



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

**Village Board Meeting
Minutes
August 3, 2026**

Present: Mayor Murphy, Trustees: Don Hackett, Jeannine Mayer, Vince Buono

Others: Bill Kimble, Ed Quirk, Kelly Brickman, Martin Steingesser, Kerry McQuaide, Joseph Gutelius, Michael Rea, Warren Feriue, Eric Delmar

Absent: Terry Parisian, Andrew Zink, Brian Martin

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

Trustee Buono led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Privilege of the Floor –

Kelly Brickman – requesting permission to continue the art project on the Boys & Girls Club wall, Phase II in August and September.

Mayor Murphy made the motion to approve giving permission to Kelli Brickman to continue Phase II of the art project on the Boys and Girls Club wall. Trustee Mayer seconded the motion to approve giving permission to Kelli Brickman to continue Phase II of the art project on the Boys and Girls Club wall. All in favor, motion carried.

Kelli Brickman also mentioned that Rocky the Owl mural has some bonding issues, can someone take a look.

BESS -Town Application

Mayor Murphy announced Privilege of the Floor, but first wanted to read Resolution # 5 and read as follows:

RESOLUTION # 5

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUGERTIES REQUESTING A MORATORIUM OR DENIAL BY THE TOWN OF SAUGERTIES OF ANY APPROVALS FOR THE PROPOSED 100-MEGAWATT KCE NY 34 BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM PROJECT BY KEY CAPTURE ENERGY ON TOMSONS ROAD PENDING DEMONSTRATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the Village of Saugerties has a responsibility to protect the health, safety, welfare, natural resources, and quality of life of its residents; and

WHEREAS the proposed utility-scale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project by Key Capture Energy on Tomsons Road would utilize lithium-ion battery technology, which has experienced documented thermal runaway incidents at facilities throughout the United States, including incidents resulting in prolonged fires, evacuations, and emergency response challenges; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognizes that lithium-ion battery fires are uniquely difficult to extinguish, may reignite after suppression, can release hazardous gases, and require specialized emergency response and cleanup procedures; and

WHEREAS documented incidents such as Moss Landing, California, have resulted in precautionary evacuations of more than 1,000 residents due to fire and smoke concerns, illustrating the potential community disruption that can occur, as well as the possibility of long-term public health impacts; and

WHEREAS lithium-ion battery failures may generate hazardous combustion byproducts including hydrogen fluoride, hydrogen chloride, hydrogen cyanide, carbon monoxide, and metal-containing particulates that require careful monitoring during emergency events; and

WHEREAS, the potential consequences of a catastrophic failure include temporary evacuation of Village residents, evacuation of schools located in the Village, disruption of local businesses, impacts on wildlife habitats, stress on domestic animals and livestock, smoke impacts to vegetation, and significant burdens on volunteer fire, ambulance and other emergency responders; and

WHEREAS numerous municipalities in New York State and elsewhere have adopted temporary moratoriums or called for additional review of utility-scale battery storage facilities while evaluating evolving safety standards and emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, while battery storage technology may ultimately play an important role in supporting electrical grid reliability and renewable energy integration, public confidence depends upon transparent siting, rigorous engineering standards, and demonstrated emergency preparedness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Saugerties urges the Town of Saugerties to enact a moratorium or issue no approvals for the proposed Battery Energy Storage System by Key Capture Energy on Tomsons Road unless and until:

1. A positive declaration is issued by the Town under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) is prepared by the applicant and public hearings held.
2. A comprehensive independent quantitative risk assessment is completed.
3. Independent modeling identifies and discloses potential evacuation zones and smoke dispersion under worse-case weather conditions.
4. Local fire departments certify that they possess the personnel, equipment, and specialized training necessary to respond safely to any fires or other emergencies at the proposed facility.
5. Independent environmental experts evaluate potential impacts of the proposed facility to nearby wetlands, wildlife, domestic animals, vegetation, soil, and water resources.
6. Financial assurances are established by the applicant to cover emergency response, environmental remediation, and long-term monitoring.
7. Residents receive full public disclosure and an opportunity to be heard with respect to emergency response plans, monitoring procedures, and notification protocols.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that due to the increased risk of the proposed project with proximity, the Village Board requests the Town give special consideration to the objections and concerns of the Village Board on

