



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes January 18, 2022

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Brian Martin, Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Jeff Helmuth, Terry Parisian  
**Superintendents:** Rich Forbes, Mike Hopf, Eyal Saad  
**Others:** Bill Kemple, Brian Hubert, Ed Quirk, Bob Gallenz

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

**Trustee Martin** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **Privilege of the Floor**

No one from the public was present to address the Village Board.

**Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from January 3, 2022.**

**Trustee Buono made a request to correct the statement in the minutes “the third monthly meeting of the quarter” to “the second monthly meeting of the quarter”. The Trustees discussed the change and agreed that the statement should be corrected.**

**Trustee Buono made the motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from January 3, 2022 with the correction. The motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from January 3, 2022 with corrections was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for January 18, 2022**

- General \$ 135,844.76
- Water \$ 38,388.42
- Wastewater \$ 43,562.70

**Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstract for January 18, 2022. The motion to approve the Abstract for January 18, 2022 was seconded Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Rich Forbes** reported for the DPW. See attached report.

**Trustee Buono** questioned when the snowbanks would be removed from the business district. **Rich Forbes** stated that the business district would be cleaned up after the storm that is predicted for this weekend. The bobcat is being lent to the Town and the parking lots will be cleaned up, once it is returned on Wednesday.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** asked **Rich Forbes** if he would be able to pick up the club signs that have been at the graphics shop for the past year. They have not been finished and it has been too long. **Rich Forbes** will pick them up at the end of the month whether they are done or not.

**Mike Hopf reported for the Water Dept.** See attached report.

The Reservoir Dredging Project Bid opening has been amended to Thursday January 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

The water line at 46 Post St has been retired in advance of the demolition.

The police department assisted in gaining access to 152 West Bridge Street to turn off the water to a broken pipe.

New vehicle received after waiting since February 2021.

**Mike Hopf reported for the Wastewater Dept.** See attached report.

Two proposals from contractors have been received for the Wastewater Superintendent position and are being reviewed.

**Trustee Buono** asked for an update on the Wastewater plant upgrade. **Mike Hopf** responded that the upgrade project is being broken down into \$1million increments. Brinnier and Larios is working on getting the clean out the digesters sludge handled through a company in Albany. A proposal from Kessler Associates for the pumpstations is being reviewed.

The RBC media is being fixed to the shaft by the contractor and should be installed sometime in February.

**Trustee Martin reported for the Fire Dept.** See attached report.

The cause of the fire at 44 Partition Street is being investigated and will be released next week.

**Eyal Saad reported for the Building and Safety.** See attached report.

The gas and electric needs to be shut off by Central Hudson prior to the demolition of 46 Post Street.

The demolition of the house on Wastewater property on Dock Street is being considered for next year.

A court date of January 24<sup>th</sup> is set for the 32 Ulster Avenue property maintenance case.

NYCODEs and SEQR are being reviewed for possible updating to the Village Zoning code.

Snow removal is required on all Village Streets 24 hours after the snow stops. Several properties in the business district have not shoveled. It is NYS law for Villages that homeowners are responsible for the snow removal on the sidewalks.

**Trustee Parisian** reported that a 16-year plow had to be replaced. The \$7000 cost for the new plow is in the budget under the DPW equipment line.

**Trustee Helmuth** reported that the Town Water Supply agreement is overdue.

Currently the Town limit is 650,000 gallons of water per day and the meter is read once per week. Options may be to replace the meter or get a daily reading. There are several new housing projects planned for the Town, Glasco Ponds, and the Dominican Sisters property. A new agreement is being revised and drafted for the Boards review.

**Trustee Parisian** stated that the infrastructure and maintenance costs of the water plant is paid by the Village. Will the future Town projects exceed the 650,000 per day?

**Mike Hopf** stated that the facility is impacted daily.

**Trustee Hackett** is concerned about possible drought issues.

**Mayor Murphy** suggested that part of the agreement would be that the Town pay an annual water supply maintenance fee, possibly based on a % of average usage and then the Town decides how they will charge their users. It would be guaranteed yearly income for the Village and offsets the facilities operational costs.

**Trustee Helmuth** stated that there will be a Zoom meeting with **Deputy Mayor Mayer** and Jeff Domanski, Joule, regarding the CCA program. The outreach to the Village residents is the next step. All agreed to move forward with the CCA program.

**Mayor Murphy** would prefer to opt into the program instead of opting out.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** reported:

- Hudson Valley 1 interviewed Anastasia from Lighthouse TV. The link to the interview is available online. Outdated equipment is being sold to offset expenses.
- The Arts Commission is advertising for a social media coordinator for their website. A newsletter identifying unique artists, writers and arts students from SHS is being planned.
- Elizabeth Sofer, Chair of the Arts Commission will be the guest speaker at the Chamber meeting. Chamber elections are remaining the same. The chamber sponsored street art this year will be "rocky" the owl. The Spirit of Saugerties Award will be presented at a spring fling. The Take -Out Project for local restaurants is still ongoing.
- Upstate Films will be donating the proceeds from the popcorn sales to local charities. Upstate Films is allowing the Arts Commission the use of their space for a meet and greet in February.
- A letter is being composed to be sent to businesses on Main Street regarding the Holiday lights along the buildings. The letter will be to determine the interest of the building owners to have the lights installed on all the buildings for a more uniform look. Rick Smith is looking into the cost of the lights and wiring. There will also be the cost of the electrician hookup and DPW to install.

**Trustee Parisian** stated the Village should get the specs to purchase the lights, so that they are all the same.

**Trustee Hackett** had nothing new to report.

**Trustee Martin** had nothing new to report.

**Trustee Buono** had nothing new to report.

**Resolution #3-Election Inspectors was presented by Mayor Murphy.** See attached.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #3- Election Inspectors seconded by Trustee Buono. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all 6 present. Motion carried.**

**Clerk Mayone** requested the use of the RA Snyder Fire House for the March 15<sup>th</sup> Village election again this year. The space is sufficient to allow for social distancing. **Trustee Martin** ok'd the use of the fire house for the March 15<sup>th</sup> Village election.

**Clerk Mayone** stated that the first day to submit nominating petitions is February 1<sup>st</sup> and the last day to submit nominating petitions is February 8<sup>th</sup>. The Village office will remain open until 5:00pm on February 8<sup>th</sup> to receive the petitions.

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Helmuth seconded the motion to adjourn. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.**

The next Village Board meeting is **Monday, February 7, 2022 at 5:30 pm.**

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

January 25, 2022