



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes March 20, 2023

Present: Mayor Murphy, Trustees: Jeannine Mayer, Vince Buono, Terry Parisian, Brian Martin, Don Hackett

Absent: Jeff Helmuth

Others: Paula Kerbert, Dave Gordon, Bill Kemble, Nina Schmidbaur, Glenn Weinberg Joule Assets

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

Trustee Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from March 6, 2023.

Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from March 6, 2023. Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to approve the minute from March 6, 2023. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for March 20, 2023.

• General	\$	35,079.76
• Water	\$	13,236.91
• Wastewater	\$	42,011.99

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstracts for March 20, 2023. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to approve the Abstracts for March 20, 2023. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

CCA Joule Assets – Glenn Weinberg

Municipal Program CCA, city, town, villages to select the default for small commercial.

Access stabilized and lower price through utility (Central Hudson), access renewables and a customer protection 13 municipalities contract to bid for that business. Competitive pricing and customer-friendly terms. Set up as an opt out program.

Options for opting out:

1. Residents will receive a letter in the mail. Information and a prepaid post card to return to opt out.
2. Phone option hotline, Jeff Domanski, and his team Monday – Friday 9AM-5PM
3. Website to login to an opt out.

The process going forward will be bids coming in from three established blue chippers, and well vetted and experienced. Wednesday 3/22/2023 an online meeting reviewing bids. Reviewing the greatest value for the thirteen municipalities. The recommendation to move forward on the review of the bids if the pricing is favorable. MOUs by the March 30th. MOU should a compliant bid comes in we the Village intend to move forward by submitting on March 30, 2023. Final approval on the 4th, executable bids only binding when the final approval is completed.

Variable / Fixed rates and standard 50% renewable and 100% renewable. Price premium. Economy of scale consensus around the bidder. Joule Assets is making the recommendations. Stronger when complete consensus, all municipalities,

and individual choices. Cost of delivery. Renewables pricing about .10 to .11. Variable .12 to .16 have to be sure it's renewable and if labeled renewable Joule's ensures that. April 4th -14th.

Dave Gordan asked when the Board approved increased terms to four years for the Mayor. The Mayor has not had an increase in service terms. Absentee ballots had four-year term, copied over from the Village Judge term in the last election, which was four years.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Hackett – Harvester will be ready the second and third week in May, lost an operator; Joe going on to become an EMT. Mr. Mason will be assisting.

Preliminary Speedy's permit meeting, two major operational changes, dichlorination and ammonia. The digester and give them air, and up to the Engineers to do the most cost-effective changes. Some levels of mercury, minute level. Clean waters act tightening the levels. Sludge haulers would help reduce the amount. By the time they present the speedy's permit to the Public, 3 months – 9 months, engineering would be completed within 18 to 24 months, project would will be completed 5 to 6 years. We are compliant and being proactive moving forward.

Ulster County Housing Smart Communities initiative. Alex and Eyal are working on this resolution. Pursuing would allow the Village to apply for future funds through the county.

Trustee Buono – State budget discusses housing, energy etc. The Governor and the House and the Senate interesting read that has not yet been approved.

Trustee Martin – presented Chief's report. Business as usual.

Trustee Parisian - Nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Mayer – TV 23 average new 13 posting each day. Keeping Franchise fee not accepted yet for new contract.

Stacy has contacted Hudsy – creates content, free program for the Hudson Valley.

Chamber Meeting Wednesday 3/29/2023 – Trustee Buono and Deputy Mayor Mayer selected the horse to sponsor, artist Meredith Morabito and Antonio Fascilla.

Art Commission 3/31/2023, next meet and greet event OPUS 40.

New revolving application loan submitted for Salt N Fire.

Meeting with Heidi Brandt for Mum Festival Chairperson, grant filled out on paper. The grant is for \$3,000.00 for either Garlic / Mum Festival.

Trustee Parisian asked about the Spectrum agreement, internet basic service is 300Mbps, paying for 300Mbps, but actual 91Mbps.

Nina Schmidbauer – Alter book project at the Saugerties Library, by the outreach committee. Free book cart, there 24 car manuals that outdated and no one was taking. The idea is to recycle the twenty-four car manuals into art projects. So, twenty-four artists picked up the manuals and a designated spot in the Library. The artists worked outside of their medium. They challenged themselves, mushrooms, forest, life size dress, book size of your pinky, wasp nest, mural and personal and emotional. Open day was first Friday in March, fabulous turn out. Interest from Artist, someone from Illinois was interested in. It will become an annual event. Closing event, will keep us posed. The display at the Library is open through April.

Mayor Murphy presenting the Budget for 2023 – 2024, making a motion to set the Public Hearing for April 3, 2023. Trustee Parisian second the motion to set the Public Hearing for April 3, 2023. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy stated Paula did a tremendous job. The budget has the general expenses have many mandated increases with state retirement, social security, insurance, workmen's comp., unemployment items that can't be controlled, offset the mandated increases with cuts to discretionary. Standard expenses either went down or stayed the same. Keep a clean budget and keep people whole. Any questions please contact Mayor Murphy or Paula.

Trustee Parisian asking about cutting Medical costs, looking into self-insurance, if there is any way of going through the county? Paula is going to review.

Arm of the Sea Easement, was sent to Ben Neidl for review and approved. Eyal Saad also approved. Maintenance of the walkway, easement on the Village Property. The Village of Saugerties will maintain the walkway and safety of the walkway. The walkway will have a fence on it. The easement will be added on to the Village Insurance.

Don Hackett has concerns and requested to take a walk down with Patrick. Table till next week.

Indian Point Radioactive releases Municipal Resolution Request – Mayor Murphy made a motion to sign the Resolution In Opposition to the discharge of contaminated water into the Hudson River. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to sign the Resolution In Opposition to the discharge of contaminated water into the Hudson River. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Tree City USA – recognized Saugerties as 2022 Tree City USA. Residents of Saugerties should be proud to live in a community that makes the planting and care of trees a priority.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:29pm.

The next **Village Board meeting is Monday, April 3, 2023, at 5:30 pm.**

Peggy Melville Village Clerk

March 24, 2023