



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes March 21, 2022

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Terry Parisian, Brian Martin, Jeff Helmuth
Others: Ted Suttmeier, Francine Kolbinski, 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 Helmuth led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Francine Kolbinski spoke to the Board regarding the drainage problem behind her 106 Partition Street property at Jane Street. Francine supplied photos of the area. The area has a parking lot and a service road. Since 2018 major sink holes have been happening. The rainwater floods the area and has caused ruts and sink holes. Francine stated that DPW has been great about helping her with the issue. Francine is interested in the Village possibly using the ARPA funds towards the drainage issue. Contractors are hesitant to pave her parking area because the possibility of creating more of an issue for residents down the street when there is nowhere for the water to go. The recent heavy rainstorms have made the issue worse. **Mayor Murphy** stated that DPW has looked at the catch basin that are already there and possibly putting an additional storm draining the area. There is something that may have happened in the area to cause the problems. **Trustee Hackett** stated there has always been a right of way behind those building and that there is a natural stream underground. The recent heavy rains cause the water to come off the road and wash down into the area. **Trustee Parisian** stated he will get together with DPW Supervisor Rich Forbes to coordinate a plan for a permanent fix to the problem. The storm drains, and drainage issues are on the top of his list for the ARPA funds.

Ted Suttmeier addressed the Board regarding a proposal for bike workstations and pumps. They are normally along rail trails. The closest one to Saugerties is in East Kingston. They are heavy duty and cemented into a concrete pad. It is built not to be vandalized. It gives a biker a place to change a tire and fix a problem. They are equipped with assorted tools. Cantine Field and the Saugerties Public Library were suggested as possible locations for the workstations. **Mayor Murphy** requested the info be emailed to him and he would share it with Town Supervisor Costello and Parks Supervisor Greg Chorvas.

Another proposal Mr. Suttmeier would like to suggest is a sidewalk along the westside of Burt Street from Overbaugh to Barclay Lane and a pedestrian crossing signal. It would provide a safer walking for those who walk from the Town to the Village. **Mayor Murphy** stated that it is a nice idea but 9W is a NYS road and they will not put a crosswalk in the middle of 9W and several years ago we had requested sidewalks which NYS DOT said it would be too expensive. We have more leeway with our own Village streets. **Deputy Mayor Mayer** stated that Suzanne LeBlanc and Leeann Thornton had tried several years ago, to have a walking trail or sidewalks that connected the Village and Town but was never able to accomplish due to the NYSDOT issues.

Nina Schmidbaur Zink presented the Board with information from the Saugerties Public Library. The Library, Kiwanis Club and Upstate Films are cosponsoring events at the Orpheum Theatre and the library. The theatre will be showing children's movies, each honoring a different international culture and free books will be provided to the first 15 children that arrive at the theatre. The movies will be on Saturdays in April, May and June. The library will host events including an Anime Night, Coco movie and after party, and a chess Tournament with free books. Flyers were provided.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2022

Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2022. The motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2022, was seconded by **Trustee Parisian**. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for March 21, 2022.

- General \$ 33,869.22
- Water \$ 2,735.39
- Wastewater \$ 25,442.16

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for March 21, 2022. The motion to approve the Abstract for March 21, 2022, was seconded Trustee Parisian. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Parisian reported that DPW helped with a water main break on Montgomery Street.

The tentative date for Spring cleanup is April 18th. The branch piles from the ice storm cleanup are still being picked up when necessary. **Trustee Parisian** had two suggestions for the ARPA funds, which would be drainage and storm water issues -including West Bridge St, Montgomery Street, Upper Partition Street, and Jane Street.

