



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

**Village Board Meeting  
Minutes  
February 17, 2026**

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Trustees: Terry Parisian, Don Hackett, Andrew Zink, Vince Buono, Jeannine Mayer

**Others:** Chris Mason, Dave Mason, Ed Quirk, Elizabeth Reece

**Absent:** Brian Martin, Paula Kerbert

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

**Mayor Murphy** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – Elizabeth Reece – Lithium Batteries - BESS proposed project at Tomsons Road located in the Town, there are intermunicipal and Village impacts, the only information conveyed to the Village based on my FOIL Request because they are within 1000 ft of sites boundary, just as any resident would be notified. The Village should be included in the SEQRA. The Village has not been formally notified.

Please see attached commentary that further addresses concerns for the Village residents by Elizabeth Reece.

Mayor Murphy stated Elizabeth has a valid point, the location is closer to the Village residential than the Town residential. Mayor Murphy requested a copy of what was read, thanked Elizabeth Reece for coming. Elizabeth requesting a dialogue.

**Trustee Zink made the motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2026. Trustee Buono seconded the motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes February 2, 2026. All in favor, Motion carried.**

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for February 2, 2026**

• General	\$ 42,170.50
• Water	\$ 11,972.12
• Wastewater	\$ <u>39,164.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 93,306.62

**Trustee Mayer made a motion to approve the Abstracts for February 2, 2026. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to approve the Abstracts for February 2, 2026. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Trustee Reports**

**Trustee Parisian** - Concerns with the emails about meeting for the Granicus about website, the cost that being proposed, price is \$24K, is this needed? Make sure the Board is aware of the costs.

**Trustee Zink** – Last Planning Board Meeting was cancelled as there were no new applications submitted.

**Trustee Hackett** – Budget meetings with Vince Buono and Terry Parisian. Eyal submitted fines for sidewalks that were not shoveled from the big storm, DPW and Buildings and Grounds were sent out to clear the streets. The property owners will receive a letter and the fine. Mentioned meeting Jesse Jackson when he was in Des Moines. Mayor mentioned that a resident was helped out because of an illness was not charged. Talked to Eyal on the parking meter, 32 cars on unpaid meters. Jesse Jackson passed, mentioned meeting Jesse Jackson when he was in Des Moines.

**Trustee Buono** – mentioning that Leeann Thorton mentioned they are revisiting the TAP Grant, roadways from the Village to Barclay Height. If the Village is going to be involved they are asking for a letter for involvement. Terry and I have attended Village Department Budget Meetings.

**Mayor Murphy** – Submitting an application for the Saugerties Fire Department, Richard Widner.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to accept the application of Richard Widner to the Saugerties Fire Department; Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to accept the application of Richard Widner to the Saugerties Fire Department. All in favor, the motion carried.**

**Trustee Mayer** – Chamber receiving submission for the street art. Artist meet sponsor 3PM on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Public preview at Smoking Pony May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 3PM, Auction is in October.

20 Submission for the Discover Saugerties Map. The next mixer is at the Partition on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Liz Reece has been on committee TV23 who was doing the filming, has recently resigned and replacing Stacy with many meetings on how it will proceed. Granicus, TV 23 working on looking for future possibilities. Jorge Lopez agreed to upload for short term to TV 23, Gus Peterson will be filming for the short term. Mike Campbell is doing the calendar and bulletin board.

Arts Commission, had their first meeting of the year, looking at their agenda, the budget that they have.

**Mayor Murphy presented to the board to have the Board's approval to send letters to residents who were in violation of not shoveling their sidewalks, will receive a copy of the law, the letter and the fine. Trustee Zink made the motion to have the letters sent to residents who were in violation of not shoveling their sidewalks, will receive a copy of the law, the letter and the fine. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to the letters sent to residents who were in violation of not shoveling their sidewalks will receive the law, the letter and the fine. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to Adjourn the Village Board Meeting. Trustee Zink seconded the motion to Adjourn the Village Board Meeting. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:54PM.**

