



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes May 3, 2021

**Due to 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 Vince Buono, Terry Parisian, Don Hackett, Brian Martin, Jeff Helmuth **Others:** Alex Wade, Paula Kerbert, William Kemble, Andrew Zink, 2 unidentified callers

**Mayor Murphy** opened the Village Board meeting at 5:31pm.

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

**Privilege of the Floor** - No one from the public was on the call to address the Board.

**Mayor Murphy** suggested having live meetings again in July. The no restrictions NYS guidelines will start July 1<sup>st</sup>. Think about a date to start live meetings if you want earlier and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from April 19, 2021.**

**Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from April 19, 2021. The motion to approve the minutes from April 19, 2021 was seconded by Trustee Buono.**

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

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for May 3, 2021:**

- General \$ 47,931.30
- Water \$ 12,514.45
- Wastewater \$ 16,561.24

**Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstract for May 3, 2021. The motion to approve the Abstract for May 3, 2021 was seconded by Trustee Parisian. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Treasurer Paula Kerbert** reported that the new 2021 tax bills from Ulster County should be here next week to be approved. The final bills will be mailed out May 28<sup>th</sup>. A link will be included on the bills to be able to use a credit card as payment. A letter regarding optional payment plans with no late fees will be included. The payment plan may be something that we offer post COVID to make it easier for residents. The 2018 and 2020 taxes for the Cloverlea/Dragon Inn property have been paid. The new owner is Nina Schmidbaur.

**Alex Wade** see attached Special Projects report.

The Town received additional money from NY for highway work. Possibly our DPW could investigate it. The Transportation Committee discussed the horse trailer traffic on Village streets and possible alternative routes.

Ulster County is proposing a new transportation garage for \$6-8 Million.

**Trustee Martin** reported that there are two applications to join the Fire Department. Joshua Weaver and Liam White. Joshua Weaver was an honorary member and Liam White was a probationary member that are both applying for full membership.

**Trustee Martin made a motion to accept the applications for Liam White and Joshua Weaver for full membership into the Village of Saugerties Volunteer Fire Department. Trustee Buono seconded the motion to accept the applications for Liam White and Joshua Weaver for full membership into the Village of Saugerties Volunteer Fire Department. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

There are four positions open for lifeguards. Right now there are two possible candidates. It has been difficult for lifeguards to get certified due to COVID restrictions.

The Hudson Valley Fireman's Convention and parade has been cancelled. There is not enough time to organize for this year. The convention and parade may be held in Saugerties in 2024.

The tentative plan for the fourth of July parade is that it is going to take place on Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Scott Campbell oversees the parade planning. The Stallions will have a baseball game at 7:00pm on the fourth.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** requests coordination for the Mum Queen and her court.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** reported

- Town committee for TV23 has agreed to keep it at 3%. TV23 filmed the Bless the Esopus event that took place at the Beach on Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> as part of Shout Out Saugerties.
- The Chamber is finishing the walking map of the Village. The summer concert series will take place at Tina Chorvas Park on June 4<sup>th</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup> and at Cantine Field in August and September.
- The Arts Commission met with the representatives that are purchasing the Orpheum Theatre-Upstate Films. They would like to create an atmosphere for independent artists by having community events, gathering spaces, school and government programming as well as movies. Eric ? has purchased Opus 40 and is interested in partnering with the local artists community. The Barbara Fite room will be available for events. Sara Johnson purchased a farm on Rte. 212. Mark Shiff will be managing the barn that will be available for theatre productions and cultural events.
- There has been no update from the Town regarding the proposed short term rental agreements that is being reviewed by the attorney.
- The Community sign is not finished yet. Calls have not been returned.
- The municipal lot near Mirabella's has several large potholes.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** inquired if the outdoor dining areas will be set up again in the Reis parking lot. Mayor Murphy stated that the Reis parking lot area will be set up again with 6 tables and umbrellas after Memorial Day weekend. Rodney Mazzella from Village Pizza will be overseeing the area, Hazel Shelburne from Dancing Tulip will be providing the flowers and plants. Two porta-potties will have to be ordered for the area. Mayor Murphy will contact Sue Horton to confirm.

