



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes April 1, 2019

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustees Terry Parisian, Brian Martin, Jeff Helmuth, Don Hackett, Vincent Buono

Others: Alex Wade, Ed Quirk, Bill Kemble, Dave Gordon, 6 High School government students, Teri Bach-Tucker

Mayor Murphy called the Public Hearing for the 2019-2020 Budget to order at 5:30 pm.

Teri Bach-Tucker was present to address the Board. She had come on a different topic but felt it may also pertain to the budget as well. Teri Bach-Tucker lives at 223 Van Vlierden Rd. in the Town of Saugerties. She travels to and from the Village passing the Blue Mountain Reservoir. She is concerned about the condition of the property surrounding the Reservoir. The trees are deteriorating, falling and or partially falling down. She feels that it is a danger to the public safety and a fire hazard. Also, the fence surrounding the property is twisted and down in some areas. See attached.

Mayor Murphy responded that a lot of trees have been removed for safety reasons. The trees had been knocked down by storms or in power lines were the first priority to be removed. Other trees have been taken down intentionally. Mike Hopf the Water Dept. Supervisor would be better able to address this issue.

Teri feels that it is the trees along the road that cause a safety hazard and should be the first trees to be removed. There is so much more to be done. She stated that we should work together as a community.

Mayor Murphy stated Central Hudson had topped trees and has helped with the tree removals as well.

Trustee Jeff Helmuth added that there was an invasive blight from the emerald ash borer beetle that devastated the trees on both sides of the roads. There is a program to have those trees properly removed or treated if they are a hazard.

Mayor Murphy said that he would forward your concerns on to Mike Hopf. He may be able to incorporate your concerns with the next round of tree removal. We have several departments helping to get the trees down as well as bartering with some local tree companies.

Trustee Parisian stated that there \$20,000 in AIM funding in the Budget. The NYS budget was passed last night which included full funding of the AIM program, so the \$20,000 would be more. The amount from last year was \$28,687. **Mayor Murphy** stated that the amount can be adjusted. CHIPS funding is included but we won't know what the Sever Weather will be until NYS notifies the Village with the amount.

Bill Kemble questioned where the tax levy cap information was on the report. **Mayor Murphy** stated that it is under the cap and the cap info is not normally on the report. Mr. Kemble could get the levy information from the Treasurer tomorrow.

The Public Hearing for the 2019- 2020 Budget will remain open for 2 weeks for any questions or comments. The budget will be adjusted with the few changes and finalized by the 15th.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing for the 2019-2020 Budget until April 15th. The motion to adjourn the Public Hearing for the 2019-2020 Budget was seconded by **Trustee Martin**.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy opened the regular meeting at 5:45pm.

Mayor Murphy requested **Trustee Helmuth** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor – no one was present to address the Board.

Oath of Office

Clerk Mayone administered the Oath of Office to the newly re-elected **Mayor William Murphy, Trustees Jeff Helmuth, Brian Martin and Jeannine Mayer**. All stood as Clerk Mayone read the Oath of Office.

The Mayor and Trustees signed in the Oath of Office registry as the Mayor and Clerk witnessed each signature.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from March 18, 2019. Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes from March 18, 2019. The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for April 1, 2019:

- **General** \$ 53,025.00
- **Water** \$ 10,672.82
- **Wastewater** \$ 13,412.92

Trustee Buono asked **Trustee Martin** for clarification on the entry for Emergency Services Marketing Corp. **Trustee Martin** explained that it is for an *I Am Responding* subscription for first responders' notifications on their cell phones.

Deputy Mayor Mayer made a motion to approve the Abstract for April 1, 2019. The motion to approve the Abstract of April 1, 2019 was seconded by Trustee Martin. The motion carried unanimously.

Alex Wade reported that the Bluestone Sidewalk Project has finally been approved. The advertisement for bids will be April 11th and the bid opening will be May 2nd. **Mayor Murphy** reminded Alex that John Mullen will be replacing gas mains for Central Hudson on the south side of the Village from Main Street. There will be a meeting on Thursday April 4th with Central Hudson, Mullen, Mike Hopf and Rich Forbes to coordinate the project. Both projects need to be coordinated. It maybe late spring. **Alex Wade** stated that it usually takes 45-60 days for NYS to approve the winning bidder. The sidewalk project should be postponed until late summer as to not disrupt the Village merchants.

Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer inquired if the tree planting project would need to be ordinated with the sidewalk project and the gas main project. **Mayor Murphy** said the projects would have to be coordinated.

Alex Wade stated he was misquoted in the minutes regarding his comment about the tree hole in the sidewalks and the utilities. The existing holes would not interrupt with any utilities but the holes may be too small for the root ball of the new trees being planted. Smaller trees would be needed or make the holes larger.

Trustee Buono inquired if all the trees on Main Street would be replaced. **Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer** stated that the Tree Commission gave a presentation to the Chamber of Commerce and said that all the trees would be replaced with the same type of trees as part of their beautification project. The current trees are not thriving. **Alex** stated that professionals recommend planting a variety of trees to avoid all getting wiped out if there is a blight of a certain species. The trees surrounding the Reis Parking lot area are the same type of trees that are being proposed for Main Street project.

Alex Wade will be participating in a webinar on April 4th regarding compliance with Title 6 for all Villages who received state funds for projects as well as employees of the Village. Most of the requirements have already been met through HUD regarding ADA compliance.