The next **Village Board meeting is March 2, 2026, at 5:30PM**

Peggy Melville      Village Clerk      February 19, 2026

**Village of Saugerties  
Abstracts Tuesday February 17, 2026**

As of February 17, 2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
<b>A-General Fund</b>						
Bill	02/17/2026	701/Fire Dept	P C Smith & Son Inc	701	3410.4 · Fire - CE	4.13
Bill	02/17/2026	Fire Dep/EFT	Central Hudson	24000002063	3410.4 · Fire - CE	489.10
Bill	02/17/2026	52618/Fire/EFT	Bottini Fuel Account 834053	52618	3410.4 · Fire - CE	133.02
Bill	02/17/2026	73987/Fire/EFT	Bottini Fuel Account 834053	73987	3410.4 · Fire - CE	122.63
Bill	02/17/2026	79500/Fire/EFT	Bottini Fuel Account 834053	79500	3410.4 · Fire - CE	154.37
Bill	02/17/2026	50388/DPW/EFT	Bottini Fuel Account 703232	50388	3410.4 · Fire - CE	41.34
Bill	02/17/2026	72634/Fire/EFT	Bottini Fuel Account 703232	72634	3410.4 · Fire - CE	69.27
Bill	02/17/2026	3503/Fire	Rip's Auto Parts Inc	3503	3410.4 · Fire - CE	189.42
Bill	02/17/2026	72882/DPW	Sawyer Motors Inc	72882/2462321A	5110409 · Vehicle Parts	318.60
Bill	02/17/2026	3500/DPW	Rip's Auto Parts Inc	3500	5110403 · Batteries	538.41
Bill	02/17/2026	3500/DPW	Rip's Auto Parts Inc	3500	5110401 · Oil & Lubricants	244.65
Bill	02/17/2026	3500/DPW	Rip's Auto Parts Inc	3500	5110409 · Vehicle Parts	125.52
Bill	02/17/2026	006777C/DZPW/EFT	Lingo	56200625	5110411 · Telephones	50.43
Bill	02/17/2026	006777C/DPW	Lingo	56200625	5110411 · Telephones	50.43
Bill	02/17/2026	0120260433/CC	Ulster CO Resource Rec Agency		8160401 · Garbage Removal	921.79
Bill	02/17/2026	0120260434/CC	Ulster CO Resource Rec Agency		8160.4 · Recycling - CE	52.27
Bill	02/17/2026	170003487	Custom Bandag of Newburgh, L...	170003487	-SPLIT-	631.25
Bill	02/17/2026	72162868	Tifco Industries Inc	72162868	5110413 · Signs & Hardware	198.42
Bill	02/17/2026	415173	Interstate Batteries	415173	5110403 · Batteries	475.90
Credit	02/17/2026	414196/Credit	Interstate Batteries	Core Returned	5110403 · Batteries	-20.00
Bill	02/17/2026	0001463398/CC	Noble Gas Solutions	0001463398	5110.4 · Street Maint - CE	60.76
Bill	02/17/2026	1245620	Peckham Industries Inc	1245620	5142.4 · Snow Removal - CE	615.95
Bill	02/17/2026	114266/DPW	Uniforms USA Inc	114266/115149/11...	5110423 · DPW Uniform Rental	550.00
Bill	02/17/2026	February 2026	Rozner Wallens Gold & Mineau...		1420.4 · Attorney - CE	550.00
Bill	02/17/2026	Office Supplies/EFT	Aazon Marketplace Payments		1325.4 · Clerk / Treasurer - CE	79.96
Bill	02/17/2026	2026 Subscription	Hudson Valley One		1325.4 · Clerk / Treasurer - CE	75.00
Bill	02/17/2026	556257534	Ulster County Chamber of Com...	Membership Dues ...	1920.4 · Dues - CE	440.00
Bill	02/17/2026	789089917572/EFT	The Hartford		9060.8 · Employee Benefits	66.64
Bill	02/17/2026	114265/Jan 26	Uniforms USA Inc	114265/115148/11...	8664.4 · Code Enforcement - ...	52.50
Bill	02/17/2026	346515/Snow	Frank Torok		5142.4 · Snow Removal - CE	2,375.00
Bill	02/17/2026	006777B/EFT	Lingo	56212046	1110.4 · Village Justice - CE	100.86
Bill	02/17/2026	S7512402.001	Aramisco	494521	7140.4 · Parks - CE	153.78
Bill	02/17/2026	573814050/EFT	Toshiba		1620.4 · Buildings - CE	225.25
Bill	02/17/2026	114263/Bldgs	Uniforms USA Inc	114263	1620.4 · Buildings - CE	450.00
Bill	02/17/2026	50388/DPW/EFT	Bottini Fuel Account 703232	50388	5110419 · Gasoline	557.96
Bill	02/17/2026	72634/DPW	Bottini Fuel Account 703232	72634	5110419 · Gasoline	934.90
Bill	02/17/2026	114264/Parks	Uniforms USA Inc	114264/115147/11...	7140.4 · Parks - CE	52.50
Bill	02/17/2026	52618/DPW/EFT	Bottini Fuel Account 834053	52618	5110419 · Gasoline	415.08
Bill	02/17/2026	73987/DPW/EFT	Bottini Fuel Account 834053		5110419 · Gasoline	382.65

