



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

**Budget Public Hearing and
Village Board Meeting
Minutes
April 4, 2022**

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Terry Parisian, Brian Martin, Jeff Helmuth
Others: Bill Barr, Justine Tomkiell, Andrew Zink, Nina Schmidbaur Zink, Bill Kemble -Kingston Freeman, Dave Gordon – Hudson Valley 1

Mayor Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Murphy opened the **Public Hearing for the tentative 2022 – 23 Budget** at 5: 30 pm.

There was no one from the public present to address the Board regarding the 2022-23 Budget.

Trustee Parisian questioned the \$28,000 state aid line of the budget. **Treasurer Kerbert** stated that it is the AIM funds from NYS.

Trustee Hackett stated that is a good budget and Paula did a great job working with the departments to get it together.

Mayor Murphy stated that he is confident in the budget. Overall spending is up \$70,0000 but the tax rate is down 7% based on changes in the assessments. When assessments go up, many municipalities keep the tax rate up to generate more revenue but we tried to give the money back to the taxpayers. The increase was minimized. The budget has been neutral for the last ten years. We have accomplished a lot especially coming out of a two-year pandemic. We were able to work in the purchase of a \$1 million fire truck and not affect the tax rate.

Trustee Buono is concerned with how the Village will be making the payment on the fire truck and items on the fire department equipment line. **Treasurer Kerbert** stated that the \$70,000 truck payment will come from the appropriated fund balance this year. **Trustee Martin** stated that the Fire Department equipment being purchased is required to meet NYS, OSHA AND PESH standards. The air packs were upgraded with no cost. **Mayor Murphy** suggested that a portion of the ARPA funds could be used for some of the Fire Department equipment. **Treasurer Kerbert** will review which pieces of FD equipment is eligible for the ARPA funds and get back to the Board.

Mayor Murphy requested any further comments. **Andrew Zink** stated that the rate decrease is impressive and feels it is good budget and thanked the Trustees for their time.

The Budget will be voted on at the next Board meeting on April 18th at 5:30pm.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to close the 2022-23 Budget Public Hearing. The motion to close the 2022-23 Budget Public Hearing was seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion carried unanimously. The Public Hearing closed at 5:45pm.

Mayor Murphy opened the Village Board meeting at 5:46pm.

Privilege of the Floor

Bill Barr, 67 Livingston Street, spoke regarding his concerns for the Village having an alternate water source. The developments in Glasco and the proposed Winston Farm projects will need water that will bring usage up to our supply limit. The proposal for the Winston Farm project will provide an alternate source of water, but it sounds like they would own the water. **Mayor Murphy** stated that the Village had been given drilling rights for well to provide a secondary water source at the Winston Farm property before it was sold. The new owners were not able to commit to the test well before our NYS funding ran out. The new owners are local and are willing to continue to find the secondary source and then turn it over to the Village. There will be a water agreement between the owners and the Village.

Trustee Hackett stated that the village has been looking for a secondary water source for years. The Town will need an increase supply with the new developments. **Trustee Buono** also asked about the multiple projects in the Glasco area. **Trustee Helmuth** stated that he has a meeting planned with Water Superintendent, Michael Hopf and Town Planning Board member, Mike Tiano to discuss the water needs of new developments in the Town and a new water contract between the Town and Village. **Mayor Murphy** thanked Mr. Barr for his concerns and comments. Mr. Barr stated that he had already sent a letter to the Editor regarding the water.

Justine Tomkeill had no comments.

Nina Schmidbaur Zink presented the Board with information from the Saugerties Public Library. The library had an event at the Orpheum Theatre and gave out all the books they had that coordinated with the movie being shown. It was a fun and well attended event.

The library is sponsoring another Free Book Project to promote reading and use of the library. Free social-emotional learning books for children 8 and under in both English and Spanish will be available at 18 locations throughout the Village and Town. The books will come with bookmarks that have information on how to obtain a library card and the library's location. **Mayor Murphy** stated that the Village office would be a good location for the books and agreed that it is a wonderful project.

Oath of Office

Clerk Mayone administered the Oath of Office to the newly re-elected Trustees – **Vincent Buono, Donald Hackett, and Terry Parisian**. The Trustees stood as Clerk Mayone read the Oath of Office.

All Trustees signed in the Oath of Office registry and Mayor witnessed each signature.

The Oath of Office for Village **Justice Robert J. Rightmyer** and **Associate Justice Stanley R. O'Dell** was administered in the Village office on April 1, 2022.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2022.

Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2022. The motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2022, was seconded by Trustee Martin. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for April 4, 2022.

- General \$ 31,315.92
- Water \$ 13,612.48
- Wastewater \$ 10,163.55

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for April 4, 2022. The motion to approve the Abstract for April 4, 2022, was seconded Deputy Mayor Mayer. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Paula Kerbert presented the Treasurer's report. The outstanding balance for 2021 taxes is at \$5,076.28 and the total outstanding taxes from 2016 – 2021 is \$33,335.07. Residents that have made payment plan agreements having been making their payments.

Trustee Parisian reported that DPW will begin picking up brush for Spring cleanup beginning April 18th.

HBO filming will be taking place on Elm Street and have requested that the brush be cleaned up early before April 11th.

The owners of 48 Post Street have started the demolition to remove the house.

Trustee Helmuth had nothing new to report.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported:

- The Arts Commission had an event at the Whitefeather Farm, Rte. 212. The event was for people in the art industry to have a cultural exchange of ideas and to raise funds for the commission.
- The Chamber of Commerce meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th.
- A scheduling conflict between Arm of The Sea and The Chamber Sunset Concert Series on July 1st at Tina Chorvas Park is being worked out.

- Rich Forbes has tried twice to pick up the community sign from the repair shop and they were not ready.
- A meeting of the Revolving Loan Committee will be scheduled to review a new application for funds.

Trustee Hackett stated the Eyal Saad is doing a fantastic job in the Building Dept.

Trustee Hackett reported for the Wastewater Dept.

The RBC is scheduled to be installed on April 28th at the Wastewater plant. It has been 2 years trying to get this installed. Dennis Larios still needs to get the figures to Treasurer Kerbert for the wastewater bond.

Thank you to Mr. Barr for bringing up the secondary water source issue.

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

Chief's Night is scheduled for April 22nd at Diamond Mills - 6pm cocktail hour and 7pm dinner. Invitations have been distributed by Chief Wade.

The 1991 Simon Ladder Truck has still out advertised for bids. There have been no bids received yet.

Mayor Murphy suggested that the bid be published in national publications to reach a greater area. **Trustee Martin** will investigate additional options for publication.

Trustee Buono reported that he attended the Transportation Committee meeting. A report will be shared at the next Board meeting.

Resolution

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #6 – Parkinson Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #6 Parkinson Awareness Month Proclamation for April. Trustee Martin seconded the motion to approve Resolution #6 Parkinson Awareness Month Proclamation for April. By a roll call of the Trustees, all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Mayer presented the letter of support for the NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act.

Trustee Helmuth made a motion to have Mayor Murphy sign the letter of support for the NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act as written. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to have Mayor Murphy sign the letter of support for the NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting. Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to adjourn. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

The next Village Board meeting Monday, April 18, 2022 for the at 5:30 pm.

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

April 13, 2022