



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

Village Board Meeting & Public Hearing Minutes September 5, 2017

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

Others: Ed Quirk, Robert Ford, Bill Kemble, Patrick Wadden, Patrick Landewe, Rae Stang, Susan Meyer, Laura Kopczak

Mayor Murphy opened the **Public Hearing** at 5: 00 pm.

The Public Hearing is to hear the opinions of residents regarding the proposed Amendment to the Village Code, to add a Performing Arts Center as Special Use in the Planned Waterfront Zone.

Patrick Landewe addressed the Board in favor of the Special Use permit for performing arts. The Planned Waterfront already allows for other cultural and educational uses such as museum and art gallery. This is along the same lines. It would add to the revitalization of the waterfront particularly the property adjacent to the Tina Chorvas Park. The change would help move things forward on a long neglected property.

Rae Stang also spoke in support of the Special Use permit. She stated that the property currently has a lot of graffiti and is kind of dangerous. As a business owner she feels that Saugerties is going through a cultural revolution right now and this would add to that. She thinks it would be great to add a performing arts venue.

Mayor Murphy stated that the graffiti has been painted over several times but it reappears.

Susana Meyer addressed the Board in support of the performing arts. Ms. Meyer is on the Board for the Shout Out Saugerties Festival of Arts and Ideas which takes place from October 6 – 29th. Being involved with the planning of this event she is keenly aware that there is a lack of certain venues in the Village. It has a lot of wonderful things but performing venues it does not have. To have something to allow for the live performances would greatly enhance the cultural life of the Village.

Patrick Wadden is co- founder of the Arm of the Sea and has brought about the request to change the Zoning Code to include the Performing Arts Center as a special use. Mr. Wadden stated that the organization has been based in Saugerties for 30 years. It has performed through the US and always comes home to Saugerties. We have used the Tina Chorvas Park for the last 15 summers for special performances. We would like to build on the success of this and transforming this hazardous property into a cultural park that would be formed by the arts and science and history as well as performing arts. Thank you for the consideration for this change. It would be a small step forward on this long process.

Trustee Parisian stated that it would be a compliment to the existing code and wondered why it did not already exist. He wondered why it hadn't been done before.

Mayor Murphy replied that it is a dangerous, neglected property that posed a huge liability. There were no funds at the time to address it but now with the CRZ money available things can move forward.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hackett to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously, the Public Hearing on the Special Use permit for performing arts center was closed at 5:06.

Mayor Murphy called the **Village Board Meeting** to order at 5: 07 pm.

Trustee Hackett led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

No one was present to address the Board.

The Board voted on the Amendment to include Performing Arts as a Special Use in the Planned Waterfront District. **Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Amendment, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer to approve the Amendment. Motion carried unanimously**

Mayor Murphy presented the Minutes from August 21, 2107. Trustee Buono made a correction to the minutes. The statement – *the sharrows were painted and removed when construction and repaving occurred* -should be replaced with *-the sharrow signs are to be painted after the road construction and repairs are complete.*

Trustee Hackett made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 21, 2017 Village Board meeting with corrections. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hackett to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for September 5, 2017:

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| • General | \$ 117,518.22 |
| • Water | \$ 29,176.58 |
| • Wastewater | \$ 36,582.70 |

Mayor Murphy stated that Trustee Martin and I met with the insurance company for the annual renewal and increased the coverage for the Fire Department. The increase cost is still within the budgeted amount. Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for September 5, 2017, seconded by Trustee Helmuth to approve the Abstract. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Parisian requested that the Village Board meeting time be changed to 5:30 beginning September. The Board agreed to change the meeting time to 5:30pm. Robert Ford will post in the Saugerties Times. The webpage and TV23 will be notified.

Trustee Helmuth had nothing new to report.

Trustee Buono had nothing new to report.

Trustee Martin reported that the Fire Department needs to replace the rear tires on the ladder truck. An estimate from VanKleeck's Tire is a total of \$2,178.40. The cost is high due to the tires being a large specialty tire.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve spending \$2,178.40 to replace the tires on the ladder truck. Trustee Buono seconded the motion to spend \$2,178.40 for fire truck tires. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Martin reported that the annual September 11th ceremony will be held at the site of the 9/11 memorial at the entrance of Cantine Field on Monday September 11th at 6:00pm.

Trustee Martin reminded the board that the next board meeting on September 18 will be held in the Village Hall due to the fire House being occupied.

Alex Wade- See attached his report for Special Projects.

Trustee Hackett attended the Zoning Board meeting where the application for an Area Variance by Robert Carpenter had been approved pending approval of a Subdivision application by the Planning Board.

The issue of the sinkhole that was discovered during the paving of Washington Avenue is due to a sewer collapse. The 24" sewer main had been repaired in 1994 with a cement form and some of the cement is still in the pipe. Mayor Murphy stated that the repaving of Washington Avenue probably disturbed the pipe enough to cause the leakage. It may have been ground water and not sewage. The sewer line will be monitored on a monthly basis.

Two benches had been donated to the Village. One of the benches was placed near the M&T Bank is not level and not the best place for the bench. The other bench was placed near the Visitor Center which now has their own benches. Mayor Murphy will have DPW remove both benches and find more appropriate and aesthetically pleasing locations.

The Kiersted House is a possibility and at the end of Partition Street near Frank's Jewelers to place the benches in the spring. Also, they need to be bolted down for security.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported -

- First Friday movies are over – they were very successful.
- Mum Festival Committee has been meeting to prepare for the festival on October 8th. Vendors and sponsors are needed.
- TV 23 meeting on the 23rd.
- The Rocking Around Saugerties Gala Auction will be on Saturday September 16th at SPAF. 5-6 is cocktail hour and 6:30pm. One third of the proceeds will go to the Artist, One third will go to the Chamber of Commerce and one third to the school backpack program that provides food to children in need during the weekends when they're not in school.
- Shout Out Saugerties Festival of Arts and Ideas will be on weekends during October. Kickoff on Oct. 7th at Lucky Chocolate. There will be a wall to sign and paint.
- Willie Neuman would like a crosswalk near the Visitor Center- Partition Street across the other side of the street. The owner of the building across the street is willing to allow for a curb cut. A parking spot will be lost. Trustee Parisian stated that a crosswalk in that area had been looked at before and was not possible because it would not be ADA compliant. There is not enough space for the required ramps and roll off area.

Trustee Buono reported that the American Legion will be conducting a helmet drop fundraiser on Saturday, September 9th from 9-3 at 3 different locations in the Village. Near Seamon Park, Saugerties Lumber Company and the Knights of Columbus.

The Legions raffle drawing will be Saturday September 16th.

Trustee Parisian referred to Alex Wade's report for Special Projects. The responsibility for the maintenance of the sidewalks was in question. Is the homeowners and business owners or the Village responsible? The Mayor answered that when a Village tree disrupts or breaks a sidewalk the Village will share in the cost of repairs for that section of the sidewalk only. There is a policy in place.

Resolution #17 – National Arts and Humanities Month for the month of October.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #17 – National Arts and Humanities Month seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. Roll vote called - all yes votes-Resolution #17 passed.

The Resolution will be read at the opening ceremony on October 7th.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Martin. The motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm.

Next meeting September 18 at 5pm.

Lisa Mayone Village Clerk Filed 9/13/17