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
Bill	02/17/2026	79500/DPW/EFT	Bottini Fuel Account 834053	79500	5110419 · Gasoline	481.70
Bill	02/17/2026	HS65254076/EFT	NRG Business Marketing	54444696826	1620.4 · Buildings - CE	689.15
Bill	02/17/2026	NY0069626/Check#3178	Capital District NYSBOC		1620.4 · Buildings - CE	85.00
Bill	02/17/2026	006777/E/EFT	Lingo	56200937	7140.4 · Parks - CE	56.56
Bill	02/17/2026	124862-1	Sinnotts Plumbing & Heating LLC		1620.4 · Buildings - CE	354.00
Bill	02/17/2026	1485/Inspection	Rinaldo's Exhaust	2011 RAM	1620.2 · Buildings - EQ	21.00
Bill	02/17/2026	MXV-004406/EFT	Zulys	772143	1620.4 · Buildings - CE	343.38
Bill	02/17/2026	5232/Parks	P C Smith & Son Inc	5232	7140.4 · Parks - CE	83.15
Bill	02/17/2026	702/Parks	P C Smith & Son Inc	702	7140.4 · Parks - CE	89.46
Bill	02/17/2026	88620002169/CC	Archtop Fiber	10001258595	7140.4 · Parks - CE	79.99
Bill	02/17/2026	HS65263358/EFT	NRG Business Marketing	54444681127	7140.4 · Parks - CE	135.22
Bill	02/17/2026	Dues/K. Brown	Tri County Chapter of NYSBOC		1620.4 · Buildings - CE	65.00
Bill	02/17/2026	260340004971/EFT	CDPHP / Delta Dental	260340004971	9060.8 · Employee Benefits	1,539.82
Bill	02/17/2026	260340004971/W/EFT	CDPHP / Delta Dental	February 26	9060.8 · Employee Benefits	540.39
Bill	02/17/2026	EFT21001002795 DPW...	Central Hudson		5110428 · Central Hudson	718.07
Bill	02/17/2026	21001002795 DPW -G	Central Hudson		5110428 · Central Hudson	850.16
Bill	02/17/2026	21000939468 DPW	Central Hudson		5110428 · Central Hudson	31.75
Bill	02/17/2026	21001103940 DPW - E	Central Hudson		5110428 · Central Hudson	152.01
Bill	02/17/2026	21001103940 DPW - G	Central Hudson		5110428 · Central Hudson	561.78
Bill	02/17/2026	STREET LIGHTS FEB 26	Central Hudson	ST LIGHTS 2/202...	-SPLIT-	8,768.10
Bill	02/17/2026	52618 CODE/CC	Bottini Fuel Account 834053	52618 CODE /CC	8664.4 · Code Enforcement - ...	30.52
