



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

Village Board Meeting & Public Hearing Minutes August 21, 2017

Present: Mayor Murphy, Trustees Brian Martin, Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Terry Parisian, Superintendents Mike Hopf, Eyal Saad, George Terpening, Bob Fanelli, Alex Wade, Chief Sinagra

Absent: Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Jeff Helmuth, Mike Marino,

Others: Ed Quirk, Brian Mason, Robert Ford, Bill Kemble, Virginia Davies, Mary Frank, Tony Elia, Patrick Wadden, Katie Kokonos, Alex Rappaport

Mayor Murphy opened the **Public Hearing** at 5: 00 pm.

The Public Hearing is to hear the opinions of residents regarding the proposed Local Law #1 for 2017 – lowering the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph on Washington Avenue.

Tony Elia, 205 Washington Avenue, addressed the Board. Mr. Elia thanked the Mayor and Board for trying to make Washington Avenue a safer place for the community residents and students.

Mary Frank, 208 Washington Avenue, also addressed the Board. Ms. Frank thanked the Mayor and Board for their efforts. She stated that the signs and road markings are all good but the key is to have them enforced. She questioned whether or not a speed recognition camera would help, if it wasn't too expensive.

Virginia Davies, 223 Washington Ave, asked why not put the Stop signs at the corners of Finger Street and Washington Avenue. The Mayor responded that Stops signs had been looked into but it would cause too much of a traffic jam due to the new lights at the corner of Washington Avenue and Main Street. A school zone speed limit of 15mph could be established within 500 to 1000 feet of the High School.

Chief Sinagra stated that the speed gun camera cost approximately \$20,000 and that the police cannot issue tickets based on the photos from the camera. The Chief will place a speed recognition sign that displays the vehicle's speed to help with the enforcement of the proposed 25mph limit. Speed bumps and stop signs are not allowed to control speed.

Mayor Murphy presented a letter from Mr. Scala, 219 Washington Avenue. See attached. The letter refers to making Robinson Street one way from east to west and adding sidewalks from 220 Washington Avenue to Lions Playground and on Robinson Street.

Mr. Elia added that the speeding problem is mainly from Main Street to Robinson Street and then it slows slightly for the bend in the street by the playground to the entrance to the school. He feels radar should be near Lafayette Street or Finger Street. Where will the signs be placed?

Bob Fanelli has six signs to install.

Mayor Murphy stated that the Village is looking into painting a yellow stripe down the center of Washington Avenue. Trustee Buono added that a center stripe gives the perception that the street is narrower than it is and helps to slow down traffic.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hackett to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously, the Public Hearing on the speed limit change for Washington Avenue was closed at 5:12.

Mayor Murphy called the **Village Board Meeting** to order at 5: 13 pm.

Trustee Hackett led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

No one was present to address the Board.

Mayor Murphy presented the Minutes from August 7, 2107. **Trustee Martin made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 7, 2017 Village Board meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hackett to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for August 21, 2017:

• General	\$ 18,594.25
• Water	\$ 6,662.19
• Wastewater	\$ 6,903.35

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstract for August 21, 2017, seconded by Trustee Hackett to approve the Abstract. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A letter was received by resident Peggy Fitzpatrick, Elm Street, protesting being charged a late fee on her July water bill. She states that she never received the bill and is requesting a refund. See attached letter.

Mike Hopf stated that all the bills and taxes were brought to the Post Office for mailing on May 31st. The Post Office was contacted regarding bills for Ulster, Elm and Market that seemed to not be delivered. The Post Office stated that there was not an issue and all mail was delivered. The bills are sent out the same time every year September due October, December due January, March due April and June due July. A response will be drafted to Ms. Fitzpatrick stating that the wording of late notice has been modified.

A discussion continued as to the posting of the billing schedule.

Bob Fanelli presented his report for the DPW. See attached report.

New signs have been installed at the library parking area – No Parking and One Way.

Clermont Lane has been prepared for a new overlay of black top. Steele Place also needs an overlay due to increase in traffic to the holding area. The Town of Saugerties will be helping with these paving jobs once they have completed their own projects.

Mr. Fanelli inquired if there has been a decision made regarding the use of leaf bags for leaf pick up this fall. The bags would have to be ordered and available to residents if they are going to be used. Trustee Parisian felt there was a negative response from the public. Mayor Murphy thought that the bags could be available to residents who did want to use them on a trial basis and also put a message on the September 1st water bills with the dates of leaf pick up. The bags will not be required for this fall's pickup.

