



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes February 16, 2021

**Due to the COVID19 pandemic and the Governor's Executive Order 202 regarding open meetings, this meeting was held via Webex. Connection information was broadcast online for residents to participate.**

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Terry Parisian, Don Hackett, Jeff Helmuth, Brian Martin  
**Supervisors:** Mike Hopf, Mike Marino  
**Others:** Alex Wade, Bill Kemble, Ed Quirk

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

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

### Privilege of the Floor

There was no one on the Webex call that requested to address the Board.

**Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from February 1, 2021.**

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from February 1, 2021.**

**The motion to approve the minutes from February 1, 2021 was seconded by Trustee Helmuth.**

**All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Mayor Murphy presented the Abstract for February 16, 2021:**

- General \$ 23,572.37
- Water \$ 9,609.24
- Wastewater \$ 19,953.83

**Mayor Murphy** stated that the payment for snow removal was for two snowstorms.

**Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstract for February 16, 2021. The motion to approve the Abstract for February 16, 2021 was seconded Deputy Mayor Mayer. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

### Supervisor Reports

**Mike Hopf** reported for the Water Department. Report attached.

The Prefilter project training has been completed. A punch list of items and a final performance test on the filter will complete the project.

The village is continuing to work with Saugerties Farms, the new owners of Winston Farms, to reach an agreement to obtain an easement for the Secondary Water Source project well. A letter requesting a one-year extension for the Secondary Water Source project money, along with a letter of intent from Saugerties Farms will be sent to Governor's Office of Storm Recovery.

**Mayor Murphy** stated that after meetings with Saugerties Farms owners, they are more than willing to work with the Village to obtain the property for the well but need more time since they have only owned the property for a few months.

The Water Department's new billing software training with Munilink has been ongoing. The new software will allow residents to view their bills, usage and pay online. Text message blasts for water emergencies are also available.

The sealed Chemical bids for the Water and Wastewater Department were opened on February 11<sup>th</sup>. The attached tabulation sheet indicates the winning bids.

**Trustee Helmuth made a motion to approve the Chemical Bid Tabulation for 2021 as presented. Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to approve the Chemical Bid Tabulation for 2021 as presented.**

**Four Trustees and Mayor in favor, 1 Trustee abstained, 1 Trustee absent, the motion carried.**

The Water Dept. is planning to purchase a 2021 1-Ton 4x4 truck with a service body to replace a 2011 4x4 truck. Forty-five thousand had been budgeted for this fiscal year. The Water Dept. short-lived asset account would pay for the difference.

**Trustee Hackett** asked what the Water Dept. was going to do with the 2011 truck. **Mike Hopf** stated that the 2011 truck would be posted on the Public Surplus auction site for sale.

**Trustee Parisian** questioned why we are going out to bid for the truck rather than buying from a NYS approved purchase list. **Mike Hopf** stated that the NYS Office of General Services does not offer the NY statewide vehicle list anymore. If another municipality has a bid for a similar vehicle it is possible to “piggyback” on their bid. Otherwise, the standard procurement policy is followed.

**Trustee Parisian** questioned the narrow area listed in the bid notice. **Mike Hopf** stated that the area for the bids on the notice can be expanded.

**Mike Marino** – Reported for the Wastewater Dept. Report attached.

Bids for the roof repair of the main building were accepted and awarded to Superior Roofing. The digester roof is also in need of repair. The repair for the digester building roof will be worked into the upcoming budget.

Benson Steel will be providing an estimate for repairing the collapsed thickener pipe. A crane will be required to replace the pipe. Thanks to Benson for doing a great job on rebuilding the jet truck drum. The walls of the drum had started to rot. Benson Steel saved us a lot of money doing the repair locally.

The DEC annual inspector was concerned about the RBC, but the SPEDES permit is still in line with what it should be. The RBC is still not available due to manufacturing delays.

Lou Kolbe was able to rebuild the tractor fifth wheel on the belt press.

**Mike Marino** met with **Mike Karashay** to review possible grants for the maintenance work required at the plant. There is a short time to apply and the Village does not qualify for a portion of the grant. Mike will continue to research for possible grants.

**Trustee Parisian** stated that Senator Michelle Hinchey is working on a bipartisan bill for infrastructure on wastewater and storm water. Mayor Murphy stated that he would reach out to Senator Hinchey.

**Trustee Martin** –Reported for the Fire Department. Report attached.

**Trustee Martin** is working with **Mike Karashay** to acquire a grant for replacing the FD air packs. The replacement cost is approximately \$250,000.