Bill	02/17/2026	73987 CODE/CC	Bottini Fuel Account 834053	73987 CODE/CC -...	8664.4 · Code Enforcement - ...	28.14
Bill	02/17/2026	79500 CODE/CC	Bottini Fuel Account 834053	79500 CODE/CC J...	8664.4 · Code Enforcement - ...	35.42
Bill	02/17/2026	JAN 2026 BLDG/EFT	Bottini Fuel Account 834053	BLDG/EFT - JAN...	-SPLIT-	183.93
Bill	02/17/2026	JAN 2026 PARKS/EFT	Bottini Fuel Account 834053	PARKS/EFT - JAN...	-SPLIT-	247.69
Bill	02/17/2026	PARKS JAN 2026/EFT	Bottini Fuel Account 703232	PARKS JAN 2026/...	-SPLIT-	15.49
Bill	02/17/2026	BLDGS 02/26 / EFT	Central Hudson	BLDGS 02/26 / EF...	-SPLIT-	1,887.47
Bill	02/17/2026	PARKS 02/26 / EFT	Central Hudson	PARKS 02/26 / EF...	-SPLIT-	531.73
Bill	02/17/2026	BEACH 02/26 / EFT	Central Hudson	PARKS 02/26 / EF...	7320.4 · Beach - CE	48.13
Bill	02/17/2026	73089	Sawyer Motors Inc	73089 DPW - 2018...	5110409 · Vehicle Parts	58.40
Bill	02/17/2026	73025	Sawyer Motors Inc	73025 DPW - clip ...	5110409 · Vehicle Parts	12.16
Bill	02/17/2026	73210	Sawyer Motors Inc	73210 DPW 2016 ...	5110409 · Vehicle Parts	117.60
Bill	02/17/2026	428845-00	Eastern States Electrical, Inc.	428845-00 DPW S...	5110.4 · Street Maint - CE	597.00
Bill	02/17/2026	36523 DPW	Albany Avenue Garage	428845-00 DPW S...	5110402 · Tires & Repairs	410.00
Bill	02/17/2026	557044/1cc	Construction Tool Warehouse	557044/1CC DPW...	5110.4 · Street Maint - CE	159.70
Bill	02/17/2026	DPW Jan 26	P C Smith & Son Inc	DPW Jan 26	-SPLIT-	745.06
Bill	02/17/2026	S Part 02/27/26/EFT	Central Hudson	21005850207 47 S...	5182.4 · Street Lighting - CE	92.76
Bill	02/17/2026	27 Market 2/26/EFT	Central Hudson	21005470097 - 27 ...	5182.4 · Street Lighting - CE	52.66
Bill	02/17/2026	HS65254077	NRG Business Marketing	HS65254077/EFT ...	5110427 · Direct Energy Gas	1,044.74
Bill	02/17/2026	5570676	Construction Tool Warehouse	5570676/CC Park...	7140.4 · Parks - CE	149.72

