



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes June 17, 2019

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustees Terry Parisian, Brian Martin, Jeff Helmuth, Don Hackett, Others: Alex Wade, Mike Hopf, Eyal Saad, Rich Forbes, Paul Boice, Captain Filak, Bill Kemple, Dave Gordon, Brian Mason, 3 members of Boy Scout Troop 135

Mayor Murphy opened the meeting at 5:30pm.

Mayor Murphy requested Boy Scouts Daniel Stegmeyer and Oliver Ashton lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor – no one was present to address the Board.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from June 3, 2019.

Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes from June 3, 2019. The motion to approve the minutes from June 3, 2019 was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented the Abstract for June 17, 2019:

- **General** \$ 72,579.51
- **Water** \$ 12,503.28
- **Wastewater** \$ 16,915.21

Trustee Hackett questioned the \$566.44 for Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency. **Rich Forbes** stated that the fee is for the trash that is collected every Monday and Friday from the trash receptacles in the village.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for June 17, 2019. The motion to approve the Abstract of June 17, 2019 was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Captain Filak reported the Police statistics for the month of May. See attached report.

There are four Police Bike Patrols trained and ready for the summer. Woodstock and Town of Ulster trained with the Village also.

There are several major events scheduled for the summer months. The Library Fair was this weekend and the 4th of July parade and the Sawyer Car Show is next.

Trustee Parisian questioned whether or not there is a dedicated patrol to the Village. He observed many pedestrians pushing the walk buttons but not waiting for the walk signal and crossing into traffic.

Captain Filak stated that there is a car dedicated to patrol the Village but not on a scheduled time frame. Times of the patrols are varied.

Alex Wade stated that at the recent meeting of Transportation Committee that the Police have special money to patrol the particular corner this summer. **Captain Filak** replied that it may be STEP or PTS grant money that may not be in place yet.

Trustee Helmuth noted that the traffic lights are ill designed. He stated that the lights should be in the middle of the intersection and not over the crosswalk. Discussion continued regarding the crosswalks timing of the signal, location of the lights and traffic flow.

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

The 1985 John Deere tractor with a side mowing arm that is shared by the Water Department and DPW has a blown clutch and will require repair costing \$7000 - \$8000. A mowing attachment for the excavator is available for \$6200 for used and \$20,000 for new. Keil Equipment would not take the JD tractor as part of a trade-in for a new tractor. The cost of a rental based on availability would be approximately \$4000 a week. **Mike Hopf** would like to post the 1985 John Deere on the auction site for sale. The hope would be to get enough to cover the cost of the used mowing attachment.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the sale of the 1985 John Deere tractor on the public auction website. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to approve the sale of the 1985 John Deere tractor on the public auction website. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

The NYS DEC has notified the Water Dept. that they will no longer pay for supplying water to the Comfort Inn on Rte. 32. The DEC had been paying for the water since the gas spill at the Sunoco Station in 2017. A six month temporary water line was installed two years ago. The Village bills the Comfort Inn as an outside user. **Trustee Parisian and Mayor Murphy** both stated that Comfort Inn should be put on notice that they are responsible for the water bill.

Victoria Davide started work as the Water Clerk on June 10th and is working out well and is a good fit for the office.

Mike Marino presented his report for the Wastewater Department. See Attached report.

There have been positive results from the notices regarding the illegal sum pump connections.

A new guaranteed rebuilt water pump was installed on the Vactor by an authorized dealer.

The tanks are being cleaned to prevent odor.

Rich Forbes presented his report for the Department of Public Works. See the attached report.

The new paint striping machine was received and striping will begin Wednesday.

New hours are in effect for the lot on Steele Place due to a problem with illegal dumping of garbage and construction debris. The lot will be open on Friday's from 7 – 2pm and will be monitored by a DPW employee.

New catch basins, pipes and culvert pipes are being installed to correct the drainage issues along Meyers Lane.

The DPW assisted Central Hudson's contractors remove several trees on Partition Street. The stumps will be ground sometime this summer and new trees will be planted by the Village Tree Commission.