**Alex Wade** – Reported for Special Projects. Report attached.

The sewer grant requires an income survey. The resident income has increased in the last several years and we are on the edge of the limit. If we can target areas, we may be more successful.

The DEP and DEC hearing regarding the releases into the Esopus Creek that results in very muddy water is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a public comment period at the Public Hearing. Registration is required. Information on how to register will be posted on the Village and Town website and Lighthouse TV.

### Trustee Reports

**Trustee Parisian** reported for the DPW. See attached.

**Trustee Parisian** presented the Resolution before the Board. Resolution #6 2021 replaces Resolution #9 of 2020. Romeo Ford has finally located a truck and is available for delivery. The price is approximately \$1800. higher than the original price listed on Resolution #6 2020, so M&T Bank is requiring a new resolution with the new amount for the financing paperwork.

**Resolution #6- Vehicle Purchase and Lease- See attached.**

**Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve Resolution #6- Vehicle Purchase and Lease seconded by Trustee Martin. A roll call of the Trustees was yes from 5 present and 1 absent. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Hackett** – Nothing new to report.

**Trustee Helmuth** questioned the election policy regarding Trustees running for the Mayor position. The Trustees that run for office on the same cycle as the Mayor would have to give up their Trustee position, if they ran for the Mayor position, since they cannot run for two offices at the same time. The Trustees that are on the election cycle without the Mayor would not have to give up their Trustee position, if they chose to run for Mayor. This would also apply if a Trustee or Mayor ran for a Town Board position. The discussion regarding the election cycle, term limits and length of terms continued. The Mayor and Trustees will address the election questions referring to NYS guidelines.

**Trustee Helmuth** also spoke about a traffic complaint regarding truck traffic on Finger Street. The trucks are coming through Finger Street from 9W and going very fast through the residential area. Perhaps better signage for local traffic only would help alleviate the problem. Mayor Murphy doesn't have a problem with better signage.

**Trustee Helmuth** also inquired about the traffic congestion at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Lafayette Street. Trustee Helmuth suggested a four way stop at the intersection. **Mayor Murphy** stated that the four way stop at that intersection had been addressed in the past. The four way stop would cause the traffic to back up to the Main Street and Washington Avenue light intersection.

**Trustee Martin** - Nothing new to report.

#### **Deputy Mayor Mayer**

- Mike Karashay and Stan O'Dell spoke at the Chamber of Commerce meeting regarding the Hudson Valley Volunteer Fire Dept.'s convention and parade scheduled for June 16-19<sup>th</sup>. Funds are being raised for a Jack Rose 1<sup>st</sup> Memorial monument to honor fallen fire fighters and first responders. A block party, a dress parade and Mardi Gras parade are being planned. All based on COVID guidelines at the time. Trustee Martin will keep us updated.  
Calls have been made to all the senior residences regarding the restaurant gift certificates that have been purchased and donated to the Chamber for distribution.  
The Artists Meet the Sponsor event for the butterfly street art will be virtual on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Sponsorship fees are due. The artwork will be installed in May.
- No quorum for the TV23 meeting. Fire Dept may use the studio for Convention announcements. Spectrum may have some equipment available to TV23.
- The Revolving Loan Fund guidelines have been changed to include available funding to cover expenses incurred due to the COVID pandemic. The new info has been posted on the website, TV23 and Hudson Valley 1 newspaper. Richard Heese is the new Revolving Loan Committee member representing Sawyer Savings Bank.
- The organization signs have been repaired/repainted by JD Graphics. One additional sign must be finished before the signs are installed in their original location.
- The Arts Council meeting is Friday February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting is later this month.

**Mayor Murphy** stated that the second round of COVID vaccinations are scheduled for the Main Street senior residence and The Mill for Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The vaccines are being administered through Dr. Neal Smoller.

**Trustee Hackett** questioned how to help seniors have troubling using the online registration and getting on a vaccination list. Mayor Murphy provided the Ulster County Public Health Department 's **COVID hot line 845 443-8888** to assist with the website or scheduling an appointment. Saugerties is ready to be a third location site for a vaccination center as soon as more vaccine is available.

**Mayor Murphy** requested the Trustees to review the recent information from the Village attorney regarding the CCA program. There is a lot of information to review. The CCA program will be discussed fully at the March 1 meeting.

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the February 16, 2021 Village Board Meeting seconded by Trustee Parisian. The motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.**

**The next Village Board meeting is Monday March 1, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Webex.  
<https://villageofsaugerties.my.webex.com/join/bmurphy>**

Lisa Mayone          Village Clerk   February 22, 2021