



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes April 17, 2017

Present: Mayor Bill Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustees, Terry Parisian, Brian Martin, Don Hackett, Jeff Helmuth, Vince Buono, George Terpening, Mike Hopf, Mike Marino, Bob Fanelli, Alex Wade

Absent: Eyal Saad **Others:** Robert Ford, Ed Quirk, Brian Mason, student

Mayor Murphy called the Village Board to order at 5:03 pm.

Deputy Mayor Mayer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

No one was present from the public to address the Board.

Deputy Mayor Mayer made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 3, 2017 Village Board meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Don Hackett to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for April 17, 2017:

- General \$ 64,538.32
- Water \$ 5,120.10
- Wastewater \$ 10,608.11

Trustee Buono asked about the payment for J&M Security for cameras. Mayor Murphy stated that the camera at Main Street had to be replaced.

The payment to Maser is for the Bluestone Sidewalk project. The Parameter payment was for a film of the history of Saugerties.

Payments to several local contractors was for snow removal after the huge snow storm. The Mayor mentioned that they were a big help and they charged less than anticipated. The costs incurred for the storm have been submitted to Ulster County and FEMA for possible reimbursement.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for April 17, 2017, seconded by Trustee Mayer to approve the Abstract. Motion carried unanimously.

George Terpening gave his report for the Building and Grounds Department. See attached report.

New playground equipment is being installed at Lions Playground. Mulch will be spread as well as top soil and grass seed.

A reminder that No Pets are allowed at the Village Beach. It is a health hazard for patrons of the beach. It is an ongoing problem and we ask for the public's cooperation. Tina Chorvas Park and Seamon Park are pet friendly parks.

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

Trustee Buono questioned whether or not Mr. Hopf has been approached about supplying water to the project on Rte. 32. Mr. Hopf has not been asked.

The annual fishing tournament will take place May 21st. The reservoir has been stocked with fish.

Mike Marino gave his report for the Wastewater Department. See attached report.

The "muffin monster" has been put on an auction website. One person came to the plant to inspect it but we have not heard back from him. So far no bids have been received.

Chief Sinagra gave his report for Police Department. See attached report.

KJ Swart will be attending the FBI training in Quantico, Virginia in July.

A number of break-ins to unsecured vehicles have been happening again. The public should be aware. The Police Department will be doing its due diligence in issuing appearance tickets for residents who are caught not cleaning up after their dogs in the Village. The Chief requests that the Board look at the law regarding the fine and consider increasing the amount. The Washington and Main Street cross walk sign does not allow enough time for seniors and children to cross. The NYS DOT has been contacted and we are waiting for a response.

Bob Fanelli presented his report for the Department of Public Works. See attached. The West Bridge repair has been completed. Sweepers are out every day. Washington Avenue, from Main to the High School, will be repaved beginning July 5th – July 19th. Residents will be notified by letter and signage will be in place in mid-June. Trustee Hackett thanked Bob and the DPW crew for doing a great job on West Bridge Street.

Alex Wade presented his report for special Projects. See attached. Parking on lower Partition Street is being requested again. The line will be moved to the center of the street and allow for parking on both sides of the street. There are more businesses in the area. NYS has said no twice in the past. Meters will be installed when approved. The resolution is a start to push for the parking.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #10 – Parking on Lower Partition Street, seconded by Trustee Buono. Roll vote called - all yes votes-resolution #10 passed.

The 2017/18 Budget was presented by Mayor Murphy. The budget is down \$4000 in spending for the year. The tax rate has decreased by 2% to 6.17. Trustee Buono thanked the superintendents for doing a wonderful job with their department's budget and keeping costs down. Trustee Hackett and Mayor Murphy mentioned that there have been a lot of upgrades accomplished in the Village.

Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the 2017/18 Budget, seconded by Trustee Parisian. The Motion was carried unanimously.

Ulster County is applying to the state to do a feasibility study regarding shared services and consolidation. The grant offers money for the implementation of consolidation and efficiency plans. The Town of Saugerties as well as other local governments within Ulster County have expressed an interest in allying for the grant. There is no cost in joining in the application. The Town and Village currently have a shared services agreement between DPW departments. It has been an asset to both departments. The Village is not seeking to combine departments with the Town. The ultimate goal for the future would be for the Town and Village DPW to share in a common garage facility in one general location. This would give us a central place for vehicles including police vehicles to be worked on.

Trustee Buono wanted to be sure there is no cost to the Village to apply for the grant. Mayor Murphy and Trustee Parisian both explained that there is no cost involved with the grant application.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #9 – Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition Grant seconded by Trustee Hackett. Roll vote called - all yes votes-resolution #9 passed.

Mayor Murphy read all the Appointments for 2017/2018. See attached.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to accept the Appointments for 2017/18 as corrected, seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion was carried unanimously.

Trustee Parisian had nothing new to report.

Trustee Buono had nothing new to report.

Trustee Helmuth had nothing new to report.

Trustee Martin had nothing new to report.

Trustee Hackett presented report for the Building Department Code Enforcement for Eyal Saad. See attached.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported that Missy Greco was the speaker at the Chamber Meeting. She is the advisor to the Key Club and presented the back pack project that the members are working on. The back packs are packed with food for the weekend for kids that may need it. There are 80 students that are currently receiving back packs at Cahill and Mount Marion schools. The impact is on the students who need the food and also the students that raise money and awareness of the program. A portion of the proceeds from the "Horsing Around Saugerties" auction will be donated to the back pack program. The Key Club members also work at the Garlic Festival to raise money towards the backpack program. There is a concern regarding getting the backpacks to the students during the 3 month summer break.

- Arzi McEwen is the filmmaker who is doing the film on the history of Saugerties also spoke regarding the project.
- The Chamber of Commerce is offering 2 - \$1000 scholarships for High School students. Applications available in the High School guidance office.
- TV23 waiting for approval on rate cards for selling banner ads. There is an opening for a representative from the Town and Village.
- Spectrum has bought Time Warner Cable. The TV23 committee will check with Spectrum regarding their equipment.
- The next Chamber meeting will be at Fiber Flame on the April 26th at 6:30.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Martin. Carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm. Next meeting May 1 at 5pm.

Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk
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