



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes April 3, 2017

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustees, Terry Parisian, Brian Martin, Don Hackett, Jeff Helmuth, Alex Wade **Absent:** Trustee Vince Buono
Others: Suzanne LeBlanc, Virginia Davies, Ed Quirk, Bill Kemble, 2 HS students, several residents

Mayor Murphy opened the **Public Hearing** at 5:01pm.

Suzanne LeBlanc addressed the Board regarding the proposed budget. She asked what the \$5000 increase in the budget was due to.

Mayor Murphy stated there was not an increase of \$5000, the figures in the paper were incorrect. The budget is increasing by less than .25% due to increase in expenses and inflation.

No one else addressed the Board.

Mayor Murphy instructed the Trustees to review the budget and the vote would be taken at the Board meeting on April 17th.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hackett. The Public Hearing closed at 5:08pm.

Mayor Murphy called the **Village Board** meeting to order at 5:09 pm.

Trustee Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Suzanne LeBlanc asked about the DPW looking into the possibility of relinquishing leaf pick up in the fall. Mayor Murphy replied that the Village is not relinquishing leaf pick up. The Village is considering the idea of using biodegradable bags for leaf pickup this fall instead of the leaves in the curb. The DPW is trying to streamline the process to make leaf pick up more efficient. The bags are still being researched and no decision has been made. Mayor Murphy stated that he would never take away a DPW service to Village residents.

Virginia Davies is working on a fence law and inquired what Board to present it to. Mayor Murphy told Ms. Davies to contact the clerk when she is ready to make her presentation.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2017 Village Board meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Mayer to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented the Abstract for April 3, 2017:

- General \$ 44,154.61
- Water \$ 20,207.21
- Wastewater \$ 13,338.39
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Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded Trustee Martin to approve the Abstract. Motion carried unanimously.

Alex Wade presented his report to the Board. See attached.

Mr. Wade thanked Trustee Parisian for giving him the DOT contact information for Quarry Street in Kingston. They were very agreeable. They have checked out the area on Hill Street where the pavement is collapsing around the catch basins and will repair as soon as the blacktop plants are operating.

The Bluestone Sidewalk Repair project is ongoing and recently received a copy of the very thorough historic preservation submission which has been submitted to the Department of State, Parks Division for their approval. I have reviewed it and turned it over to the clerk in case any members of the public

want to examine it. It includes the full history of our submission of the Historic District for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Sites.

Mayor Murphy mentioned that a portion of Washington Avenue, from the High School to the Village Diner, will be repaved this summer. Riozzi Construction will assist the DPW with the curbing in the area. The project will take approximately 2 – 3 weeks and will be done after school ends and when HITS does not have a show.

Trustee Parisian had nothing new to report other than to remind residents that spring cleanup would be starting the week of April 24th through the 28th. Please no piles of leaves and nothing on the street before the 21st.

Trustee Hackett reported that Fire Chief Elections will be held Thursday night – April 6th. The Wastewater Department is running smoothly.

Trustee Helmuth reported that some of the sculptures have been installed at Bella Luna for International Sculpture Day on April 24th. The sculpture exhibits will be on display throughout the Village from April 7th – 24th.

Trustee Martin had nothing new to report.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported:

- The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was at Barn on the Pond and the speaker was Jerry Perlman from Diaz Ambulance. Mr. Perlman spoke of the need for merchants to have defibrillators.
- There will be a craft fair at Diamond Mills to Benefit the Boys and Girls Club on Sunday April 9th.
- The “Rockin Around Saugerties” horses have been delivered to the artists and the installation is planned to be completed by Memorial Day weekend.
- TV23 is looking for spring photos.
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Mayor Murphy presented a request from the Saugerties Fish and Game Club to host their annual fishing tournament at the reservoir again this year.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve the use of the reservoir by the Saugerties Fish and Game Club for their annual fishing tournament on May 21st. The motion was seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy re-appointed Robert Schnell to Associate Justice for the Village.

Mayor Murphy stated that Kim Kelly contacted the Village office regarding the feral cat program. She would like to begin the trapping, neutering and releasing again. The funds would be available in the budget. All agreed that the program should continue.

Oath of Office

Mayor Murphy administered the Oath of Office to the newly re-elected Trustees – Jeannine Mayer, Brian Martin, and Jeff Helmuth. The Trustees stood as Mayor Murphy read the Oath of Office.

All Trustees and Mayor signed in the Oath of Office registry.

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office for the newly re-elected Mayor – William Murphy.

The Clerk and the Mayor signed in the Oath of Office registry.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Jeff Helmuth. Motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Next meeting April 17 at 5pm.