



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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes January 19, 2021

**Due to the 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, Jeff Helmuth, Brian Martin **Supervisors:** Eyal Saad, Mike Hopf, Mike Marino **Others:** Alex Wade, Chief Sinagra, Dave Gordon, Bill Kemble, Louise Gava

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

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

### Privilege of the Floor

There was no one on the Webex call that requested to address the Board.

**Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from January 4, 2021.**

**Deputy Mayor Mayer made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from January 4, 2021. The motion to approve the minutes from January 4, 2021 was seconded by Trustee Parisian.**

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

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for January 19, 2021:**

- General \$ 100,748.12
- Water \$ 93,730.16
- Wastewater \$ 12,962.59

**Trustee Buono** questioned the payment for snow removal. **Mayor Murphy and Trustee Parisian** confirmed that outside contractors had been hired to help DPW with additional trucks for quick snow removal. Mountain Electric made repairs to the GFIs on the light poles for the holiday decorations to be attached. They did not hang Christmas lights. Ulster County Self Insurance payments are posted to all three accounts.

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for January 19, 2021. The motion to approve the Abstract for January 19, 2021 was seconded Deputy Mayor Mayer. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

### Supervisor Reports

**Mike Marino** – Reported for the Wastewater Dept. Report attached.

The polymer currently being used has been too sticky, so a different polymer was ordered. The specs for the different type of polymer were included in the new chemical bid for 2021.

Upgrades at the plant are being pursued. Estimates for the roof repair or replacement are being accepted from local contractors – Superior Roofing, J&A Roofing and D&B Roofing.

**Mike Hopf** reported for the Water Department. Report attached.

The Prefilter project has been changed to January 26 & 27 to tie the two control panels together and then performance testing.

Thank you to DPW for the help with excavating the broken 6" water main on Satten Lane and Dock Street. Training for the new water department billing software with Munilink will begin next week. Both systems will be run side by side until the conversion is finalized.

**Trustee Buono** questioned the progress of the Supplemental Water Project.

Mike Hopf stated he had met with the new owners of the Winston Farm property about the possible easement for the Supplemental Water Project. They are willing to work with the Village but are not ready to decide within the time frame that is required for the Village to receive the GOSR funding which is not later than February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Mayor Murphy** added that the CRZ funds are available until February 22, 2022 but the work has to start and easement finalized before February 22, 2021. In a recent phone call, GOSR said they may be able to extend it a few weeks to give the new owners time to grant an easement. Another phone call to them will be made. The new owners will need the water once they begin developing and the easement would have to work in with their plans.

**Eyal Saad** – reported for the Building Dept. Report attached.

Snow removal and overnight parking reminder.

**Trustee Buono** asked what type of building permits were being issued. Eyal Saad responded that the permits issued are mainly for home renovations.

**Alex Wade** – Report attached.

**Alex Wade** discussed the Comprehensive Plan and Ulster County Planning Boards response to include more affordable housing in the Village. There are not many available spaces to build affordable housing in the Village.

**Alex Wade** advised to inquire if there are any hidden charges that support power projects in Long Island in the CCA project.

**Chief Sinagra** – Statistics report attached.

The fund balance revenue that is generated through surplus goes the directly towns general fund.

A Saugerties Police Reform and Reinvention Committee town hall meeting will be on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The SPRRC face book page will provide the link to the meeting. Thank you to the members of the committee for the time, effort, and understanding they are putting into this committee.

**Mayor Murphy presented the Resolutions before the Board:**

**Resolution #3-Tax Lien Foreclosure-** See attached.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #3- Tax Lien Foreclosure- seconded by Trustee Hackett. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all present. Motion carried.**

**Resolution #4- Ulster County Emergency Service Mutual Aid for Fire Department- See attached.**

**Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #4- Election Inspectors**

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #4 – Ulster County Emergency Service Mutual Aid for Fire Department seconded by Trustee Martin. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all present. Motion carried.**

**Resolution #5- Vehicle Purchase and Lease- See attached.**

**Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #5- Vehicle Purchase and Lease**

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #5 – Vehicle Purchase and Lease for DPW Department seconded by Trustee Parisian. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all present. Motion carried.**

**Louise Gava of Joule**, gave a slide presentation of the features for the Community Choice Aggregation program. The renewable energy supply program had initially been presented at the December 7<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting. Many municipalities across NYS and the Hudson Valley have adopted a CCA program.