**Trustee Parisian** reported that the DPW is working on potholes and he will mention that the municipal lot needs attention.

In consideration of the new fire truck, the apron area in front of the entrance to the Fire House garage doors needs to be addressed. It needs to be reinforced to accommodate the weight of the truck.

The apron area in front of the office and the auditorium should be included with heated concrete sidewalk and driveway area. The slope and area need to be engineered to go out for bid. Truck specifications will be available after the final inspection within a few weeks. The overhead clearance for the truck has been addressed.

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

**Trustee Hackett** reported he met with Mayor Murphy, Trustee Buono, Paula Kerbert and Alex Wade regarding the upgrades necessary at the Wastewater plant. The paperwork for the \$4.7 million bond is being handled by the village lawyers. Alex Wade and Michael Karashay are still looking for grants. John Mullen will be taking care of servicing the harvester for the season. The water chestnuts are beginning to grow in the upper creek again.

The Tree Commission is considering taking care of the Montross Street lot. A few picnic tables to be added along with some flowers. **Trustee Parisian** thought it would be a nice idea for the new business in the area. There will be no waste receptacles at the lot. Signs will indicate that what is brought in must be taken out. **Trustee Hackett made a motion to turn over the care of the Montross Street lot to the Village Tree Commission to be used as a small pedestrian park. Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded motion to turn over the care of the Montross Street lot to the Village Tree Commission to be used as a small pedestrian park. The motion carries unanimously.**

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** stated that prospective new owners of the Orpheum Theatre may be interested in screening several outdoor movies in the Village. They are looking for possible locations. **Mayor Murphy** stated he has been in contacted with them to discuss possibilities without closing Village streets.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** suggested that the Village investigate new waste receptacles since the current ones need replacing. **Mayor Murphy** stated that 8 new waste receptacles and 4 recycling receptacles to replace the current ones are on order. Some will be replaced, and others repainted. The new ones should be delivered sometime within the next few weeks. The cost will be taken from the beautification budget.

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

**Trustee Buono** has followed up with Eyal Saad regarding the derelict properties in the Village and is particularly concerned about the condemned Whipple property on Post Street that is dangerous.

**Mayor Murphy** stated that we are waiting for the Village attorney to respond with guidance as to how to proceed.

The topic of returning to in person meetings was discussed. The decision will be made by the July meeting.

**Resolution #10 Fee Schedule Change - See attached.**

**Mayor Murphy** presented Resolution #10.

**Paula Kerbert** explained that the Village is being charged 2.5% on credit card transactions and the fees will be forwarded to the credit card holder. The resolution is required to change the Clerk and Building Department Fee Schedule to include the new fees for accepting credit card payments.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #10- Fee Schedule Change seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all present. The motion carried.**

**Mayor Murphy** stated that he has been contacted by the families of June Jasinowski and Ann Bogart regarding the two former swimming instructors being honored by renaming the beach after them. Both women were dedicated swim instructors at the beach who taught generations of Saugerties residents how to swim.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to dedicate the Village Beach in the names of June Jasinowski and Ann Bogart. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to dedicate the Village Beach in the names of June Jasinowski and Ann Bogart. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously.**

The families will be notified when a dedication ceremony will take place. Most likely in July when more COVID restrictions have been lifted. A new sign will have to be ordered in time for the ceremony.

**Trustee Hackett** added that the fresh vegetable and food giveaway on Saturday May 1, through the Ulster County Community Action Program, was very successful. There were 93 cars in the first hour and 8000lbs. of produce and food was given out. Mayor Murphy, Senator Michelle Hinchey, Marjorie Block were in attendance along with many volunteers to distribute the food.

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Helmuth. The motion carries unanimously. The Village Board meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.**

**The next Village Board meeting is Monday, May 17, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Webex.**

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