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Bill	02/17/2026	INV785546	ITC/Clearfly	INV785546 / EFT...	1620.4 · Buildings - CE	147.79
Bill	02/17/2026	700Bidg Clerk Jan 26	P C Smith & Son Inc	700/Bidg & Clrk Ja...	-SPLIT-	498.96
Bill	02/17/2026	Snow Removal/Trucking	K.C. & Son's Construction	Snow Removal Tru...	-SPLIT-	1,625.00
Bill	02/17/2026	January 30 2026	Bob Gehring Septic	January 30 2026 S...	5142.4 · Snow Removal - CE	1,875.00
Bill	02/17/2026	620473490	UHY LLP	620473490 - Profe...	1320.4 · Auditing - CE	3,000.00
Total A-General Fund						42,170.50

FX-Water Fund						
Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
Bill	02/17/2026	496179	Stack Chemicals Company Inc	496179	8330402 · Chemicals/Supplies	2,210.01
Bill	02/17/2026	114256/Water	Uniforms USA Inc	114256	8330410 · Uniform Rental	186.75
Bill	02/17/2026	25036/Water	King Cage Engineering	25036	8340411 · Meters & Fittings	120.07
Bill	02/17/2026	705/Water	P C Smith & Son Inc	705	83302 · Water Purification - EQ	234.41
Bill	02/17/2026	24000002063M/EFT	Central Hudson	Water	8330405 · Electric	3,474.40
Bill	02/17/2026	52618M/Water/EFT	Bottini Fuel Account 834053	Water	8340416 · Gasoline	228.77
Bill	02/17/2026	73987M/Water/EFT	Bottini Fuel Account 834053	Water	8340416 · Gasoline	210.89
Bill	02/17/2026	79500M/Water/EFT	Bottini Fuel Account 834053	Water	8340416 · Gasoline	265.48
Bill	02/17/2026	006777AW/Water/EFT	Lingo	56211742	8330406 · Telephones	50.43
Bill	02/17/2026	0304582M/Water/EFT	Ferguson Enterprises	72466	-SPLIT-	523.45
Bill	02/17/2026	44403M/Water	Sawyer Motors Inc	44403	8340412 · Truck Maintenance	2,245.60
Bill	02/17/2026	44536/Water	Sawyer Motors Inc	44536	8340412 · Truck Maintenance	21.00
Bill	02/17/2026	3493M/Water	Rips Auto Parts Inc	3493	8340412 · Truck Maintenance	111.26
Bill	02/17/2026	428976-00/Water	Eastern States Electrical, Inc.	428976-00	8340419 · Building Repairs	74.16
Bill	02/17/2026	789089917572M/EFT	The Hartford	789089917572	9060.8 · Employee Benefits	23.30
Bill	02/17/2026	IN26-037-01	Aqualogics Systems Inc	IN26-037-01 Lot F...	83302 · Water Purification - EQ	1,225.00
Bill	02/17/2026	14852266	Hach Company	14852266 Water - ...	8330403 · Lab Tests	241.06
Bill	02/17/2026	10633	Kingston Water Department	10633 Water Analy...	8330403 · Lab Tests	175.00
Bill	02/17/2026	M196560/EFT	Ferguson Enterprises	M196560/EFT Wat...	8340411 · Meters & Fittings	217.20
Bill	02/17/2026	20055436/cc	Desktop Publishing Supplies	20055436/cc - Pos...	8310.4 · Water Administration...	131.88
Total FX-Water Fund						11,972.12

G-Wastewater Fund						
Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
Bill	02/17/2026	3498/MW	Rips Auto Parts Inc	3498	8130424 · Vehicle Maintenance	217.37
Bill	02/17/2026	0067779M/W/EFT	Lingo	56234859/MW	8130418 · Telephone	201.72
Bill	02/17/2026	50388M/W/CC	Bottini Fuel Account 703232	MW	8130417 · Gasoline	61.21
Bill	02/17/2026	52618M/W/EFT	Bottini Fuel Account 834053	52618	8130417 · Gasoline	71.14
Bill	02/17/2026	73987M/W/EFT	Bottini Fuel Account 834053	52618	8130417 · Gasoline	65.58
Bill	02/17/2026	79500M/W/EFT	Bottini Fuel Account 834053	79500	8130417 · Gasoline	82.56
Bill	02/17/2026	60050M/W/EFT	Central Hudson	MW	8130411 · Electric	8,196.39