behalf of Village residents, schools, businesses, parks, agricultural operations, and sensitive environmental areas which are located nearest the proposed facility, recognizing they would be the first affected by any emergency requiring evacuation, smoke advisories, or access restrictions.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Village of Saugerties urges all permitting agencies to apply the precautionary principle: where credible questions remain regarding public safety or environmental protection, there should be no rush to judgment, and any approvals should be withheld unless and until those questions have been fully, independently and satisfactorily answered through transparent, science-based review.

Mayor Murphy made the motion to approve Resolution 5, requesting a moratorium or denial by the Town of Saugerties of any approvals for the proposed 100-megawatt KCE 34 Battery Energy Storage System Project by Key Capture Energy on Tomsons Road pending demonstration of public safety and environmental protection. Trustee Mayer seconded the motion to approve Resolution 5, requesting a moratorium or denial by the Town of Saugerties of any approvals for the proposed 100-megawatt KCE 34 Battery Energy Storage System Project by Key Capture Energy on Tomsons Road pending demonstration of public safety and environmental protection. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Murphy is going to let Supervisor Costello decision of the Village Board on Resolution # 5, immediately following this meeting.

The sign-in sheet for the public to speak was filled out with 4 names on the BESS at Tomsons Road Project; after the Mayor Murphy completed reading Resolution 5, no one decided to speak. The Mayor continued with the regular session.

Trustee Hackett made the motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from July 20, 2026. Trustee Mayer seconded the motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes July 20, 2026. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for August 3, 2026

• General	\$ 24,850.40
• Water	\$ 17,551.06
• Wastewater	\$ 42,572.49
• Capital Project	\$ 161,500.00
• <u>Capital Project</u>	<u>\$ 42,255.00</u>
• TOTAL	\$ 288,748.95

Trustee Mayer made a motion to approve the Abstracts for July 20, 2026. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion to approve the Abstracts for July 20, 2026. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

John Kahn – Village Beach Proposal, Mayor Murphy made a motion to allow John Kahn’s “Readforrestation Treestise” at the Village of Saugerties Beach, Trustee Mayer seconded the motion to allow John Kahn’s “Readforrestation Treestise” at the Village of Saugerties Beach. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – received \$50K last week in Taxes. We already have \$3M, we should be in good shape by October.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Mayer – This Friday is First Friday, Tina Chorvas, need electric and the stage. Art Studio Tour, 10AM – 6PM, Chamber meeting Wednesday and Thursday TV 23 meeting.

Trustee Hackett – the trickling filter debris coming down the hill during the storm cost will be on next abstract of \$3200.00 to clean it out. A tree came down on the electric fence at the Wastewater plant, needs to be replaced but the insurance coverage was \$25K, the replacement cost is \$12K. We will be getting a cheaper gate for the replacement.

Trustee Buono - Article in the NYCOM magazine from June 2026, article on Warwick's Response to The 28 Church Street Battery Storage Fire, interesting read.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to Adjourn the Village Board Meeting. Trustee Martin seconded the motion to Adjourn the Village Board Meeting. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:57pm.

