



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

## Public Hearing and Village Board Meeting Minutes November 1, 2021

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Trustees Don Hackett, Vince Buono, Jeff Helmuth, Terry Parisian  
**Others:** Paula Kerbert, Eyal Saad, Andrew Zink, Nina Schmidbauer, Bill Kemble, Brian Hubert, Ed Quirk, Veronica Stinemire, Tim Reid, Michele Milgrim

### **Public Hearing Local Law #2 2021 Parking Space Amendment**

There was no one present to address the Board regarding the proposed Local Law #2 – Parking Space Amendment.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion that the Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #2 2021 Parking Space Amendment remain open for 30 days to allow for comments from interested parties. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion that the Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #2 2021 Parking Space Amendment remain open for 30 days to allow for comments from interested parties. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

### **Regular Meeting**

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

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

### **Privilege of the Floor**

**Mr. Tim Reid**, Saugerties Sr. High Principal, addressed the Trustees regarding the 2022 Jr. Sr Prom. **Mr. Reid**, **Veronica Stinemire**, Sr. Class Advisor, and **Michele Milgrim**, Jr. Class advisor, would like to present ideas for hosting the Jr. and Sr. prom in the Village. Current COVID protocols makes an indoor prom unrealistic due to mask, social distancing, and tracing requirements. An outdoor prom would allow for less restrictions. The idea is to keep the prom in Saugerties and having a mix of local restaurants cater the event. The kids would stay local and would not be driving. If this is something that is doable, we would like to bring it to the students for their input. Mr. Reid stated that the relationship between the Village and the school has been good, and we would like to build on that. It would be great to do something special for the students that have been working through this difficult year.

**Mayor Murphy** stated that possibly closing a block of Partition Street from Russell Street to Mirabella's was discussed. The cooperation of the restaurants and business that may be involved would be necessary. There are a lot of communication and public relations to be done. Road closings would require state approval. **Mr. Reid** thinks it would be a wonderful community event.

**Mayor Murphy** commented that the graduation drive through this past June was a wonderful event, and he hopes that it will become a tradition for all the graduations. It was great to see so many residents lined up to cheer on the graduates as they drove through the Village. Friday night graduation was perfect.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion for the Board of Trustees to proceed to investigate options for holding the Saugerties Jr. Sr. prom in the Village. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion for the Board of Trustees to proceed to investigate options for holding the Saugerties Jr. Sr. prom in the Village. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Nina Schmidbauer** commented that she is the recent owner of the Clovelea and has been recently appointed to the Library Board. The library has begun to hand out books locally.

Thank you to Mayor Murphy and Eyal Saad in helping her navigate through the requirements of NYS in regards to Clovelea project.

**Trustee Hackett** stated that Nina has been volunteering with Tree Commission at the new Montross Street Park.

**Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from October 18, 2021.**

**Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from October 18, 2021.**

**The motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from October 18, 2021, was seconded by Trustee Buono. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for November 1, 2021**

- General \$ 31,767.80
- Water \$ 8,716.03
- Wastewater \$ 5,888.38

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for November 1, 2021. The motion to approve the Abstract for November 1, 2021, was seconded Trustee Parisian. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

### **Treasurers Report**

**Paula Kerbert** reported that the current outstanding taxes is \$46,881.06. Monthly past due notices are being mailed out and the tax data base is being updated with contact information.

The purchase of a second harvester is being considered for some of the ARPA funds. The purchase would qualify under the ARPA requirements. The new harvester would be \$66,000 and would have to follow the standard procurement policy.

