and the Car Show. They are able to in areas where patrol cars cannot.

The Police assisted at the Village Beach when swimmers disregarded the Village lifeguards when instructed to get out of the water due to the thunderstorm.

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

George Terpening asked for guidance with the vegetation in the creek and beach area. **Mayor Murphy** stated that he had researched renting a harvester but there is nowhere that will rent, only to purchase. No chemicals are going to be used. There is not enough long term effects history regarding the safety of chemicals. **Mayor Murphy** stated he could reach out to the Town of Esopus again about borrowing their harvester.

Trustee Hackett stated that a new harvester starts at \$78,000. **Alex Wade** asked **Trustee Hackett** if the person that was going to give the Village a harvester demonstration still available. **Trustee Hackett** stated that the harvester demonstration is not available during the summer. He stated that he brought the subject up at previous meetings in January and didn't want to still be discussing it in July. He thought that money could be found in the budget if we held off on buying trucks and equipment for one year.

The demonstration would have given us time to find money in the budget. **Mayor Murphy** did not recall the discussion regarding finding funds in the budget by not buying trucks and equipment.

The discussion regarding possible ways to remove the vegetation from the beach area continued.

Suggestions included having motor boats in the creek for a day, contacting the Power Boat Association, building our own harvester, raking the base roots out, financing and having a volunteer day coordinating with I Paddle. It's an issue that municipalities throughout NYS are facing in their creeks and lakes.

Trustee Buono stated that the Ulster County Department of Corrections schedule is free after August 16th. Mr. Decker retired and Austin Mitchell has taken over. Mr. Terpening could contact Mr. Mitchell to make arrangements.

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

NYS DOT Region 8 has many new people that are not familiar with the project. We are still working with them to get J. Mullins recognized as the contractor in NYS.

Trustee Parisian presented the report for the Department of Public Works. See attached report.

A paint striping machine was purchased with last year's budget. The striping in the Village looks good. Great job cleaning up after the 4th of July and the car show.

Several of the Historic Review Board members are adamant that property owners in the business district only replace bluestone sidewalks with bluestone when fixing or repairing. Research on grants indicates that most grants available are for sidewalk repair require the municipality be the lead agency. Is the Village willing to be lead agency in securing a grant is found? Who would be the grant writer?

Alex Wade stated that if the grant is for Federal funds then the sidewalks must be ADA compliant. Stamped concrete versus bluestone was discussed.

Trustee Helmuth had nothing new to report.

Trustee Buono reported that the American Legion is having a parade to celebrate the 100 years of the end of WW1 on October 19th. The Legion will be asking the police to close the streets for the parade route for an hour or so.

Trustee Hackett reported for the Building Dept. for Eyal Saad. See the attached report.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported:

- TV23 will be setting up a joint meeting between the Town and Village for the renewal of the franchise agreement with Spectrum negotiations. There is a proposal to make the Program Director full time.
- Sue Sacher from SHS made a proposal that the Chamber help with their book fair and for the students be more involved in the Christmas in the Village. The Visitor Center is now open to visitors. A project to publish a walking map of the Village is being worked on and to be paid for by ads. The next chamber meeting will be at the Kiersted House Barn on July 31st.

Trustee Parisian questioned if the Village is listed as lead agency on the Spectrum contract and that he would like to take part in the negotiations. A copy of the contract will be forwarded to **Trustee Parisian** for review.

Trustee Buono questioned if the lot on Russell Street, where the house was taken down, considered a buildable lot.

Alex Wade stated that the house could be rebuilt on existing foundation provided there was fire proof construction fire proof walls with enough room between buildings for maintenance.

TNR Program

The TNR program procedure was discussed. The new method is to complete a form specifying where the feral cats are to either the Village or emailed to CAST Away to Survive. The forms give a more precise locations. The forms are available on the Village website and in the Village office.

Trustee Helmuth made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Hackett. Motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Next Village Board meeting is August 5, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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