



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes October 18, 2021

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Don Hackett, Brian Martin, Vince Buono, Jeff Helmuth, Terry Parisian  
**Others:** Mike Hopf, George Terpening, Andrew Zink, Bill Kemble, Brian Mason, Ed Quirk, Luis Guillen

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

**Trustee Parisian** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Privilege of the Floor

**Luis Guillen**, 38 Russell Street, requested to address the Trustees. Mr. Guillen is concerned about the traffic speeding on Russell Street. The traffic has increased with drivers trying to avoid the traffic lights at the intersection at Main Street and Partition Street. Mr. Guillen would like the Board to consider speed humps on Russell Street. Mr. Guillen has small children as well as other neighbors.

**Mayor Murphy** stated that speed bumps and humps are not allowed to control speed on Village streets per NYS law. The bumps at the beach entrance are removable for plowing and are at a recreational park not a street. Some of the wider streets in the Village have been yellow striped, which helps slow some cars down. Speed limit signs can be posted on all three one-way streets. A sign -Slow-children at play- was also suggested. There are No Parking signs posted at the Partition Street end of Russell Street to allow for the furniture delivery trucks that are being changed to no parking from 7am to 5pm to allow for parking after 5pm. Additional speed signs and enforcement was discussed. **Mayor Murphy** requested Mr. Guillen's phone number for contact to discuss further.

**Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from October 4, 2021.**

**Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from October 4, 2021.**

**The motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from October 4, 2021, was seconded by Trustee Buono. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for October 18, 2021**

- General \$ 111,030.90
- Water \$ 28,552.86
- Wastewater \$ 32,289.79

**Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstract for October 18, 2021. The motion to approve the Abstract for October 18, 2021, was seconded Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

### Reports

**George Terpening** reported for Buildings, Parks and Grounds. See attached report.

**Mike Hopf** reported for the Water Dept. See attached report.

Thank you to the Town of Ulster Water Dept. for helping with the correlation and leak detection during the recent water main break on the East Bridge Street.

The new utility truck has been on order since February, 2021. The new tires that were just put on the 2021 Dodge Utility truck will be removed to another vehicle when the new truck arrives.

The planned reservoir dredging is considered a maintenance and not a repair or infrastructure improvement, so the rescue money may not be used for this project. The current cost for the dredging is \$571,000. The last time the reservoir was dredged was in 2008 and the cost was \$375,000.

**Trustee Martin** inquired if there were any hydrants that need attention. **Mike Hopf** stated that there is a hydrant on Burt Street and Beckley Street and hydrant on Latham Circle that need some repairs.

**Mike Hopf** reported as the interim Superintendent for the Wastewater Dept. See attached report.

The search for a Wastewater Superintendent is ongoing. There are not a lot of candidates to choose from.

**Trustee Hackett** stated that **Mike Hopf** is doing a good job as the interim Superintendent.

The Wastewater plant upgrade project is estimated to be \$4-6million. A meeting with engineers, Brinnier and Larios, is planned to prioritize the project by compliance and safety needs.

The well broke on the slide gate on the clarifier and repairs are underway. The sewer lines in the Village business district will be jetted on Wednesday from 2am -7am.

**Trustee Parisian** questioned the status of the RBC. **Mike Hopf** said the media is expected in 2 - 4 weeks.

**Trustee Martin** reported for the Fire Department. See attached report.

**Trustee Parisian** reported for the DPW. See attached report.

**Trustee Hackett** reported for the Building Dept. See attached report.

**Trustee Hackett** stated that Eyal went above and beyond in handling the fireworks display. Eyal Saad is in Village court tonight for a property maintenance issue.

A response is pending from the Village attorney regarding the new law for parking spaces. The Public Hearing for the new law is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Trustee Hackett** reported that they are working hard to find a suitable candidate for the Wastewater Superintendent position. There will be a meeting on Wednesday with Mayor Murphy to discuss possibilities.

#### **Deputy Mayor Mayer reported:**

- There was a good turnout for the Mum Festival on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Chamber of Commerce is requesting the Village restaurants provide menus to place in the Visitors Center. A Holiday in the Village is being planned. The Kiersted House will host a holiday gift shop for kids to buy gifts for family members. The Chamber website will be changing to distribute links for Chamber and tourism. Paper House Productions will host the next Chamber meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The Touch a Truck event will take place at the Cantine Field parking area on Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will benefit the Small World Playground fund.
- The Fire Department's Annual Halloween Parade will be Friday October 29<sup>th</sup>. Line up is in the municipal parking lot behind Mirabella's at 5:30pm with step off at 6:00pm. The judging will take place outside of the fire house.
- The Arts Commission has filled one of the two open positions. A meet and greet is planned for early December. A Saugerties T-shirt is suggested for the holiday season sales. The Arts Commission offered to help with the holiday tree decorations. **Mayor Murphy** and **Trustee Hackett** suggested they help decorate the new trees in the Montross Street Park.
- TV23 will host a League of Women Voters Candidates forum to be aired 10 times. Two new programs will be Senior Centered – for seniors and Saturday morning cartooning – the history of cartoon drawing.

**Mayor Murphy** attended the ribbon cutting for Violets Bakery on Thursday. The pastries were delicious and highly recommended.

**Trustee Helmuth** had nothing new to report.

**Trustee Buono** had nothing new to report.

**Trustee Parisian** reported that Jonathan Shapiro has resigned as the Chairman of the Historic Review Board. **Mayor Murphy** has asked Jeremy Ellenbogen, 32 Partition Street, to fill the HRB member position. Jeremy Ellenbogen will consider the position and respond this week. The Chairman will be voted on by the HRB members.

**Trustee Parisian** inquired about the gas line replacement on the end of Washington Avenue at Montgomery Street. The project is being done by Mullens for Central Hudson and is very rough with steel plates, cones and the porta potty left behind. **Mike Hopf** stated that the CH job is not complete as the service lines still need to be hooked up to the main.

**Trustee Parisian** commented that the NYS DOT fixed the stone wall on Church Street with a quick fix for the winter. The wall needs to be evaluated by an engineer and secured with concrete pylons for support.

**Mayor Murphy** presented Resolution #12 – Arm of the Sea Right of Way Easement

The resolution had been emailed today to the Trustees for review. Mayor Murphy and Trustees discussed having more time to review resolution for the proposed easement.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to table the Resolution #12 Arm of the Sea Right of Way Easement until the November 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to table the Resolution #12 Arm of the Sea Right of Way Easement until the November 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Hackett** made a motion to adjourn. **Trustee Martin** seconded the motion to adjourn. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

The next Village Board meeting is **Monday, November 1, 2021, at 5:30 pm.**

Lisa Mayone Village Clerk

October 22, 2021