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
Bill	02/17/2026	1480/MW/EFT	Central Hudson	WW	8130413 · Natural Gas	1,451.46
Bill	02/17/2026	WW/EFT	Amazon Marketplace Payments	WW	8130414 · Lab Tests	58.85
Bill	02/17/2026	WW/EFT	Amazon Marketplace Payments	WW	8130414 · Lab Tests	22.99
Bill	02/17/2026	0001463399/MW/CC	Noble Gas Solutions	0001463399	8130421 · Buildings & Grounds	9.61
Bill	02/17/2026	115037/MW/Jan 26	Uniforms USA Inc	WW	8130419 · Uniform Rental/Clo...	253.50
Bill	02/17/2026	497734/MW	Slack Chemicals Company Inc	497734	8130412 · Chemicals	6,042.00
Bill	02/17/2026	222588	Slack Chemicals Company Inc	Drum Return	8330.4 · Water Purification - CE	260.00
Bill	02/17/2026	497733/MW	Slack Chemicals Company Inc	497733	8330.4 · Water Purification - CE	1,229.20
Bill	02/17/2026	44279/MW	Sawyer Motors Inc	44279	8130424 · Vehicle Maintenance	2,662.36
Bill	02/17/2026	5570073/MW/CC	Construction Tool Warehouse	5570073/MW	5110.4 · Street Maint - CE	128.00
Bill	02/17/2026	3236/MW	North Dome Operations, Inc.	3236	8110.4 · Waste Water Admini...	10,000.00
Bill	02/17/2026	IN361099/CC	RingSquared	2424	8130418 · Telephone	282.23
Bill	02/17/2026	789089917572/MW/EFT	The Hartford	789089917572	9060.8 · Employee Benefits	17.01
Bill	02/17/2026	260340004971/MW/EFT	CDPHP / Delta Dental	February 26	9060.8 · Employee Benefits	359.57
Bill	02/17/2026	20055436/cc WW	Desktop Publishing Supplies	20055436/cc - W...	8110.4 · Waste Water Admini...	131.88
Bill	02/17/2026	WW- Reimb	Horvat Dustin	WW- Mileage Rei...	8110.4 · Waste Water Admini...	550.90
Bill	02/17/2026	704/MW/Jan 2026	P C Smith & Son Inc	704 / MW/Jan 2026	-SPLIT-	305.21
Bill	02/17/2026	IN26-038-01	Aqualogics Systems Inc	IN26-038-01 Servi...	8330.4 · Water Purification - CE	910.00
Bill	02/17/2026	HS65254075/MW/ EFT	NRG Business Marketing	HS65254075 / EF...	8130413 · Natural Gas	952.22
Bill	02/17/2026	1H1KYTXCF6KG	Amazon Marketplace Payments	1H1KYTXCF6KG -...	8130414 · Lab Tests	41.38
Bill	02/17/2026	76197	Environmental Labworks Inc	76197 - Lab Sampl...	8130414 · Lab Tests	1,560.00
Credit	02/17/2026	5570445 - WW	Construction Tool Warehouse	570445 - WW - ret...	8130419 · Uniform Rental/Clo...	-37.25
Bill	02/17/2026	inv no 10 Pump/EFT	Brimnier & Larios Corp	Inv No 10/EFT - P...	1440.4 · Engineering - CE	277.50
Bill	02/17/2026	9009954669	Deluxe	9009954669 - EFT...	-SPLIT-	331.52
Bill	02/17/2026	EFT - Reimb - WW	Christine Johnson	EFT - Reimb - W...	8120.4 · Sanitary Sewer - CE	974.89
Bill	02/17/2026	100650 EFT	Ppsystems & Controls Inc	100650 EFT Servi...	8130416 · Maintenance/Equip...	1,493.00

Total G-Wastewater Fund 39,164.00

**TE-Private Purpose Trust**

Total TE-Private Purpose Trust

**Unclassified**

Total unclassified

**TOTAL 93,306.62**

**To the Chair and Members of the Saugerties Village Board,**

Please accept this correspondence as a formal written submission for inclusion in the administrative record regarding the application of KCE NY 34 LLC / Key Capture Energy for a Bulk Battery Energy Storage System at 7 Tomsons Road.

Because SEQRA review has not yet been completed, I respectfully request that the Board ensure the following environmental impact areas are fully evaluated before any Negative Declaration is issued:

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**1. Intermunicipal and Village Impacts**

The project's proximity to the Village boundary raises potential intermunicipal concerns. SEQRA requires consideration of off-site and cross-boundary impacts. The record should clearly document whether the Village has been formally notified and whether potential impacts to Village residents, infrastructure, and services have been evaluated.

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## 2. Shared Water System and Fire Flow Capacity

If fire suppression planning relies on hydrant access or shared municipal water infrastructure, the record should include:

- Maximum anticipated fire flow demand (gallons per minute and duration)
- Confirmation of available system capacity
- Analysis of whether sustained emergency draw could reduce pressure or service reliability for Village or nearby residential users
- Written confirmation from the relevant water authority

Given the nature of lithium-ion battery systems and potential thermal runaway scenarios, water supply sufficiency is a legitimate environmental concern under SEQRA and should be documented with objective engineering analysis.

