



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes October 7, 2019

Present: Mayor William Murphy, Trustees Vince Buono, Jeff Helmuth, Don Hackett, Brian Martin, Terry Parisian **Others:** Alex Wade, Chris Wade, Dave Gordon, Bill Kemble, Ed Quirk, Owen McKane, Sue Horton, 6 SHS students

Mayor Murphy opened the meeting at 5:30pm.

Mayor Murphy requested **SHS student Gerard Podmerski** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from September 16, 2019.

Trustee Helmuth made a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes from September 16, 2019. The motion to approve the minutes from September 16, 2019 was seconded by Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for October 7, 2019:

- General \$ 90,035.67
- Water \$ 10,928.71
- Wastewater \$ 46,761.39

Mayor Murphy noted that the charge of \$24,561.15 for an entrance grinder on the Wastewater abstract was entered twice. It was agreed to be an error in duplication and the abstract was adjusted for the corrected amount of \$46,761.39. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstract for October 7, 2019 with the correction. The motion to approve the Abstract of October 7, 2019 with the correction was seconded by Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor

Owen McKane from the Reis Group Insurance, the current insurance broker for the Village, made a presentation regarding the VFIS insurance for the Fire Department vehicles and equipment in comparison to Marshall and Sterlings proposed quote. See attached packet. Four of the Fire Department vehicles were on Actual Cash Value before the August renewal of the current Travelers policy and since the renewal they are now covered for Agreed Value. See the chart on page 5 of the packet which compares the coverages and deductibles with the Marshall and Sterling's VFIS quote. Travelers has \$445,000 more coverage with a lower deductible. Both show agreed value which is the lesser of the amount stated or replacement cost. Owen received the amount of premium Reis Insurance has saved the Village since 2017 to be approximately \$69,000. Travelers will be completing their review of the FD vehicles and submitting their premium quote next week. It is estimated to be less than \$17,000.

Trustee Parisian asked the difference between the replacement value and the agreed value. **Owen** stated that the coverage would be based on the agreed value unless the replacement cost was less. It is important to have an accurate agreed value and to be reviewed every year. The coverage would be agreed value for all FD vehicles and replacement value for equipment.

Brian Martin stated that the FD does an inventory of equipment every year. Owen requested a complete list of the FD equipment so that an accurate quote can be submitted.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Parisian – Nothing new to report.

Trustee Helmuth - Nothing new to report.

Trustee Hackett

The accepting of outside haulers sludge has been discussed. **Trustee Parisian** handed out information and process of treating wastewater flow charts for a typical plant. **Trustee Parisian** is concerned if we are truly subsidizing the taxpayers by accepting the sludge or putting an additional burden on the treatment plant. Basically the cost associated with the process is the issue. **Trustee Hackett** stated that there is no calculation to determine the cost of each process. The annual income from the taking in the outside sludge is approximately \$80,000 - \$100,000. The overall usage of the plant could only be calculated by not taking the outside sludge for a year and comparing the difference. If there were to be a rate increase, the amount of increase to the quarterly bill would most likely be less than 1%.

Mayor Murphy stated that he spoke with Albany County and they charge a different rate to Albany county haulers than outside haulers.

Trustee Parisian stated that a lot of the infrastructure work has been done but with new EPA regulations coming, additional upgrades may be required. **Trustee Hackett** stated that Alex Wade has been researching grant opportunities. **Mayor Murphy** stated that if we were to make a change it should be considered to be local haulers versus outside haulers not big versus little.

Trustee Hackett thanked **Trustee Parisian** for his research. **Trustee Hackett** will get together with **Supervisor Marino** to decide about rate and capacity and come back to the Board with specific figures.

Trustee Hackett reported that the he and **Supervisor Marino** met with Dennis Larios regarding the Sewer Rehabilitation Project on Main Street. **Mayor Murphy** stated that the Village has a \$ 200,000 State and Municipal Facilities Program grant from Senator Amadore's office for this project from three years ago. A bond will be required for the remaining amount due.