The next **Village Board meeting is August 17, 2026, at 5:30PM**

Peggy Melville Village Clerk August 4, 2026

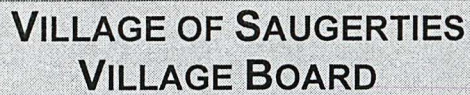
Village of Saugerties
Abstracts Monday August 3, 2026
As of August 4, 2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Credit
A-General Fund						
Bill	08/03/2026	4118171/Fire	Anderson Medical		3410.4 · Fire - CE	900.00
Bill	08/03/2026	11735507/Parks	United Ag & Turf		7140.2 · Parks - EQ	428.50
Bill	08/03/2026	70203/Parks	Mowers & More		7140.2 · Parks - EQ	60.00
Bill	08/03/2026	Aug26/Gen/EFT	Vision Service Plan		9060.8 · Employee Benefits	176.69
Bill	08/03/2026	147881/DPW	Trailer King		5110.2 · Street Maint - EQ	2,711.30
Bill	08/03/2026	58132601/Fire/EFT	AT&T Mobility #287290503090		3410.4 · Fire - CE	276.03
Bill	08/03/2026	5596571/CC	Construction Tool Warehouse		7140.4 · Parks - CE	117.25
Bill	08/03/2026	412401/Parks	Adams Fairacre Farms		7140.4 · Parks - CE	191.07
Bill	08/03/2026	402744/Parks	Adams Fairacre Farms		7140.4 · Parks - CE	88.92
Bill	08/03/2026	399070/Parks	Adams Fairacre Farms		7140.4 · Parks - CE	0.50
Bill	08/03/2026	294006/Parks	Adams Fairacre Farms		7140.4 · Parks - CE	91.14
Bill	08/03/2026	206558/Parks/27950	Saugerties Lumber CO. Inc		7140.4 · Parks - CE	38.38
Bill	08/03/2026	Lifeguard Cert/EFT	Jonathan-Saad		7320.4 · Beach - CE	185.00
Bill	08/03/2026	5597540/CC	Construction Tool Warehouse		5110.4 · Street Maint - CE	41.30
Bill	08/03/2026	26-1923/DPW	Dutchess Tire Center		5110402 · Tires & Repairs	575.00
Bill	08/03/2026	Y163203/DPW	Hudson River Truck & Trailer		5110.4 · Street Maint - CE	675.00
Bill	08/03/2026	344549/DPW	Share Corporation		-SPLIT-	347.98
Bill	08/03/2026	5597314/DPW/CC	Construction Tool Warehouse		5110.2 · Street Maint - EQ	174.45
Bill	08/03/2026	19350/DPW	Steyer's Hudson Valley Automotive...		5110.4 · Street Maint - CE	21.00
Bill	08/03/2026	100084375/DPW/EFT	Central Hudson		5110428 · Central Hudson	288.89
Bill	08/03/2026	100101037/Sign/EFT	Central Hudson		5182.4 · Street Lighting - CE	94.01
Bill	08/03/2026	DPW/EFT	Amazon Marketplace Payments		5110.4 · Street Maint - CE	49.83
Bill	08/03/2026	0076218-IN	AAA Emergency Supply Co Inc	0076218-I...	3410.2 · Fire - EQ	380.00
Bill	08/03/2026	0075999-IN	AAA Emergency Supply Co Inc	0075999-I...	3410.2 · Fire - EQ	7,039.05
Bill	08/03/2026	M31967	Big Top Portable Toilets Inc	M31967 ...	7140.4 · Parks - CE	175.00
Bill	08/03/2026	M31968	Big Top Portable Toilets Inc	M31968 ...	7140.4 · Parks - CE	225.00
Bill	08/03/2026	21001003777 aug2026	Central Hudson	2100-100...	1620.4 · Buildings - CE	1,613.58
Bill	08/03/2026	5597784 - DPW	Construction Tool Warehouse	5597784 ...	5110.4 · Street Maint - CE	18.40
Bill	08/03/2026	2013-978	Greylock Electronics	2013-978 ...	1620.4 · Buildings - CE	1,090.00
Bill	08/03/2026	HS65548264	NRG Business Marketing	HS65548...	1620.1 · Buildings - PS	15.97
Bill	08/03/2026	S6288228.001	N & S Supply	S6288228...	1620.4 · Buildings - CE	36.89
Bill	08/03/2026	206653	Saugerties Lumber CO. Inc	206653 S...	8140.4 · Storm Sewers - CE	61.90
Bill	08/03/2026	8150320010123308 aug	Spectrum	81503200...	1620.4 · Buildings - CE	92.22
Bill	08/03/2026	587115031	Toshiba	58711503...	1620.4 · Buildings - CE	234.61
Bill	08/03/2026	335422 - Fire	Vonage	335422 - ...	3410.4 · Fire - CE	64.17
Bill	08/03/2026	263366647	WB Mason Co, Inc	26336664...	8664.4 · Code Enforcement - CE	106.67
Bill	08/03/2026	2926658	Wolberg Electrical Supply Co.	2926658 - ...	1620.4 · Buildings - CE	726.99
Bill	08/03/2026	21000956751 aug26	Central Hudson	2100-095...	5182.4 · Street Lighting - CE	43.19
Bill	08/03/2026	5598201	Construction Tool Warehouse	5598201 ...	5110.4 · Street Maint - CE	80.50