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## 3. Emergency Response and Off-Site Risk

The SEQRA record should reflect evaluation of worst-case failure scenarios, including potential off-site impacts such as fire spread, toxic emissions, or evacuation needs. The Board should confirm that emergency planning, setback adequacy, hazard mitigation measures, and coordination with all relevant fire districts have been reviewed in sufficient technical detail to support a reasoned determination.

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## 4. Noise Impacts

Battery storage facilities generate continuous operational noise from cooling systems, inverters, and transformers. The record should include a professional acoustic analysis modeling:

- Sound levels at all property lines, including receptors within the Village
- Nighttime ambient baseline conditions, including prior to the start of any preparation, staging, or implementation activities
- Worst-case operational scenarios
- Cumulative noise impacts, particularly if other energy facilities are present or proposed in the corridor (e.g., the adjacent proposed solar facility)

Absent objective modeling and comparison to applicable standards, it would be difficult to conclude that no significant noise impact exists.

## 5. Cumulative Impacts

If other energy infrastructure projects are proposed, approved, or pending within the Tomsons Road corridor, SEQRA requires evaluation of cumulative visual, noise, traffic, and infrastructure impacts. The environmental review should not consider this project in isolation if the combined effect of multiple facilities could result in significant impacts.

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## 6. Impact on District Fire Departments

Throughout the Town and Village of Saugerties, fire departments are staffed entirely by volunteers. Declining recruitment levels and reliance on mutual aid agreements should be considered as part of the impact assessment.

Risk evaluation and preparedness analysis should not be based solely on the capabilities of the Centerville Fire Department but should account for the operational realities of volunteer staffing, inter-district coordination, and potential strain on emergency response resources.

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I respectfully request that the Board ensure these issues are addressed in the Environmental Assessment and any SEQRA determination, and that no Negative Declaration be issued until the record demonstrates that a thorough “hard look” has been taken at these potential impact areas.

Thank you for your consideration and for including this submission in the official record.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Reece  
[lizreece2@gmail.com](mailto:lizreece2@gmail.com)

## **Additional Environmental and Public Health Concerns: Heavy Metal Contamination from Lithium Battery Fires**

- **Heavy Metal Fallout from Thermal Runaway**  
Lithium-ion battery fires can release significant quantities of toxic metals—including nickel, manganese, cobalt, and lithium—into the environment through smoke plumes and firefighting runoff. These contaminants can settle over wide areas beyond the facility boundary.
- **Soil Contamination from Smoke and Ash Deposition**
  - During a fire, metal-bearing particulates become airborne and may travel substantial distances before settling as fallout.
  - Following the 2025 Moss Landing battery facility fire in California, researchers documented tens of thousands of pounds of heavy metals deposited in nearby ecological areas.
  - Post-fire measurements in affected areas have shown concentrations of nickel, manganese, and cobalt far above baseline levels.

- Once deposited, these metals may persist in soil, be absorbed by vegetation, enter livestock feed, or migrate into the broader food chain.
- **Risk to Agricultural, Equestrian, and Residential Properties**
  - If smoke were to settle over nearby residential neighborhoods, agricultural lands, or equestrian facilities, contaminants could affect soil, forage, surface water, and animal health.
  - The potential economic impact to high-value livestock operations, including horses, should be evaluated.
  - The Environmental Assessment should identify what financial responsibility mechanisms, insurance coverage, or remediation guarantees would apply if contamination affected private property.
- **Water Contamination from Firefighting Runoff**
  - Large-scale lithium battery fires require substantial volumes of water for suppression.
  - Firefighting water can mobilize dissolved metals and electrolytes, creating runoff that may enter stormwater systems, groundwater, or nearby streams.
  - Studies of battery fire suppression water have shown high toxicity to aquatic organisms.
  - Once dissolved in fresh or brackish water, metals may become more mobile and more difficult to remediate.
- **Additional Hazardous Substances**
  - In addition to cathode metals, fires may release lithium, copper, aluminum, and potentially lead or zinc.
  - Hydrogen fluoride gas (HF), which can form hydrofluoric acid upon contact with water, is highly corrosive and poses both environmental and human health risks.
  - Combustion of battery casings and plastics can generate polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and dioxins.
- **Unanswered Questions Requiring SEQRA Review**
  - What dispersion modeling has been performed to evaluate where smoke plume contaminants could travel under worst-case meteorological conditions?
  - What soil and water testing protocols would be implemented following a fire event?
  - Who bears financial responsibility for environmental remediation of private lands, agricultural properties, and equestrian facilities?
  - What bonding, escrow, or insurance guarantees are in place to cover long-term contamination impacts?
  - Has the Village evaluated the cumulative economic risk to property owners within a ¼–½ mile radius of the site?
- **Public Policy Consideration**