Alex Wade had reviewed the cost analysis and narrative of the project. See attached. Mr. Wade had some suggestions as to parts of the project that may be able to be handled by the Village DPW and Wastewater Department at a lower cost. Several line items were discussed- #6 Structural Rehabilitation Existing Manholes, #7 Clean and TV sanitary lines #8 Remote Pipeline repairs and a few other possibilities.

Trustee Hackett stated that some of the work could not be done before the project because the sewer pipes are so old that they are cracked and crack more when using the equipment to make repairs of camera the lines. **Alex Wade** stated that whatever could be done in house would save on the overall cost by lowering the percentage of the total. **Mayor Murphy** suggested that **Trustee Hackett** and **Trustee Parisian** get together and see to what extent of the project the DPW and Wastewater Dept. is capable of doing and a time line.

Trustee Martin reported that the Fire Department is purchasing a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe as a new chief's car. The resolutions are for the approval of the bid piggy backed on the state bid with the City of Troy and DeNooyer Chevrolet in Albany and for a lease through M&T Bank.

Trustee Parisian asked why another car was purchased this year when they bought one last year and why not from a local dealership.

Trustee Martin stated that the purchase is in the Fire Dept. budget and provides a new car to each of the three fire chiefs. The purchase was made from DeNooyer Chevrolet because the Village bid piggy backed on the state bid with the City of Troy and DeNooyer Chevrolet in Albany. The attempt was made locally but nothing available without a five month wait. This vehicle is already fully equipped.

Resolution #9 - Fire Department Vehicle Bid Approval – 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe from DeNooyer Chevrolet \$54,180.68 See attached.

Trustee Martin made a motion to accept Resolution #9 for the FD Vehicle Bid and took a roll call for approval of Resolution #9 – 6 Of 6 Yes votes. Motion seconded by Trustee Helmuth. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #10– Fire Department Vehicle Lease Agreement – 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe. See attached.

Trustee Martin made a motion to accept Resolution #10 for the FD Vehicle Lease Agreement for \$61,044.65 and took a roll call for approval of Resolution #10 – 6 of 6 Yes votes. Motion seconded by Mayor Murphy Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono reported that the American Legion will be celebrating their 100 year anniversary and the end of WW1. The dinner is on Wednesday Oct 16th at Diamond Mills and a parade on Saturday October 19th. There will be a local band at the American Legion hall as well as the museum being open to the public.

Mayor Murphy reported for Deputy Mayor Mayer:

- The Mum Bowl football game was held on Saturday where the Mum Queen and her Court were presented with bracelets from the Mum Festival Committee Chair – Heidi Brandt. The Mum Festival was held on Sunday October 6th 12 noon – 5:00 pm. Despite the rainy day many people enjoyed the beautiful mums, the entertainment and vendors at Seamon Park. Thank you to George Terpening and his Parks crew for their hard work in planting approximately 2000 mums.
- The Chamber of Commerce’s Sailin’ Around Saugerties auction was a success.
 - The Chamber is supporting the Indy Untangles event that coincides with Sheep and Wool Festival held in Rhinbeck the weekend of October 18-20th. Knitted embellishments will be popping up in the Village on meters, benches and fences.
 - Watch for a change in the Sunset Concert dates to be announced.
 - Holiday in the Village will be Sunday December 8.
 - The October Chamber meeting will be on Wednesday 30th 6:30pm at Fiber Flame.
 - TV23 has joined the Alliance for Community Media, a nationwide organization that gives technical advice, shares experiences and provides free webinars.

Mayor Murphy had a meeting with Town Supervisor Costello and Ulster County planners in regards to purchasing a harvester. Funding was discussed and the possibility of the County purchasing a harvester to share with the municipalities.

Mayor Murphy requested a moment of silence for the recent passing of Donald McCaig. Mr. McCaig had been a longtime volunteer fireman, Fire Chief and an integral part of the Fire Department and local community.

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

The site inspector for the Bluestone Sidewalk Project has resigned. A new engineer’s name has been submitted to DOT Region 8 for approval. Once the new engineer has been approved the project will begin- possibly early next week.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.

Next Village Board meeting is Monday, October 21, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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