



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes August 19, 2019

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

Others: Mike Hopf, Mike Marino, Rich Forbes, George Terpening, Alex Wade, Dave Gordon, Ed Quirk, Aiden Hughes, Andrew Zampariolo, Kevin Pendergast, Warren Whittaker

Mayor Murphy opened the meeting at 5:30pm.

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

Privilege of the Floor

Kevin Pendergast and Warren Whittaker, Commander representing the American Legion Post 72 spoke regarding the 100 year celebration of the end of WWI. The centennial celebration will begin on October 16th with a military dinner at Diamond Mills – 6:30-9:30pm. The guest of honor for the dinner and event will be Retired Army Colonel Roger Donlon and his wife Norma. The guest speakers at the dinner will be Dr. Mark Issacs, Historian and William Payne, Post 72 Historian. The Woodstock Brass Quintet will perform military music at the dinner. The cost of a ticket for the dinner is \$50 per person, contact **Trustee Buono or Kevin Pendergast** to purchase. The military parade will take place on Saturday, October 19th at 2pm. Application for the parade are due by September 15th. The parade route will start at Moser Drive, onto Washington Avenue, Main Street, Market Street, Lafayette Street and end on John Street. After the parade, there will be a BBQ by Smokin' Pony and entertainment by Regimental Balladeers and the Paul Luke Band at the post. The American Legion Post 72 history museum will be open to the public for tours, along with WWI music, and a WWI nurse reenactor on Sunday October 20th.

Mayor Murphy noted that they had coordinated the route with Chief Sinagra and suggested that they contact the Fire Dept. regarding posting No Parking signs along the parade route. **Mr. Pendergast** stated that based on the size of the parade they may not need to post signs but will contact the Fire Dept.

Trustee Buono stated that they will be contacting local business to let them know about the parade and distribute flyers about the event.

Residents **Barbara and Daniel Guzman** addressed the Board regarding traffic speeding on Ulster Avenue. Even though the speed limit is posted at 30 miles per hour, traffic is going much faster on Ulster Avenue from Market Street to the railroad tracks. Mr. Guzman is requesting a sign similar to the flashing speed limit sign on Washington Avenue that displays the drivers speed. Also, he is requesting that the traffic light at the intersection of Ulster Avenue and Price Chopper be changed to stop in all directions not just one direction as it is currently and or pedestrian crossing signs. In Mr. Guzman's opinion it is hard for pedestrians to cross on Ulster Avenue. They have witnessed many times when pedestrians are close to being hit. She has called the police when she sees these incidents. **Mayor Murphy** responded that flashing speed sign on Washington Avenue was donated by Ulster County and placed on There to help slow down the school traffic. Since, Ulster Avenue is a state road, the village is limited as to what can be done without state approval. The 30 mph is the lowest speed limit for a state road. **Mayor Murphy** sited the section from Elizabeth Street to the tracks as being the worst area for crossing and speeding traffic. **Mayor Murphy** will discuss the situation with Chief Sinagra and determine if there is something they can do with temporary signs. **Mayor Murphy along with Alex Wade** will also contact NYS Department of Transportation and Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan to discuss the possibility of signage and a change to the timing of the traffic signal at Price Chopper.

Alex Wade stated that Price Chopper owns the light at Price Chopper. Price Chopper would have to be included in any discussion about changing the light.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Minutes from August 5, 2019.

Trustee Helmuth made a motion to approve the Village Board Minutes from August 5, 2019. The motion to approve the minutes from August 5, 2019 was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for August 19, 2019:

- **General** \$ 43,212.34
- **Water** \$ 12,290.13
- **Wastewater** \$ 12,628.93

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstract for August 19, 2019. The motion to approve the Abstract of August 19, 2019 was seconded by Trustee Helmuth. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Reports

Mike Marino presented his report for the Waste Water Dept. See attached report.

Trustee Parisian questioned whether the increase from the septic haulers places an undue burden on the sewer system and equipment even though we get paid for it. The additional traffic from big haulers trucks has also damaged the pavement along Dock Street. **Mike Marino** stated that there has been an increase in the cost of the enzymes and additional processing. It is difficult to say what portion of the processing costs and wear and tear on the equipment can be attributed to the outside haulers. **Deputy Mayor Mayer** asked whether or not we need to continue with the haulers and do we have contracts with them. Can we increase the rate? **Mike Marino** stated that there are no contracts with the outside haulers and any change to the rates or procedures would be up to the Board. The income from the haulers is needed to run the plant. The Village has the highest rates up to Albany and other plants limit the size of truck accepted.

Mayor Murphy suggested the discussion be continued at the next Board meeting when Trustee Hackett is present, since Waster water is his department.

Rich Forbes presented his report for the DPW. See attached report.

The road is being repaired on Latham Circle after the water main break. The Seamon Park large metal sign has been reinstalled at the park. Benson Steel did a great job on the repair.

Mayor Murphy stated that the harvester has started removing the water chestnuts and milfoil at the beach area of the creek. They are off to a good start and should be working there for 3 days.

Sand at the beach had eroded away from the severe rain storm on Sunday. DPW helped rake and spread truckloads of new sand to make the repairs at the beach.

Mike Hopf presented his report for the Water Dept. See attached report.

Additional parts for the pre filter have been delivered today. Installation work will continue.

Trustee Buono thanked the Water Department and the Wastewater Department for their hard work at the water main breaks during the torrential thunder storms. **Mike Hopf** thanked **Rich Forbes** and the DPW crew for helping with the digging and repairs at the water main breaks.

George Terpening presented his report for the Buildings, Parks, and Grounds Dept. See attached report
Five hundred mums have been delivered. Planting will begin while the summer help is still working.
A thank you BBQ was held this for the summer help. It is an excellent summer crew this year.

Alex Wade presented his report for Special Projects. See attached report.

The Bluestone Sidewalk Repair meeting with NYS DOT and Mullins representatives went very well. Most of the outstanding issues were resolved.

Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the Bluestone Sidewalk Repair project contract. The motion to approve the Bluestone Sidewalk Repair project contract was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Martin presented the report for the Fire Dept. See attached report.

Andrew Zampariolo from Twin Bridges Solutions, made a presentation regarding the telephone system billing. The current Magna5 contract fees were compared to other phone services and the attached analysis was presented. The proposal will save the Village 19.8% per year over the current Magna5 billing. The contract would be for one year or three years. The paper billing would be the only thing that would change. The phone lines would remain the same. After discussing the proposal the Board decided to accept the one year contract.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to accept a one year contract with Twin Bridges for the phone billing service. Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to accept a one year contract with Twin Bridges for the phone billing service. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Parisian – Nothing new to report.

Trustee Helmuth -reported that two additional people are need for the resilience workshop meeting. **Mayor Murphy and Trustee Helmuth** will discuss some possible candidates.

Trustee Buono - Nothing new to report.

Trustee Martin -Nothing new to report.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported:

The Direct Energy contract with Mega is being researched before its renewal date.

- The Chamber of Commerce's auction raised money will go to the Saugerties Animal Shelter. A web designer is needed for the Chamber website. August 31st will be a celebration of local artist Joe Sinnott's life work at the Kiersted House. The next Chamber meeting will be August 28th at Win Morrison Real Estate.
- The Mum Festival is scheduled for October 7th.

Mayor Murphy presented three different meeting dates in September for the required Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence training. New York State requires all employees and volunteers have the training by October 9th. Contact Eyal Saad with the date you would be able to attend.

Trustee Martin made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Buono. Motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.

Next Village Board meeting is Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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