**Trustee Hackett** stated that he feels using the ARPA money to purchase the harvester is a good use of the funds since it would not burden the taxpayers with the cost. **Mayor Murphy** explained that the Town of Saugerties would be contributing 2 payments of \$12,500. The Village would manage the use of the harvester for both the Town and the Village. **Trustee Parisian** stated that he does not agree that the ARPA money should be used to purchase new equipment. It should be used to offset the taxpayer burden, waste water and water department expenses. "Special interest groups should not be putting their interests on the taxpayers back. Where does the harvester benefit all the taxpayers?" **Trustee Hackett** believes keeping the creek clear is a benefit for residents and for tourism. **Mayor Murphy** stated the point of the second harvester is that the payments from the Town will basically buy the original harvester with the continued payments. The partnership with the Town will allow the original harvester to be on the upper creek and the second will be focused on the lower beach area. The original harvester was purchased with three partners, John Mullens, the Town and Village. There was a surplus of \$15,000 to be used for the operating expenses. Eyal has an operating system in place that has worked well. **Trustee Parisian** questioned the operating expense of the harvester including the cost of DPW trucks hauling the weeds away. **Eyal Saad** stated that this season the operating costs for the harvester was approximately \$6000. There was minimal help from other departments this season because the truck from the Water Dept. was used by the harvester crew to haul away the weeds. DPW helped with mechanical maintenance when needed. **Mayor Murphy** stated that maintaining the creek is our responsibility. If the ARPA funds are not used to purchase the harvester than other ways will have to be used since a second harvester is needed. **Trustee Hackett** suggested that the Board be ready to vote on whether ARPA funds should be used to purchase the harvester at the next Board meeting. It is time sensitive since the harvester will have to be built. The ARPA money will not be enough to make a difference for the Wastewater department's needs. **Trustee Hackett** stated that he thought part of the ARPA money, approximately \$25-\$30,000, be set aside as a bonus for employees that worked through COVID. Water and Wastewater workers were declared as essential workers. **Mayor Murphy** agreed and stated he had declared all Village employees as essential from the beginning. The village has smaller crews and did not have the ability to rotate staff. Ulster County and Town have a similar program.

**Local Law #2 2021 Parking Space Amendment**

The SEQR Part 1 for the proposed law was reviewed, and questions answered.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to declare the Village of Saugerties Board of Trustees as the lead agency in SEQR for Local Law #2 2021 Parking Space Amendment. The motion to declare the Village of Saugerties Board of Trustees as the lead agency in SEQR for Local Law #2 2021 Parking Space Amendment was seconded Trustee Parisian. The motion carried unanimously.**

Letters of intent to serve as lead agency regarding SEQR will be mailed to interested parties for their comments.

**Trustee Buono** reported that he attended the STAC meeting.

The Resolution for the Arm of the Sea easement and deed had been tabled at the last Board meeting to be reviewed and then addressed at this meeting. All Trustees were ready to vote.

**Mayor Murphy** presented **Resolution #12 – Arm of the Sea Right of Way Easement and Deed**

**Trustee Buono made a motion to approve Resolution #12 Arm of the Sea Right of Way Easement and Deed. Trustee Helmuth seconded the motion to approve Resolution #12 Arm of the Sea Right of Way Easement and Deed. 4 in favor, 2 absent, the motion carried.**

**Trustee Hackett** reported for the Wastewater Department. Several employees have had to quarantine, so John Ingrassia have been covering. The staffing should be back to normal tomorrow.

**Trustee Hackett** stated that Eyal Saad is doing a great job in the Building Department.

**Trustee Parisian** questioned whether we could hire an interim Superintendent for the Wastewater Dept until a permanent one is found. **Trustee Hackett** stated that Mike Hopf is currently acting as the interim and they are working hard to find a suitable candidate for the Wastewater Superintendent position.

**Mayor Murphy** present an application for membership with restrictions to the Saugerties Fire Department for Jillian Stade. Jillian has been approved by all three Fire Chiefs.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve the application of Jillian Stade for membership with restrictions of the Saugerties Fire Department. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to approve the application of Jillian Stade for membership with restrictions of the Saugerties Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Buono seconded the motion to adjourn. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.**

The next Village Board meeting is **Monday, November 15, 2021, at 5:30 pm.**

Lisa Mayone Village Clerk

November 5, 2021