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

The summer help have been leaving to return to school. The beach and pool will be closed as of September 1st. The mums have been ordered, some delivered and will be planted in time for the Mum Festival.

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

Mr. Saad stated that the Arm of the Sea Theatre has future plans to create a performing space at their property bordering Tina Chorvas Park. Currently a performing theatre is not part of the allowed uses in the Planned Waterfront zoning district. The Village attorney has drafted a definition of the proposed performing arts center to amend the Village Code in the PW zone.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to set a Public Hearing to consider the proposed amendment to the Village Zoning Code Schedule of Use Regulations to include "Performing Arts Center" as a special use (requiring a special use permit) in the Planned Waterfront zone on September 5th at 5:00 pm. Trustee Martin seconded the motion to set a Public Hearing for September 5th at 5pm.

The preliminary survey and plans for the proposed parking lot on the corner of Partition Street and Montross Street have been sent to Trustee Helmuth for review. We will wait until we have Trustee Helmuth's input before a decision is made.

Trustee Parisian questioned the issue regarding the house on Russell Street with the totally over grown front yard. Mr. Saad stated that it has been an issue for a while. The owner states that it is her garden. No formal complaints have been received from anyone. Trustee Parisian inquired if we could trim what is over grown at the corner of the parking lot to prevent blocking the view of traffic exiting the municipal parking lot. The owner is adamant about the growth being her garden and flowers.

Chief Sinagra presented his report for the police department. See attached.

Lt. KJ Swart will be graduating from the FBI National Academy on September 15th. He was nominated and received endorsements to attend. He will have 17 credits from the University of Virginia. One female officer has been trying out for the SWAT training program through Ulster County URGENT team. A speed recognition display sign will be setup to help with the enforcement of the new speed limit on Washington Avenue. Look for *School Open* signs.

Mayor Murphy recognized Katie Kokonos and Alex Rappaport, Post Street, who arrived late for the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. They commented on the Washington Avenue speed reduction and are in favor of the change. The Pedestrian crossing sign is partially blocked by their pear tree. Mayor Murphy will have DPW check the sign. Thanked the Mayor for the new crosswalk markings and signs at the corners of Post Street, Russell Street and Washington Avenue.

Mr. Rappoport asked about a possible bike lane. Trustee Buono replied that the *sharrow* signs are to be painted after the road construction and repairs are complete.

The Mayor will look into having a stop line at the top of Post Street and possible no parking on the right side of Post Street from the corner.

Mayor Murphy explained that the Village will try to get help from the State to have yellow lines painted on Washington Avenue to hopefully slow down traffic.

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

Trustee Hackett presented the report for the Wastewater Department. See attached report.

Dennis Larios has drawn up a plan to divert the rain water coming from the hill into the building and prevent damage to the pumps.

A sinkhole was discovered during the paving of Washington Avenue. The 24" sewer main is leaking. The main is old clay pipe that is 9 feet deep in the road and must be fixed. Bob Fanelli confirmed that it was a sewer leak. Trustee Hackett stated that the first step is to camera the line to see the extent of the damage.

Trustee Hackett attended the Planning Board meeting but nothing to report.

Trustee Martin presented the Fire Department report. See attached.

The Fire Department received three trophies from the Ulster County Fireman's Parade. All vehicles have been lettered.

The annual September 11th memorial ceremony will be held at the site of the 9/11 memorial at the entrance of Cantine Field on Monday September 11 with the time to be determined.

Trustee Buono had nothing new to report.

Trustee Parisian asked Eyal Saad if the demolition of the portion of the Cloverlea would be on the agenda of the Historic Review Board meeting this month.

Eyal Saad stated that a demolition permit was issued only for the portion of the Cloverlea that is the addition on the front side of the main building that is falling down.

Resolution #16 – Parks Restoration Project Funding

Authorizing the release of funds for the Parks Restoration Project, Saugerties Lighthouse

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #16 – Parks Restoration Project Funding seconded by Trustee Martin. Roll vote called - all yes votes-Resolution #16 passed.

Local Law #1 for 2017 – Lower Speed Limit on Washington Avenue

The speed limit is to be lowered from 30mph to 25mph on Washington Avenue

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Local Law #1 for 2017 – Lower Speed Limit on Washington Avenue seconded by Trustee Parisian. Roll vote called - all yes votes-Local Law #1 passed.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Martin. Carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Next meeting September 4 at 5pm.

Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk
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