Trustee Parisian inquired if the Bluestone Sidewalk Project included the bluestone being replaced with bluestone and not another material. Alex confirmed that the sidewalks will only be bluestone.

Trustee Hackett asked Alex to explain the results of the bacterial samples taken from the Village Beach and Cantine Island. Alex Wade explained that water samples from the Village Beach and Cantine Island Beach were taken over a period of 8 years by members of the Marbletown Esopus Creek Conservancy, Riverkeepers and residents of the watershed. The bacteria levels and pollution was double at the Cantine Island than that of the samples taken from the Village Beach. **Trustee Hackett** proposed that three weeks of new samples be taken in June and July at the same times at each location and tested. **Mayor Murphy** agreed.

Deputy Mayor Mayer thanked everyone who came out to vote at the recent Village election.

- The Comprehensive Plan committee is reviewing the booklet at their meeting.
- The Chamber of Commerce meeting was on Wednesday March 27th at Bruno's Pizza. Beth Troxel spoke about the Farmers Market. May 25th will be the opening day. Rosemarie Brackett and Virginia Luppino with the Tree Commission made a presentation regarding the beatification project on Main Street. They will be having an Art for Trees fundraiser for the month of April. Art will be displayed on Face Book and Instagram and will be available for purchase through the month. The Tree Commission is also offering a free seminar with DEC Senior Forester, George Profous who will be instructing on tree care and pruning. The seminar will be at the Saugerties Public Library on April 13 at 10 –noon. The Chamber now has 166 members. Barbara Bravo held a design workshop for all the artists participating in the street art event. The boats will be on display from Memorial Day through September.
- The 7th Annual National Women's Only bike race *Share the Road* will take place at Cantine Field on May 5th for three days. **Mayor Murphy** stated that the Village had been approached about having the bike race in the Village but it was not feasible to close down residential streets for the extended period of time needed. Cantine Field and the Canoe Hill are were a good compromise.
- Seven people have signed up to operate TV23's mobile video camera. There will be a reception at Mirabella's for the winners of the Photo Contest on Thursday April 4th. The winner's photos will be displayed on TV23.

Trustee Helmuth reported that he received information regarding the EPA and Army Corp of Engineers revised regulations for wetlands. He will be working with Alex Wade about the new regulations.

Trustee Parisian reported that the DPW has scheduled the Spring Cleanup for April 15th – 26th. It is listed on the website and TV23. Both leaves and brush will be picked up.

Trustee Parisian will be putting together a committee to review the Zoning variances. It will be a fact finding committee and will report back to the Village Board.

Trustee Buono shared a report from the Transportation Advisory Council on their recommendations regarding the NYS Thruway Southbound exit. There is concern regarding the traffic and accidents by the exit. A sample resolution is to be presented to the Town Board. The Town is looking for our support and recommendations on this resolution.

Trustee Buono suggested combining the Transportation Committee into the Comprehensive Plan Committee. The suggestion is being considered by both committees. The Transportation Committee needs to fill 2 Village representative openings.

The police will now be issuing tickets, not warnings to violators for not using the crosswalks. The focus will be mostly around Main Street and Partition Street and also Rte. 32.

The vehicle and pedestrian traffic at the Cantine complex is a very hectic when entering and exiting.

Mayor Murphy agreed that more crosswalks could be painted in the area. **Alex Wade** suggested a sidewalk along the Sr. Citizen building, which would be the responsibility of the Town.

The Village DPW has helped the Town with work at Bristol Beach.

Trustee Martin had nothing new to report.

Trustee Hackett reported that Mike Marino did some research regarding the previous discussion of the cost of dumping by haulers. Albany is 6 cents per gallon, Hudson is 9 cents per gallons, no response from Poughkeepsie and Beacon and Saugerties is at 12 cents per gallon. The Village receives \$90,000 a year from septic haulers.

Trustee Hackett and Mike Marion had a meeting with the Town representatives regarding a letter received from the EPA. The readings for septic solids for the affluent were high at .2milligrams. The storm water was causing the Barclay Heights meters to take on excess water into the sanitary sewer system. Some of the water that enters the sewer is from groundwater that leaks into the piping system. Other sources of water have been identified as inflow from sump pumps and roof downspouts that are connected to the sanitary sewer system. A letter may be published in the Saugerties Times to make residents aware that Village employees will be conducting inspections of homes and businesses within the collection system to determine if there are illegal roof downspouts and sump pump connections to the sanitary sewer. Pricing for the ad has been requested.

During the meeting, Paul Andreassen mentioned the merger of the Town and Village waste water departments. **Trustee Hackett** stated that it had been looked at in the past and didn't work out. Trustee Hackett suggested that Mr. Andreassen talk with the Mayor.

Trustee Hackett reported that he attended a meeting at the Library for Ulster County Community Action. The discussion was about rentals and not enough affordable housing in the area.

Mayor Murphy reported that Mike Hopf has hired NY Leak Detection for assistance in finding the leak in the water system. There were several leaks found that account for part of the leak. An old abandoned water line was found at Seamon Park that ran in to the Sawyerkill and a major leak in Barclays Heights in a Town pipe. Mike Hopf will have the details in his Supervisor report at the April 15th meeting.

Trustee Buono reported that the American Legion will be celebrating the centennial of the end of World War I and the beginning of Post 72. Plans are being made for a parade and several events to take place in October.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Helmuth Motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Next Village Board meeting is April 15, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk
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