Given the scale of potential off-site environmental and economic consequences, the Board should consider whether this project warrants broader public review and community input before approval.

## Chapter 142. Property Maintenance

### § 142-14. Snow and ice removal.

- A. The owner, occupant or operator of any real property, whether vacant or improved by any buildings, abutting any sidewalk in the Village of Saugerties shall keep such sidewalk free and clear of snow and ice at all times.
- B. Within 24 hours after cessation of every fall of snow or the formation of any ice on the sidewalk abutting the premises, the owner, occupant or operator shall remove or cause the same to be removed or cleared entirely from the sidewalk to a minimum width of 30 inches. If the snow or ice shall be frozen so hard that it cannot practicably be removed, the owner, occupant or operator shall, within the time above specified, cause the sidewalk to be covered and strewn with salt, ashes, sand or other dissolving or disintegrating material and shall, as soon thereafter as the weather will permit, thoroughly clean the sidewalk and remove the ice and snow therefrom.
- C. No snow removed from driveways, walks or other areas shall be deposited upon the public streets or highways so as to interfere with the use of such streets or highways or with the use of any other premises.
- D. Where a sidewalk has not been set aside along the margin of a street or highway adjoining that portion of business or commercial premises used for access and parking, including but not limited to individual stores, shopping centers and gasoline service stations, the owner, occupant or operator shall clear a path at least 30 inches in width throughout the length of the premises free from snow and ice for use by pedestrians as a walkway in compliance with the provisions of Subsections **A** and **B** of this section.
- E. The owner, occupant or operator of any real property, whether vacant or improved by any buildings, in front of which or adjacent to which property there is a fire hydrant, shall cause snow to be removed for a distance of 30 inches around the hydrant and between the hydrant and the street and to keep the fire hydrant and access to the street free from snow throughout the winter.
- F. The owner, occupant or operator of any real property, whether vacant or improved by any buildings, located at an intersection of two streets shall clear a path at the intersection at least 30 inches in width through any piles or accumulation of snow or ice on the sidewalk or street so as to enable pedestrian access from the sidewalk at the corner to the cleared portion of the roadway.
- G. If snow or ice shall remain on a sidewalk for more than 24 hours after the cessation of snowfall or the formation of ice, the Village may provide for the removal thereof at the expense of the property owner, occupant or operator of the abutting premises without further notice to the property owner. The charge to be collected for the removal of snow or ice from a sidewalk, or for clearing the area around a fire hydrant, or for covering the sidewalk with salt, ashes, sand, or other dissolving or disintegrating material shall be at the rate of \$50 plus \$0.50 per linear foot for the length of the sidewalk cleared or treated by the Village on such occasion.
- H. Any duly appointed law enforcement officer of the Village of Saugerties, including the Building Inspector and the Code Enforcement Officer, is authorized to enforce this section of this chapter by submitting a written report thereof to the Board of Trustees within 10 days of said correction or removal of snow or ice. Said report shall describe the actions taken and shall include a compilation of all costs and expenses incurred by the Village. At the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board shall confirm said costs and expenses, together with the administrative fee of \$50, as an assessment against the real property involved, by duly adopted resolution. The property owner shall be given written notice by any duly appointed law enforcement officer of the Village of Saugerties of the actions taken and a compilation of all costs and expenses, including the administrative fee, at least 10 days before the