Trustee Helmuth has been reviewing the Water agreement with the Town. **Trustee Helmuth** suggested a motorboat launch in the lower creek as a possible use for the ARPA funds – but thought that it may not be feasible due to land availability and parking issues.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported:

- The TV23 franchise agreement negotiations will be scheduled for fall 2022. New Public Access committee members are needed due to Robert Schnell and Elizabeth Reese resigning. Andrew Zink and Nina Schmidbaur Zink have volunteered to be on the committee. **Mayor Murphy** will officially appoint Andrew and Nina to the Public Access Committee at the organizational meeting on April 18, 2022.
- Jeff Domanski with the Community Choice Aggregation will be putting together the wording for the public informational advertisement for the Kingston Freeman. **Mayor Murphy** stated that he has been contacted by residents who had been against the CCA are now asking to be part of the CCA due to the issues with CH. **Trustee Parisian** stated that he is still not in favor of the CCA program. Ulster County has a CCA program with 20 options that residents can sign up for, not have to opt out. We don't need to tell people where they get their electric. **Trustee Helmuth** questioned the use of the logo on the advertising. **Mayor Murphy** wants to be sure there is no confusion between the Town and Village.
- The Scenic Hudson is requesting resolution or letter of support regarding the NY NJ Watershed Protection Act. The act is to protect the watersheds that flow through NY and NJ including the Hudson Valley. The information will be distributed to the Board for review and to be discussed at the April 4th meeting.

Trustee Hackett reported for the Wastewater Dept. See attached report.

Joe Hunter and Mike LoPinto did a great job rebuilding the Sludge Press Feed pump. The RBC has still not been delivered. A representative from Darlington, Don Elder, will be visiting the Wastewater plant next week to discuss logistics for the RBC.

Trustee Hackett reviewed Wastewater's suggestions for the ARPA funds - rebuilding the Ripley Street and East Bridge Street pumpstations at a cost of \$76,750 - and the balance of \$85,000 that is due on the RBC.

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

Trustee Hackett reported that the demolition at 46 Post Street will happen shortly. The permits have been received from the Dept. of Labor. Eyal is working on drafting a proposed regulations regarding Air B & B's in the Village to be reviewed by the Board.

The harvester will be in the water soon. There has been no response yet from Tannersville regarding using the harvester in their creek.

Trustee Parisian questioned how the asbestos removal would happen at 46 Post Street if the building is unsafe to enter. **Mayor Murphy** stated that the quote for demolition included the asbestos removal, so it will be up to the contractor to remove it safely.

Trustee Martin will forward the Fire Department report to the Trustees.

The 1991 Simon Ladder Truck has been advertised for bids. The minimum bid is set at \$15,000. The bid opening will be April 18, 2022, at 10am in the Village office. The truck has 22,800 miles, with 28,226 working hours and 2828 hours for the ladder. It is still certified.

Trustee Buono reported that he attended the Chamber of Commerce Artist Meet Sponsor event at the American Legion, John Street on Sunday, March 13 to select the artist for the "Rocky" street art. **Trustee Helmuth** attended as well and helped pick out the artist. The artist's name will be shared later.

Trustee Buono attended the Police Reform and Reinvention Committee meeting. The committee is concerned that their recommendations have not been implemented. A formal committee with a liaison is suggested.

Trustee Buono stated that Chief Sinagra is ahead of the curve as far as training is concerned. And he has a diverse police force.

Mayor Murphy stated that police reforms are created on a national level. It is not the same for every police force. There is a believe that all police are not good, but fortunately that is not true for Saugerties. **Mayor Murphy** asked Trustee Buono to remain the Village liaison for the police reform committee.

Trustee Parisian mentioned that the Ulster Chamber of Commerce is hosting a breakfast at Diamond Mills. Town Supervisor Costello and the owners of Winston Farm will be speaking regarding the project. Please contact the clerk to confirm your attendance.

Mayor Murphy stated that he has received a letter of resignation from Justice Robert Schnell. Mr. Schnell has served as an Associate Village Justice for 30 years. His dedication to the Village Justice Court is greatly appreciated.

Mayor Murphy appointed Stanley R. O'Dell as Associate Village Justice effective April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023. The appointment will become effective upon Mr. O'Dell's completion of training for the "Take the Bench Certification Program".

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to adjourn. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

The next Village Board meeting and 2022 -23 Budget Public Hearing Monday, March 21, 2022 for the at 5:30 pm.

Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk

March 25, 2022