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Credit
Bill	08/03/2026	2930116	Wolberg Electrical Supply Co.-	2930116 -...	5110.4 · Street Maint - CE	296.46
Bill	08/03/2026	1291436	Peckham Industries Inc	1291436 ...	5112.4 · CHIPS - CE	405.00
Bill	08/03/2026	1291435	Peckham Industries Inc	1291435 ...	5112.4 · CHIPS - CE	1,558.82
Bill	08/03/2026	P03785	Joe Johnson Equipment Inc	P03785 - ...	-SPLIT-	751.17
Bill	08/03/2026	21001002795 aug26	Central Hudson	2100-100...	5110428 · Central Hudson	662.25
Bill	08/03/2026	P79046	Finke Equipment	P79046 - ...	5110409 · Vehicle Parts	518.12
Bill	08/03/2026	P79081	Finke Equipment	P79081 P...	5110409 · Vehicle Parts	46.06
Bill	08/03/2026	HS65548265	NRG Business Marketing	HS65548...	5110427 · Direct Energy Gas	13.30
Bill	08/03/2026	226299	D&D Products, Inc.	226299 T...	-SPLIT-	118.05
Bill	08/03/2026	471028206	Terminix	47102820...	1620.4 · Buildings - CE	104.19
Bill	08/03/2026	7268	Denter Sand & Gravel Inc	7268 San...	7140.4 · Parks - CE	60.00
Bill	08/03/2026	1292312	Peckham Industries Inc	1292312 ...	5112.4 · CHIPS - CE	780.60
Total A-General Fund						24,850.40
FX-Water Fund						
Bill	08/03/2026	Aug26/Water/EFT	Vision Service Plan		9060.8 · Employee Benefits	52.26
Bill	08/03/2026	100098002/Water/EFT	Central Hudson		8330405 · Electric	68.76
Bill	08/03/2026	405792/Water	Surpass Chemical CO. Inc		8330402 · Chemicals/Supplies	1,093.27
Bill	08/03/2026	15074937/Water	Hach Company		8330403 · Lab Tests	298.46
Bill	08/03/2026	6248/Water	Muni-Link LLC		8310.4 · Water Administration - ...	389.30
Bill	08/03/2026	37166/Water	HL Snyder & Son Inc		8340419 · Building Repairs	160.50
Bill	08/03/2026	88069 water	Bottini Fuel Account 834053	88069 wat...	8340416 · Gasoline	423.44
Bill	08/03/2026	92349 water	Bottini Fuel Account 834053	92349 wat...	8340416 · Gasoline	527.49
Bill	08/03/2026	21001132766 aug 26	Central Hudson	2100-113...	8330405 · Electric	8,252.74
Bill	08/03/2026	2461	Round Top Knit & Screening Inc	2461 - wa...	8330410 · Uniform Rental	125.44
Bill	08/03/2026	74953	Sawyer Motors Inc	74953 - ...	8340412 · Truck Maintenance	146.40
Bill	08/03/2026	505073	Slack Chemicals Company Inc	505073 - ...	-SPLIT-	2,032.00
Credit	08/03/2026	226397	Slack Chemicals Company Inc	226397 fr...	8330402 · Chemicals/Supplies	
Bill	08/03/2026	92720	Tam Enterprises Co. Inc	92720 - ...	-SPLIT-	3,688.00
Bill	08/03/2026	510977483 water	Tolls By Mail Processing Center	51097748...	8310.4 · Water Administration - ...	2.81
Bill	08/03/2026	INV01111484	USA Blue Book	INV01111...	-SPLIT-	290.19
Total FX-Water Fund						17,551.06

