



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes May 2, 2022

Present: Mayor Murphy, Trustees Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Terry Parisian, Brian Martin and Jeff Helmuth. Others: Paula Kerbert, Treasurer, Bill Kemble -Kingston Freeman, Robert Gallenz, Justine Gaukler and Bill Barr.

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

Trustee Buono led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Bill Barr spoke to the rental crisis in the Village of Saugerties, stating that it's not just the Village but all over. Bill likes the fact that a lot of the houses on Livingston Street are getting fixed up for rentals. Mayor Murphy stated that there were 2 houses knocked down on Post Street and that they were going to be rebuilt for rental properties as well. Bill also asked about short term rental policy and Mayor Murphy stated that Eyal has been trying to write a law for the Village about short term rentals so that there are some sort of regulations and that the Village is working with the Town to help with that.

Robert Gallenz spoke about the rental crisis as well, stating it's a big problem here in the Village. He said Happy Mother's Day to all Mother's.

Justin Gaukler wanted to ask about a block party and how to go about having one. She asked what she would need to do to have one. **Mayor Murphy** stated that it could be done with the cooperation of all the neighbors and Eyal Saad, the code enforcement officer and also the police department. Mayor Murphy suggested Treis Terrace because it's a dead end street and you wouldn't have to worry so much about the traffic.

Justine questioned the holiday display at the Reis parking lot. She wanted to know if she could bring in a Kwanzaa display and take care of it. Kwanzaa is not a religious holiday it's a cultural celebration so Mayor Murphy said it would be fine. Just contact the Village beforehand.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from April 18, 2022.

Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from April 18, 2022. The motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from April 18, 2022, was seconded by Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for May 2, 2022.

- General \$ 68,629.65
- Water \$ 16,928.46
- Wastewater \$ 29,414.06

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstracts for May 2, 2022. The motion to approve the Abstracts for May 2, 2022, was seconded Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Paula Kerbert-Treasurer's Report-See attached report-I will be sending the tax bill forms over to the county this week. The tax bills will be ready for pick up around the 16th of May and mailed out on May 31, 2022. The Mayor has approved a tax payment plan again this year for residents who may need help paying their taxes. A letter will go out to all residents with tax bills so they can contact the office to make payment arrangements if need be.

Trustee Parisian stated nothing to report for DPW this week. Trustee Parisian asked who our attorney is for HRB and the Mayor stated it is Ben Neidel. He needs to ask Ben about an interpretation of what a logo is for signage in the Village. Some of the new businesses coming in are stating they have a "logo" and it's not actually a logo. They need the legal

opinion. Trustee Parisian also wanted clarification about the transfer station on Steele Place. He asked if we hired Sweeney carting to manage that and Mayor Murphy stated that we did. Trustee Parisian also asked if they receive a fee to handle the electronics, etc. that the residents drop off at the transfer station. Again, the Mayor said yes. Trustee Parisian asked "who pays for the disposal of such said items? Mayor Murphy stated Sweeney pays for the disposal of the items and we just transport the items for them. Mayor Murphy also stated that we now have a new bin there for the electronics that are collected to keep it neater. There is no charge to dump them. We get money for the scrap that we dump there as well.

Trustee Helmuth- had nothing new to report.

Deputy Mayor Mayer was not in attendance but sent in a report. See attached.

Trustee Hackett reported for the zoning board meeting. They spoke about an application for a 5 story apartment building to go behind Mirabella's in the Village. There is a parking issue for the building where they only have 4 spots available. After looking into the law for businesses and parking it was determined that the law is a little lenient with regards to parking. Any overflow would go to the municipal lot. It's legal for them to have 4 parking spaces. Trustee Helmuth stated that we should change that. Even with the 5 story building the ceilings are only 8 ft but the building will be way above the 3 story buildings that are already in the surrounding area. They have the building at a 50 ft height but there's no place for utilities, fire wall, and there will be no windows on the south side of the building. They would have to file for a variance. Trustee Hackett also stated that Eyal is working on something for the parking law so that it doesn't get shot down again by the committee. Trustee Parisian stated that because of the parking issue they had discussed at the HRB meeting that they would look into buying additional land so that they could accommodate the parking issue. Mayor Murphy stated that there is potential for other parking but it has to be explored and we are a long way off. Trustee Parisian said there are a lot of hurdles yet.

The RBC was partially installed at the waste water plant. The contractor Don Elder, forgot an important part that they needed and it was left in Ohio. They couldn't ship the part so he had to go back to Ohio to retrieve the part and bring it back so they could finish installing the RBC. That should happen by Tuesday hopefully.

Trustee Martin- Reported that Chief Chris Wade wanted to thank everyone who came out to Chief's night. Trustee Martin sat down with the Water Supervisor Mike Hopf and decided to put the old ladder truck on Public Surplus to try and sell it. They put it on the website for 30 days and got 3 hits on it but only for \$2500. They put a reserve on it of \$15,000.

Mayor Murphy-Mayor Murphy asked Trustee Martin about the community service person we have supposedly painting parking meters. Trustee Martin stated that he thought the person was already out painting the parking meters but he would check. Trustee Helmuth stated he saw someone painting the meters on main Street by the Exchange Hotel.

Trustee Buono-Nothing to report for the Village but that the Legion is having their pulled pork dinner on May 10th and that they need the reservation by the 5th of May. The dinners are \$16.00 each. They have had a very good response to all the dinners they have had. This will be the last dinner for a while.

Mayor Murphy stated that he remembered when we used to have Benny Riozzi walk around about 4 hours a couple days a week in the business district and sweep up the sidewalks and the gutters and making sure everything was clean. "I would love to bring that back!" is what was stated by Mayor Murphy. Maybe reach out to a retired person for part time that could do the same thing. Mayor Murphy said he thought it would add a lot to the Village. They could also check and see if any of the garbage pails or recycling pails are full and let the DPW crew know to come and empty them.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting. Trustee Buono seconded the motion to adjourn. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.

The next Village Board meeting Monday, May 16, 2022 at 5:30 pm.