



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes September 19, 2022

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustees Vince Buono, Brian Martin, Terry Parisian, Don Hackett, Jeff Helmuth Others: Rich Forbes, Ed Quirk, Dave Gordon, Brian Mason

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

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

### Privilege of the Floor

**Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from September 6, 2022.**

**Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from September 6, 2022. The motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from September 6, 2022, was seconded by Trustee Hackett All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for September 19, 2022.**

- General \$ 12,518.69
- Water \$ 11,340.69
- Wastewater 20,676.47

**Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Abstracts for September 19, 2022. The motion to approve the Abstracts for September 19, 2022 was seconded by Trustee Martin. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

### Trustee Reports

**Trustee Parisian** suggested Rich Forbes present his report and request. See the attached report.

Rich Forbes presented his report and DPW's list of the equipment indicating the conditions of each piece.

The road/driveway behind Seamon Park is being prepped for blacktop tomorrow. The docks at the beach will be removed with the help of Mike Ivino, J&J Tree Service, on Saturday, 9/24. The community signs were picked up from JVC Graphics, since they have not been finished within the 2 years, they have had them. Fast Signs was suggested.

Ann and Beckley Street drainage repair was completed.

**Mayor Murphy** stated that Rich Forbes had joined him with Central Hudson and Ed Cooper, Mullens, in a tour of the streets that were affected by the gas line replacement project. Normally, Central Hudson has the contractors pave only the 6ft section of the pavement where the line was replaced. An agreement was reached that Central Hudson would reimburse the Village for the cost of labor and materials to pave the 6ft sections on Virginia Ave, Post Street and Clermont Street. The DPW would then use the funds to completely pave the same streets by early October and before November 15<sup>th</sup>, when the asphalt plants close. Some of the milling equipment will be rented and the Town DPW will help also with paving.

The inventory list of DPW equipment was discussed. The recent purchase of the Ford 650 truck will replace one of the red lined trucks.

**Trustee Parisian** stated that the one truck would not get the DPW through the winter. The Town of Ulster has a 2010 Mac, 6wheel, in excellent condition that has been offered to the Village to purchase at \$25,000.

**Mayor Murphy** stated that the plan was to possibly borrow a plow truck from the Town of Ulster to get through the winter. The Town of Ulster Supervisor Quigley offered the truck at a reasonable price instead of borrowing it. The Town of Ulster is replacing their vehicles by the Spring.

The two freightliners are still planned to be purchased. The waiting period is at least a year from when the truck is ordered.

This purchase is not budgeted but this is a good deal and needed. The money will be found in the budget to make this necessary purchase for plowing.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2010 Mac from the Town of Ulster provided the funds are in the budget. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the 2010 Mac from the Town of Ulster provided the funds are in the budget. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

A resolution of the purchase will be presented at the next Village Board meeting.

The suggestion was made to have a 5year budget plan to replace aging equipment.

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

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

**Trustee Martin** presented an application for a new member to the Washington Hook & Ladder Company. Jarret Cameron's application has been recommended and favorably approved by the Fire Department investigating committee.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to accept the membership application for Jarrett Cameron to the Washington Hook and Ladder Company. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to accept the membership application for Jarrett Cameron to the Washington Hook and Ladder Company. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Martin** presented an application for exempt status from the Washington Hook and Ladder Company for Vincent McLaughlin. **Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the application of Vincent McLaughlin for exempt status from Washington Hook and Ladder Company. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to approve the application of Vincent McLaughlin for exempt status from Washington Hook and Ladder Company. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Hackett** reported that a candidate was interviewed for the operator trainee position. We will move forward with an offer of \$18 per hour.

The Wastewater plant is running well. Meetings with Joe Myers have gone well. The RBC is up and running. The upgrades are needed. **Trustee Buono** commented that he had spoke with Mike H. regarding the odor being more frequent lately.

**Mayor Murphy** has also received an email complaint from a resident near the wastewater plant regarding the strong odor. Mike Hopf personally went to speak with the resident regarding the complaint. The possibility of not taking in sludge would be part of the solutions. Is taking sludge in worth the complaints, expense of the chemicals, wear and tear on the equipment? **Trustee Hackett** stated that not taking the sludge would amount to the loss of \$120,000 per year and the rates would have to be raised. An alternate would be to put a building over the sludge pit. This change was supposed to have been part of the \$6million upgrade which is now been cut due to increase in prices.

**Mayor Murphy** said there are other alternatives, and this has been one of the hottest summers lately. The winter will be less odor complaints.

**Trustee Hackett** stated that the upgrades have been being discussed for the last eight years, approvals are made but nothing gets done.

**Mayor Murphy** stated that we are refocused on the improvements and the personnel. Mike Hopf has been a huge plus, helping run the wastewater plant while being short staffed.

**Trustee Hackett** stated that the digester cover was not repaired due to the budget constraints. Grants are being researched.

**Trustee Martin** reported that the harvester was taken to Tannersville on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to clean a portion of Rip Van Winkle Lake. Tannersville will be invoiced to cover the costs. The harvester is currently at Benson Steel to have a few minor repairs made before it is stored for the season. We had three great operators this season.

**Trustee Parisian** inquired as to the results from camera-ing the sewer lines at 31 Main Street. **Mayor Murphy** stated that Mike Hopf, Dennis Larios and Rod Martin were present at the camera-ing. and determined to have test holes dug. The test holes will be 2ft deep and how quickly they fill up will help determine where the water is coming from. The process and determination are in the engineers' hands right now and the decision will be based on their professional opinion.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** reported

- Thank you to the DPW for their help with owl street art. The Chamber of Commerce art auction raised \$30,000 for various organizations. The food was provided by Salt and Fire and Bob Sircusano and Ray Tucker were the auctioneers. The next Chamber meeting will be held at Salt and Fire on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The Garlic Festival is scheduled for Oct 1 & 2 at Cantine Field.
- The Mum Festival Committee is working on the details for October 9<sup>th</sup>, 12-5:00.
- The Arts Commission will have a meet and greet at Opus 40 on September 21<sup>st</sup> 3 – 6pm for painting, song writing, and 6-8pm for meet and greet. The request for a donation from the Village will be shared with the Trustees for review. The amount will have to be budgeted for next year. The APRPA funds are a possibility.

**Trustee Helmuth** reported that the Phase 1 Water advisory regarding restricted water usage in the Village in place from August 23 to September 6<sup>th</sup> resulted in a 12% savings of water usage. The Water Supply agreement has been presented to the Town for review.

#### **The Petition for a Zoning Change**

A Public Hearing will be set at the next Board meeting.

**Mayor Murphy** shared the cost estimate for the proposed chairlift for access to the Donlon gym. The proposal is for one chair to the landing and a second chair from the landing to the top is \$9,300, with a 2year warranty. The installation will be done in one day. The payment will come from ARPA funds and reimbursed if the grant is approved.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve the purchase of electric chairlift for the Donlon Auditorium based on the proposal of \$9,300. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to approve the purchase of electric chairlift for the Donlon Auditorium based on the proposal of \$9,300. The motion carried unanimously.**

**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, October 3, at 5:30 pm.**

Lisa Mayone      Village Clerk      September 22, 2022