



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes September 3, 2019

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustees Vince Buono, Brian Martin, Don Hackett, Jeff Helmuth, Terry Parisian Others: Alex Wade, Dave Gordon, Ed Quirk

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

**Mayor Murphy** requested **Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer** lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Privilege of the Floor** - No one was present to address the Board.

**Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from August 19, 2019.**

**Deputy Mayor Mayer made a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes from August 19, 2019.**

**The motion to approve the minutes from August 19, 2019 was seconded by Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for September 3, 2019:**

- **General** \$ 43,091.67
- **Water** \$ 7,855.45
- **Wastewater** \$ 10,113.92

**Trustee Buono commented that the charge from Wallach Contracting was for the replacement chimney at the Seamon Park house. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstract for August 5, 2019. The motion to approve the Abstract of August 5, 2019 was seconded by Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

### **Reports**

**Trustee Parisian** reported that the DPW will be repairing collapsed catch basins throughout the Village this week. **Mayor Murphy** mentioned that the temporary speed bumps for the front parking area at the St. Mary's Day Care have been ordered. The speed limit cannot be lowered to 5mph as requested. The temporary speed bumps for the Beach St area will be installed after the Central Hudson gas line replacement project is complete. After the last Board meeting's discussion regarding speeding on Ulster Avenue, Chief Sinagra placed a speed limit reader near the corner of Elizabeth Street and Ulster Avenue. The sign has seemed to slow traffic down already. **Trustee Buono** stated that it could possibly be moved to different locations in the Village when necessary.

**Trustee Hackett** stated that Mullins Construction is doing a fantastic job with the Central Hudson gas project. They have been very accommodating to the residents. **Trustee Hackett** is impressed by the offer of additional parking at Bella Luna. **Trustee Parisian** stated that the project is getting done very quickly with minor inconveniences.

**Trustee Helmuth** has nothing new to report.

**Trustee Hackett** reported that the Waste Water Dept. Supervisor Marino completed a report regarding the effects of accepting outside haulers sewage. See the attached report.

We are currently under capacity at the Wastewater Plant, we process 700,000 gallons per day and our capacity is 1.35 million gallons. The sludge taken in averages 1800 gallons per day.

**Trustee Hackett** doesn't see that there is any additional wear and tear on the equipment. Running the sewer plant on low capacity has the same effect as running on high capacity.

**Trustee Parisian** is concerned that the positive cash flow takes into account the wear and tear on the equipment and if it burdens the taxpayer by having to pay for the processing. Discussion continued regarding the cost effectiveness of accepting the outside haulers sludge as well as DEC requirements. The report will be reviewed and discussed further at the September 16 Board Meeting with Wastewater Department Superintendent Mike Marino.

**Trustee Martin** reported that there will be 9/11 memorial services at Cantine Park on Wednesday September 11 at 6pm.

**Trustee Buono** reported that the AUD's are all caught up and work is being kept up to date on the 2019's. The second letter for delinquent taxes have been sent out. Paula Kerbert is doing a great job as Treasurer.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** has received the figures regarding how much money was saved since switching to Mega /Direct energy. The yearly savings for gas was \$5000 and the yearly savings for electric is \$5400. The current contract adjustable and the pricing has been good. The forecast is to stay with the adjustable contract with the contract next renewal. A bill is generated for each meter so it is not possible to consolidate the billing.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** reported:

- The Mum Festival Committee meeting was August 26<sup>th</sup> to work on the final details. Deputy Mayor Mayer is on the Committee but will be out of Town and not be able to attend the Mum Festival.
- The Chamber of Commerce will hold their Gala and Auction for the sailboat street art on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> at Saugerties Performing Arts Center at 5pm for cocktails and 6:30pm for the auction. Tickets are \$25 in advance available at Sawyer Savings and Town and Country Liquors and \$30 at the door.
- Compliments to Marjory Block for arranging a day of recognition for local artist Joe Sinnott. On August 31<sup>st</sup>. It was very well planned and well attended.

**Alex Wade** presented his report for Special Projects. See attached report.

Mr. Wade stated that Bluestone Sidewalk Project contract with Mullins Cont. has been approved by NYSDOT and fully executed. There is official agreement that Partition Street will not have to be torn up to be ADA compliant for the level, pitch and height of the street. The bluestone has been ordered and the project is anticipated to be started in 6 weeks after the completion of required paperwork.

The traffic light on Ulster Avenue is privately owned by Price Chopper and Price Chopper has no objection to the Village putting up any type of pedestrian crossing sign or warning signs. NYS DOT is going to be reviewing all the cross walk lights for proper timing. The Market and Main and Market and Ulster Avenue are much slower than other crosswalks. They are 20 seconds as the others are 14 seconds.

**Mayor Murphy** stated that Marine Services from Catskill has completed the removal of the milfoil and water chestnuts from the beach area. The cleanup went well. Information and ideas for next year will be emailed. Mullins and several other property owners along the creek are also getting their areas cleaned up by the same service. The Village DPW supplied the dumpsters to haul away the debris and did a great job working with Marine Services. **Trustee Hackett** stated that he was impressed with the great job they did.

**Mayor Murphy** presented a proposal from Linda Flanagan, Marshall and Sterling for VFIS insurance. Linda had approached the Village regarding the insurance coverage for the Fire Department vehicles and equipment. The Village currently has all Fire Department vehicles and equipment listed under the general umbrella policy with Reis Insurance. If there were a vehicle loss, the current policy would cover the present depreciated value of the vehicle where the proposed policy would cover the replacement cost of the vehicle. **Mayor Murphy** is giving Reis Insurance the opportunity to present a quote for the

same full vehicle and equipment replacement coverage. The Board will review the proposals and compare for discussion at the next Board meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Trustee Buono** inquired if the change would reduce the cost of the umbrella policy we currently have.

**Mayor Murphy** stated that it may make a difference. We would have to compare once the proposal from Reis is received.

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Buono. Motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.**

Next Village Board meeting is September 16, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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