Eyal Saad presented his report for the Building Department. See the attached report.

The residence at 32 Elizabeth Street is now in foreclosure, scheduled to be auctioned by Ulster County on July 11th. Pestmaster has been contracted to address the rodent issue. The residents left their dog in the house. **Mayor Murphy** stated that Eyal should keep the Naccarato Insurance informed about this property.

Praetorius and Conrad, PE was hired by the Planning Board as the engineer to review the site plan and special use permit documentation for 298 Ulster Avenue/Auto Zone.

The work at Tina Chorvas Park is partially complete. The north side was completed with galvanized railing and there is funds available to install railing on the south side. Additional trees are to be removed to prevent roots from pushing out the new bulk head. The graffiti on the coal bin needs to be painted over by Arm of the Sea.

A CPR training class will be scheduled. Is there any objections for the life guards to join the CPR training class? **Mayor Murphy** stated that most of them will already be certified but a refresher if they need it.

There is a good response from the Village office. **Trustee Martin** stated that the Fire Dept. receives the training from OSHA.

Training for Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence is required for all employees and volunteers by our insurance company. It is an hour training that has to be done by October 2019. **Eyal** will send out a notice with a choice of dates for the training.

Alex Wade reported for special projects. See attached report.

The DOT office has been unresponsive to emails regarding the Bluestone Sidewalk. There are some engineering and technical issues to be resolved.

Ashokan Release Working Group meeting discussed

Cornell students emailed about the possibility of climate change effect on the storm surge on the Village Beach. The issue would be more at the lower creek than the beach. They want letters of support and a dedicated person from the Village to be with them for three months. August through October. **Trustee Helmuth** stated that he didn't feel it was worth our while. **Mayor Murphy** requested **Trustee Helmuth** to communicate with them for a more informed decision.

Trustee Martin reported for the Fire Dept. See attached report.

The Board is invited to the annual 4th of July inspection on Main Street at 8:30am.

The Fire Dept. conducted a boot drop on Friday. The money goes towards the cost of uniforms.

The trees are to be planted on Partition Street to replace trees that were removed.

Trustee Parisian had nothing new to report.

Trustee Helmuth reported that he had attended the Ashokan Release Working Group meeting with Stan O'Dell. Stan will have a report.

The Emergency Action Plan for Olive Bridge Dam orientation meeting to review the emergency plan.

Everbridge technology for emergency contacts was discussed and a drill practiced.

Trustee Hackett stated that the Village already had the emergency plan in effect.

Trustee Hackett brought up the Montross Street property for further discussion. He would like to see the property put to use. **Trustee Hackett** is suggesting the possibility of an urban camp site, a garden or dog park. **Deputy Mayor Mayer** stated that a group has been looking place for a pickle ball court. They have been trying to get a pickle ball court in the Town. Ideas of urban camping, tiny houses and air b and b and electric car stations were discussed.

Eyal Saad stated 2 electrical vehicle charging stations would require 2 handicap spots. **Trustee Parisian** suggested a possible grant for the charging stations.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported:

- The Chamber of Commerce will display the small wooden sailboats in store windows and will be part of the penny social at the auction. The summer camp kids will be painting the boats. The sailboat walking maps and the Discover Saugerties guides are out. The new shed to be used for the Visitor Center will be arriving this week. It should be open by the end of the month. The First Friday concert was a successful and will continue through September. The Chamber awarded two scholarships at the HS awards ceremony. The next Chamber meeting will be 6:30pm on June 26th at In the Sticks, 376 West Saugerties Road.
- The Mum Festival Committee discussed adding more games and activities for kids.
- The Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting will be Monday June 24th. The \$10,000 Greenway Grant was received and will pay for the Schuster Consultants. The Town received \$5000 from the grant that they are working with the Arm of the Sea.
- Direct Energy will no longer be the supplier for MEGA. The Villages contract is valid until January 2021. Nothing is required until 2021.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Parisian. Motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm. Next Village Board meeting is July 1, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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