



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes March 7, 2022

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Terry Parisian, Jeff Helmuth Treasurer Paula Kerbert, Others: Ed Quirk, Rosemarie Brackett, Justine Tomkiell, Andrew Zink, Nina Schmidbaur Zink, Bill Kemble -Kingston Freeman, Dave Gordon – Hudson Valley 1

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

Trustee Buono led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Mayor Murphy**

Privilege of the Floor

Justine Tomkiell stated that she heard at the Town Board meeting that the Village has an opening on the street committee. She would be interested in serving on that committee. **Mayor Murphy** stated that there is an opening on the STAC committee which addresses roads and transportation. **Trustee Buono** confirmed that there is an opening on the STAC committee and that the next meeting will be March 22 at 7:00pm In the Town Hall. **Mayor Murphy** unofficially appointed **Justine Tomkiell** as a Village representative to the STAC committee until an official appointment is made at the Village's organizational meeting, April 18th. **Mayor Murphy** thanked Justine for volunteering.

Rosemarie Brackett spoke to the Board regarding the Tree Commission's progress at the Pollinator Garden in the Montross Street Park. Bluestone boulders have been placed in the park for design and to provide visitors a place to sit. The fencing and planting will begin in April. Williams Lumber will be donating some of the fencing. The plans call for a brick wall on either side of the arbor. The wall will be approximately 2 feet high and feature bricks from local brick yards. Dirt is being used from the supply at North Street. John Stafford will be building an arbor for the Montross side of the garden. A plaque honoring the family that donated the property and a recognition of project supporters will be placed in the park. A water line hookup is needed. A park opening is being planned for June.

Mayor Murphy stated that the Village would take care of ordering the plaque. **Mayor Murphy** also advised Rosemarie to coordinate with Rich Forbes regarding digging for the water line. Right now, the ground is too cold.

Andrew Zink stated that it has been a pleasure to work on the garden project. He wanted to recognize all at the DPW for their help.

Rosemarie Brackett expressed her appreciation and thanked everyone for their support of the project.

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

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

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for March 7, 2022.

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| • General | \$ 40,425.72 |
| • Water | \$ 19,646.67 |
| • Wastewater | \$ 5,976.06 |

Deputy Mayor Mayer made a motion to approve the Abstract for March 7, 2022. The motion to approve the Abstract for March 7, 2022, was seconded Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – see attached report.

Paula Kerbert reported the residents that have arranged for payment plans have been keeping up with their installments. The outstanding taxes for 2021 are at \$9887.00.

The tentative budget has been prepared and will be presented to the Trustees for review.

Trustee Hackett reported that Joseph Myers has been doing a great job at the wastewater plant. The RBC is expected to be delivered next week.

Trustee Hackett stated the Eyal Saad is doing a fantastic job in the Building Dept. There is tentative request for the harvester to be used in a creek in Tannersville. **Mayor Murphy** added that the letter went out to Tannersville today with the proposal and requirements before any agreement is finalized. A release from DEC is required.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported:

- The Chamber of Commerce will have an Artist meet Sponsor event at the American Legion, John Street on Sunday, March 13 4:30 -6:30. **Trustee Buono** has volunteered to select the artist for the Village and Town sponsored owl. The event is open to all Village Board members. The "Rocky" owl street art will be installed May 15 and be on display until September 6. Robert Lang, Emerge Gallery, will video the owls and post on TV23 and FB. The auction will be held in the Kiersted Barn.
The Chamber monthly meeting will be a mixer at 32 Partition Street on Wednesday, March 30. Stefan Yarback, the Chair of the Saugerties Historic Preservation Commission, will be the guest speaker.
- The Community Choice Aggregation information for the public will be posted by Mike Campbell.
- Upstate Films will launch a new initiative, Thursday, March 17, at The Orpheum Theatre designed to support the community. The Community Kernels program will donate 100% of the proceeds from the evening's popcorn sales to local not-for-profit organization each month. The March event will benefit the Lutheran Church Food Pantry. **Mayor Murphy** mentioned that Upstate Films had donated to the Saugerties Boys and Girls Club also.

Trustee Helmuth had nothing new to report

Trustee Parisian had nothing new to report.

Trustee Buono had nothing new to report.

Trustee Buono asked if the Board would discuss the use of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds at the next Board meeting. **Mayor Murphy** agreed that the Trustees should bring their ideas for the use of the ARPA funds to the next Board meeting. The ARPA funds available for 2021 are \$164,000 to be used by 2023 and the 2022 funds will be \$198,000.

Clerk Mayone distributed the tentative 2022-23 budget to the Trustees for their review.

Mayor Murphy thanked **Treasurer Kerbert** for her hard work and time spent on getting the tentative budget prepared.

Trustee Parisian inquired if there was any interest in the old Fire Department.

Trustee Martin stated that there is some interest, and the truck is going to be sold.

Clerk Mayone stated that the Village Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 15th in the fire house, 12noon – 9:00pm. The Village offices will close at 12 noon.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting. Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to adjourn. The Board meeting adjourned at 5:59pm.

The next Village Board meeting is **Monday, March 21, 2022 at 5:30 pm.**

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

March 10, 2022