



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes December 2, 2019

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Trustees Vince Buono, Jeff Helmuth, Terry Parisian, Don Hackett, Brian Martin  
**Others:** Bill Kemble, Dave Gordon, Ed Quirk, Scott Campbell, SHS student, Katie Cocoknos, Alex Rappaport

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

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

### Privilege of the Floor

**Katie Cokonos and Alex Rappaport**, 50 Post Street, requested to address the Board. Katie spoke regarding her concerns about the sirens used on the fire truck with Santa Claus distributing candy to the Village children on Christmas Day. She stated that sirens can be stressful and alarming and is not a peaceful way to celebrate the holiday. She would prefer a different sound possibly using bells or another sound in place of the siren.

**Mayor Murphy** stated that the siren has been a tradition for the last 100 years by the Fire Department. The members volunteer their time distributing the candy to the children throughout the Village and the siren is a tradition that says Santa is in their neighborhood. The children look forward to it. The topic had been discussed at the previous Board meeting and was decided that the sirens would stay and be combined with Christmas music.

**Katie** stated she was shocked that there had not been any other push back to the siren and that she could produce a petition of names who are also against the use of the siren.

**Mayor Murphy** explained that the decision to keep the siren had already been made. **Fire Chief Scott Campbell** was present and stated that the Fire Department members had had a discussion and agreed that the siren would be used a little less and that music would be included. **Mayor Murphy** agreed that the music would be a nice addition and that they would try it this year and see how it works out and consider any changes for next year.

**Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from November 18, 2019.**

**Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes from November 18, 2019. The motion to approve the minutes from November 18, 2019 was seconded by Trustee Parisian. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for December 2, 2019:**

- General \$ 43,191.63
- Water \$ 8,286.26
- Wastewater \$ 9,001.62

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for December 2, 2019. The motion to approve the Abstract of December 2, 2019 was seconded by Trustee Martin. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

### Trustee Reports

**Trustee Parisian** – Reported that the DPW has been picking up the remainder of the leaf piles.

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

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

**Trustee Hackett** – Reported for the Waste Water Dept.

The broken RBC at the Wastewater plant is estimated to cost \$275,000 - \$300,000 to repair.

A meeting will be held with Mayor Murphy, Trustee Hackett and Superintendent Marino to discuss ideas for funding to cover the cost of the repair. Mayor Murphy will contact Senator Amadore's office for possible funding options. Superintendent Marino is working on a 10 year plan to replace the processing system at the Wastewater plant.

**Trustee Parisian** questioned what the RBC does in the treatment process. And whether it would be worth the investment to replace the treatment system before spending the money to repair the RBC and any other RBC's that may be past their life span and break down.

The discussion continued regarding replacing the present treatment system with an oxidation ditch type of treatment system. The 10 year plan, funding and grant opportunities will be reviewed in the upcoming meeting.

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

**Resolution # 12 - Parks Department Vehicle Lease** - See attached.

**Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #12 – Parks Department Vehicle Lease**

The Parks Dept. is purchasing a 2019 Dodge Ram from Sawyer Motors for \$19,967.50. The purchase will be leased through M&T Bank for 4 years.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to accept Resolution #12 for the Parks Department Vehicle Lease and took a roll call for approval of Resolution #12 for the Parks Department Vehicle Lease - 5 of 5 Yes votes. 1 Absent. Motion seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Buono made a motion to nominate Mary McNamara as a member of the STAC Committee.**

**Mayor Murphy seconded the motion to nominate Mary McNamara as a member of the STAC Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Helmuth. The motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.**

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

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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