The Community Choice Aggregation gives the municipality the opt out authority as a collective. A policy that enables municipalities to determine their default energy offering on behalf of residents and small businesses. A passage of a local law is required. The program is highly regulated by the PSC. Joule does

the paperwork for the municipality. Everyone eligible in the program gets the same default offering unless they choose not to. If they decide not to participate, they must opt out of the program.

A critical mass of accounts is required to create the benefit. In the Hudson Valley there are enough participants to get the benefit. There are no individual contracts, all is done at through the Municipal contract. The rate is fixed and the price per Kilowatt hour is the same every month on the Central Hudson bill. The source and value of the electric is 100% renewable electricity.

Solar projects options were discussed and presented also.

Joule Community Power are the program administrators who will be responsible for program design and implementation, draft, review, and management of the final contracts. Education to residents and small business is done through community outreach. There is a letter sent to all the residents and small business with the program information and explanation of the value of the program. There is an option not to participate. Education and support are provided throughout the length of the contract.

The next step for the Village is the passing of a local law and an agreement between all the parties.

Jeff Domanski is the contact for the Hudson Valley.

**Trustee Helmuth** inquired as to residents that may already be participating in another discount program. Louise Gava responded that Central Hudson regulations allow for only one credit per bill. Customers may make the decision as to which credit program they choose. No penalties. Each new contract has the option to decide.

**Trustee Hackett** asked what the typical savings would be compared to Central Hudson.

The price depends on the market and when the contract goes out for bid. There is no guarantee that CCA would beat the electricity supplier price.

**Louise Gava** will send the paperwork for the Village attorney to review and the template for the required local law.

**Mayor Murphy** is still concerned with residents being automatically included and must opt out portion of the contract. He will get together with the Town to discuss. The Board will also review and consider for the next Board meeting – February 1, 2021.

### **Trustee Reports**

**Trustee Martin** – Fire Department year end report attached.

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

**Trustee Parisian** reported that the flood light on the pole in front of M&T Bank on Main Street is very bright and a request was placed with Central Hudson to change the wattage.

A Street Lighting Authority Order is required to be voted on to make the change.

**Trustee Parisian made a motion to accept the Street Lighting Authority Order. The motion to approve the Street Lighting Authority was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Parisian** had done research regarding changing the date of the Village Election. There is a possibility to either coincide with the National Elections in November or in June. Either change will result in the election process being turned over to the Ulster County Board of Elections. The information will be emailed to the Board for consideration. **Trustee Helmuth** had a question regarding signatures for the nominating petitions. Why do incumbents have to get signatures and can that requirement be challenged? It is an election law but can be researched to determine if it can be challenged.

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

**Trustee Helmuth** reporting that he is contacting Senator Delgado regarding the Daylight Savings Time change.

**Deputy Mayor Mayer**

- The organization signs have been taken to JD Graphics to be repainted. A quote will be presented next meeting.
- Payroll Protection Plan program has been sent to the local restaurants and business.
- The Chamber of Commerce butterfly sponsorship is due. The artwork will be installed in May. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Takeout Project. Gift Certificates from local restaurants can be purchased and donated to local needy families. The gift cards can be mailed to the chamber of Commerce or dropped off at Smiths Hardware, or Town and Country Liquors.
- TV23 will live stream the ProMusica concert on January 26.
- Peggy Nau is the town liaison for the Arts council. The Arts Council is looking for possible sites for an Arts and Cultural Center.
- The Comprehensive Plan Committee is meeting to review the required modifications from the Ulster County Planning Board.

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the January 19, 2021 Village Board Meeting seconded by Trustee Helmuth. The motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.**

**The next Village Board meeting is Monday February 1, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Webex.  
<https://villageofsaugerties.my.webex.com/join/bmurphy>**

Lisa Mayone            Village Clerk    January 25, 2021