



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes July 18, 2022

Present: Mayor Murphy, Trustees Jeannine Mayer, Jeff Helmuth, Vince Buono, Don Hackett, Brian Martin, Terry Parisian
Others: Mike Hopf, Eyal Saad, Rich Forbes, George Terpening, Joe Myers, Dave Gordon, Bill Kemple, Ed Quirk, Joseph Maloney, Rod Martin, Ann Andola, Andrew Zink, Nina Schmidbaur

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

Trustee Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Rod Martin, 31 Main Street, spoke regarding an issue with flooding, drainage, and the ground sinking at his and his neighbor's property. He has been discussing the issue with Mayor Murphy, DPW Supervisor Forbes and Water Supervisor Hopf. There are manholes and sewer lines that run along the easement through the property to Willow Lane. One sewer line is active, and one is abandoned. The active line has been relined previously. Regrading the easement was a possibility until the engineers looked at the area. The engineer would not commit to either the easement is causing it or not. Their solution would be to install a storm drain with three catch basins from the properties to Willow Lane at a cost of \$10,000 or more for materials.

Rod Martin stated that the water smells like sewage. The water rushes in from the road and back yard. The Wastewater Dept. pumped out the water and it was back again the next day. A water test proved to be positive with e coli.

Ann Andola, 25 Main Street, has lived at the property for 25years. The property has sunk causing the corner of her garage to sink. The flooding and drainage problem is between the two properties. The situation will be reviewed further, and Mayor Murphy will respond back to Rod Martin and Ann Andola.

Ulster County Legislator Joseph Maloney addressed the Trustees regarding Village taxes. Ulster County is reviewing the Village of Saugerties being made whole in regards to collecting taxes. NYS mandates that Towns are made whole by the county but two villages in the county, Ellenville and Saugerties, are not included. There is an opportunity for the Villages to opt-in to the tax collection agreement. It has passed the committee and will be moving onto public comment.

Mayor Murphy had responded to the county that the Village is interested. No other further action is required by the village right now. We will be contacted by the county.

The Village of Saugerties is in a good stand for the current tax year. The payment plan program has helped.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from July 5, 2022.

Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from July 5, 2022. The motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from July 5, 2022, was seconded by Trustee Martin. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for July 18, 2022.

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| • General | \$ 108,961.08 |
| • Water | \$ 22,149.77 |
| • Wastewater | \$ 25,240.34 |

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstracts for July 18, 2022. The motion to approve the Abstracts for July 18, 2022 was seconded by Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono is concerned about the numbers from Central Hudson and Direct Energy.

Supervisor Reports

Rich Forbes reported for the DPW. See attached report.

The staging area at North Street for the Central Hudson and Mullen's project was encroaching on the neighboring property. A section in another area was cleared and the piping will be moved to the new area. **Trustee Parisian** questioned if it was indeed over the Village's property line. **Mayor Murphy** suggested Eyal Saad to verify the North Street property line.

Mayor Murphy requested additional trash cans be placed in front of the Hudson Valley Bakery. The one trash can there is always overflowing. **Mayor Murphy** also requested that the Village DPW North Street garage be painted.

Joe Myers reported for the Wastewater Dept. See attached report.

The RBC is now online. The secondary digester will be taken off-line for an internal inspection. This will help Brinnier and Larios to determine what is needed for the Wastewater Plant upgrade project. Odor control is being managed but complaints may increase with the warmer weather.

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

A water tap application for the Rip Van Winkle Campground has been received. They will have an average usage of 4000gal. per day, with 10,000 gal. per day on the summer weekends. They will be within the Villages allotment.

The letter from Town Planning Board member Mike Tiano, attached with the report, addresses the Village's ability to supply water to the numerous Town housing projects that have been approved. **Mayor Murphy** stated that the Village should be made aware of the projects and the water requirements before the approval is made.

The letter from Catskill Mountainkeeper outlines the water availability and usage at the Winston Farm property. The letter and The HydroQuest Report indicate that the development at Winston Farm could consume more water than a secondary water source at the site could produce, causing a net reduction in the Village's water supply. The Catskill Mountainkeeper letter offers assistance to the Village with technical and legal issues.

Trustee Buono mentioned that several neighbors of the Winston Farm property are afraid of what will happen to their wells with the development of the project.