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Credit
G-Wastewater Fund						
Bill	08/03/2026	Aug26/WW/EFT	Vision Service Plan		9060.8 · Employee Benefits	36.56
Bill	08/03/2026	INV01109522	USA Blue Book		-SPLIT-	445.18
Bill	08/03/2026	6671318/WW	E J Prescott Inc		8130416 · Maintenance/Equipm...	380.34
Bill	08/03/2026	3330/WW	North Dome Operations, Inc.		8110.4 · Waste Water Administr...	10,300.00
Bill	08/03/2026	6248/WW	Muni-Link LLC		8110.4 · Waste Water Administr...	389.30
Bill	08/03/2026	0000145989/WW	Pioneer Crossing Landfill		8130430 · BioSolids Removal-N...	7,274.60
Bill	08/03/2026	WW/EFT	Amazon Marketplace Payments		8130414 · Lab Tests	106.00
Bill	08/03/2026	WW/EFT	Amazon Marketplace Payments		8130423 · Office Supplies	439.00
Bill	08/03/2026	21000909149 aug26	Central Hudson	2100-090...	8130411 · Electric	5,030.94
Bill	08/03/2026	21000906673 aug26	Central Hudson	2100-090...	8130411 · Electric	603.39
Bill	08/03/2026	21000909313	Central Hudson	2100-090...	8130413 · Natural Gas	44.08
Bill	08/03/2026	21000909446 aug 26	Central Hudson	2100-090...	8130413 · Natural Gas	44.08
Bill	08/03/2026	21001008933 aug 26	Central Hudson	2100-100...	8130411 · Electric	752.82
Bill	08/03/2026	6676909 water	E J Prescott Inc	6676909 ...	8340421 · Equipment Repairs	62.00
Bill	08/03/2026	W49467 - WW	Finke Equipment	W49467 L...	8130416 · Maintenance/Equipm...	588.00
Bill	08/03/2026	INV18604 - WW	L. J. C. Distributors	INV18604...	8130420 · Paper Products	196.00
Bill	08/03/2026	INV18603	L. J. C. Distributors	INV18603...	8130420 · Paper Products	120.00
Bill	08/03/2026	HS65548263	NRG Business Marketing	HS65548...	8130413 · Natural Gas	1.99
Bill	08/03/2026	0000146282	Pioneer Crossing Landfill	00001462...	8130430 · BioSolids Removal-N...	3,554.10
Bill	08/03/2026	0000146143	P C Smith & Son Inc	00001461...	8130430 · BioSolids Removal-N...	3,554.10
Bill	08/03/2026	30015	River Valley Radio Inc	30015 - ...	8130422 · Misc. Expense	475.85
Bill	08/03/2026	505103 - WW	Slack Chemicals Company Inc	505103 - ...	8130412 · Chemicals	1,652.16
Bill	08/03/2026	505194 - WW	Slack Chemicals Company Inc	505194 - ...	-SPLIT-	6,522.00
Credit	08/03/2026	226406 - WW	Slack Chemicals Company Inc	FREIGHT...	8130412 · Chemicals	
Total G-Wastewater Fund						42,572.49
H-Capital Fund						
Bill	08/03/2026	VSA-252/Pay 3/WW	Flach Industries, Inc.		8111.1 · Waste Water Capital E...	161,500.00
Bill	08/03/2026	VSA-251 No 5	Flach Industries, Inc.	Replacem...	8111.1 · Waste Water Capital E...	42,275.00
Total H-Capital Fund						203,775.00
TE-Private Purpose Trust						
Total TE-Private Purpose Trust						

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Credit
Unclassified						
Total unclassified						
TOTAL						288,748.95



Sign in Sheet

Facilitator: Mayor Murphy

Privilege of the Floor

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