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

The pool at Lions Playground is open on Saturday. There have been a few issues with pets being brought to the beach. Lifeguards instruct them to leave or use one of the other Village parks. The police are called when necessary.

Trustee Buono stated that Kiwanis is concerned about the large tree at Seamon Park. The string lights are frayed and will not be lit this holiday. Eventually the tree will have to be removed.

Trustee Buono asked if the quotes for the replacement windows at Seamon Park house have been received. George stated that they are waiting for one more. Once all the quotes have been received, they will be discussed.

Eyal Saad reported for the Building and Safety. See attached report.

Photos of where the harvester has been cleaning in the creek were shared with the Trustees. The harvester is down currently for service. Two drive chains have been ordered and will be replaced.

The Ulster Avenue property maintenance case before the Village Court was heard. Sentencing is September 12th. The individual has until September 12th to clean up.

The short-term rentals laws were researched. From that research three criteria were created, 1. Occupant safety
2. Astatic of the property 3. Parking.

The Village office has not received any formal written complaints regarding any short-term rental properties in the Village. The discussion regarding short-term rentals included the three main criteria. The Trustees agreed that the lack of parking is an issue throughout the Village not just from short-term rentals.

A committee of Mayor Murphy, Trustee Hackett, Eyal Saad and community members will be formed to address short-term rental issue.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Parisian had nothing new to report.

Trustee Helmuth reported that he has been working on revising the water allotment agreement between the Town and Village. Some of the proposed changes would be an annual fee of \$21,800, a 10% fee for exceeding the daily limit and reducing the term of the contract from ten years to five years.

Mike Karashay is working on NYS grants for Water and Wastewater infrastructure.

The RipVanWinkle Campground has applied for a new water tap as discussed in Superintendent Hopf's Water Dept. report.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve the water tap application for the Rip Van Winkle Campground. Trustee Buono seconded the motion to approve the water tap application for the rip Van Winkle Campground. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported

- TV23 meeting postponed. The franchise agreement had been distributed to everyone for input.
- The Chamber of Commerce Board will donate to support the Historical Society and the Sawyer Car show. Congratulations to Robert Langdon for his Chronogram Award for the best art gallery. Mr. Langdon is producing three-minute videos of each owl to be posted on social media. There have been online bids for several owls. The Discover Saugerties maps have all been distributed.
- The Mum Festival Committee will be scheduling a meeting to start plans for the 2022 Mum Festival. There are openings on the committee.
- The Artist's Studio Tour had their kickoff reception at the Kiersted Barn on Friday July 15th.
- The Arm of the Sea Tide Water Center will have a performance at Tina Chorvas Park on Wednesday, July 20, 6-8pm.

Mayor Murphy suggested an ad regarding openings on the Mum Festival Committee be sent to Mike Campbell for posting on the website.

Trustee Parisian questioned why the Spectrum franchise agreement is now taken over by the Town of Saugerties. The agreement is a municipal agreement and should include the Village and Town. In the past the Village had input and had to sign off on the agreement. Now it is just the Town.

Mayor Murphy mentioned that we do have an alternate company that has begun installing lines along Elm Street and Market Street backed by grant money. Pro-splice needs new customers to buy into. They will be a new competition for Spectrum.

Trustee Martin- See attached Fire Dept report.

Trustee Hackett had nothing new to report.

Trustee Buono asked whether Central Hudson is responsible to repair the Partition Street pavement when the gas line project is completed. **Mayor Murphy** stated that repaving Partition Street is part of the completion of the project. Ed Cooper, Mullen's Foreman, has been phenomenal to deal with. He has been communicating directly with the village and merchants. Ed personally visited each business and spoke to the owners regarding the project. He has addressed issues and adjusted to accommodate their requests. Signage has been adjusted, closures of Partition Street will be kept to blocks at a time, the work will be completed by 4pm daily and Partition Street will not be closed on Fridays. The work on Fridays will be limited to the side streets.

Mayor Murphy presented the DPW Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Ulster. This is a reciprocating agreement that expires this year. The renewal will be for another 5 years.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to authorize Mayor Murphy and Rich Forbes to sign the Department of Public Works Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Ulster. Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to authorize Mayor Murphy and Rich Forbes to sign the Department of Public Works Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Ulster. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Helmuth made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to adjourn. The Board meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

The next **Village Board meeting Monday, August 1, 2022, at 5:30 pm.**

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

July 21, 2022