



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

Public Hearing and Village Board Meeting Minutes December 6, 2021

Present: Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Don Hackett, Brian Martin, Vince Buono, Jeff Helmuth, Terry Parisian
Others: Paula Kerbert, Andrew Zink, Nina Schmidbauer, Mary McNamara, Bill Kemble, Brian Hubert, Bob Howe

Deputy Mayor Mayer opened the Village Board meeting at 5:30pm.

Trustee Hackett led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Bob Howe representing the Knights of Columbus addressed the Trustees regarding the donation of a creche to be set up in the Reis parking lot with the tree and menorah. The creche had been part of a display that was set up at the Knights of Columbus building on 9W for many years. Since the building has been sold, they would like to display it in the Village. **Deputy Mayor Mayer** stated that the issue would be reviewed for any codes or laws that may apply. She also suggested possibly checking with the American Legion to display it on their property. **Trustee Buono** stated that he would be willing to check with the American Legion.

Andrew Zink reported that he and **Nina Schmidbauer** helped installing holiday lights at the Montross Garden along with the Tree Commission members. Thank you to Don and Paula Hackett for use of their Ladder.

Mary McNamara addressed the Trustees regarding water topics. She is in favor of the purchase of the second harvester. The location data collected from the harvester helped. She would encourage the Village and Town to continue the intermunicipal approach and sharing of data.

NYSDEC and NYSDOH are offering a water source protection grant is available. It would be timely to get this grant along with the dredging project and the Beaverkill aquifer well head protection. The Ashokan Release Working Group is offering a stream management program beginning next spring. Two million dollars has been set aside for the stream management plan. Stan O'Dell has attended several of the meetings. **Trustee Helmuth** will provide a backup for when Stan O'Dell is not available for the meetings.

Deputy Mayor Mayer presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2021.

Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2021. The motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2021, was seconded by Trustee Parisian. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for December 6, 2021

- General \$ 162,703.00
- Water \$ 17,821.65
- Wastewater \$ 72,800.13

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstract for December 6, 2021. The motion to approve the Abstract for December 6, 2021, was seconded Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers Report see attached report

Paula Kerbert reported that the current outstanding taxes is \$40,942.21. Monthly past due notices are being mailed out. The enhanced reporting system with the NYS Retirement system will include the

information being reported directly to Paychex. Anyone with a paycheck from the Village will be reported to NYS retirement.

Trustee Helmuth proposed for discussion that the Supervisors not be required to attend the Board meetings monthly. The Supervisors would report every other month instead of monthly beginning in 2022. The discussion concluded with an on call basis or monthly report. The subject will be included on the December 20th meeting for further discussion.

Trustee Parisian reported for DPW. The equipment is being made ready for the winter season. A new six wheeler truck for plowing is needed to replace the 20 year old truck. A new sixwheeler would be approximately \$200,000. It will have to be worked in next years budget. The Elgin sweeper is not operational due to a small fire which caused technical/computer issues. We are waiting for an insurance adjuster to file their report.

The Union contract has finally been signed by all parties. The term is July 2021- June 2024.

Trustee Buono had nothing new to report.

Trustee Martin presented two applications for membership with restrictions to the Saugerties Fire Department for Caiden Myer and Joshua Swart.

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the applications of Caiden Myer and Joshua Swart for membership with restrictions to the Saugerties Fire Department. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to approve the application of Caiden Myer and Joshua Swart for membership with restrictions to the Saugerties Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Hackett reported for the Wastewater Department. The ad for a Wastewater Supervisor is in the paper again. We may have to contract out if anyone applies.

The estimates for repairs to the Wastewater plant is approximately \$6,000,000. A final figure has not been received from the engineers yet. The project is proposed to be done in 3 phases based on priority. A 40year bond is not available for 20year equipment. Breaking it down into phases will allow for more options for bonds.

Three bids are not available for the harvester. Only one company in the US makes the harvester. **Treasurer Kerbert** stated she has contacted Senator Schumer's office regarding funds to purchase the harvester.

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

Trustee Hackett reminded everyone that the overnight parking ban begins on December 15th – March 15th 3am – 7am.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported:

- The Chamber of Commerce Holiday in the Village on Sunday went well. There was a big turnout. Businesses were awarded prizes for their window displays – 1st Place to Josph's Hair Salon. The Fireman's Parade prizes were 1st Centerville FD, 2nd Malden West Camp FD, 3rd Village of Saugerties FD. The discover Saugerties maps will be stocked in the Visitor Center and the center will remain open until after the holidays. The Spirit of Saugerties Award possible recipients were discussed. There are a few Board members terms expiring and their positions will need to be filled through nomination. A formation of a 501C3 Corp was discussed. The next chamber meeting will be held at 32 Partition Street, January 12th. Elizabeth Sofer, Saugerties Arts Commission Chair and Veronica Stegmyer, SHS Sr. class Advisor will be speakers. Ms. Stegmyer has had a discussion regarding the school, community and village businesses working together to have a prom in the Village.
- The Arts Commission will have their 3rd Meet and Greet at Wellstock in Centerville. Two new members – Kristen Doyle and Christian Garnier.
- Thank you to the DPW for the holiday decorations, tree and lighting of the bridge. Also for the cleanup after the Holiday in the village.

- John Josphe has called again regarding the club signs that are supposed to be reinstalled near Auto Zone. The signs have been at the graphics business for over a year. They should be ready in two weeks.
- Some of the local businesses have inquired about having lights on their buildings for the holiday as they had in the past. Is this something that wants to be discussed. DPW has put them up in the past. Would the lights be all the same? Would we charge the businesses for the lights? **Trustee Hackett** stated that it is complicated for this year but could be discussed for next year. **Trustee Parisian** stated that it should be a village business association decision.

Resolution #14 2021 Blue Mountain Reservoir Dredging Bid

Resolution #14 for the Blue Mountain Reservoir Dredging Bid was reviewed.

Deputy Mayor Mayer presented Resolution #14 Blue Mountain Reservoir Dredging Bid.

Deputy Mayor Meyer made a motion to approve Resolution #14 Blue Mountain Reservoir Dredging Bid.

The motion to approve Resolution #14 Blue Mountain Reservoir Dredging Bid was seconded by Trustee Parisian. The motion carried unanimously with 6 yes votes.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to adjourn. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

The next Village Board meeting is **Monday, December 20, 2021, at 5:30 pm.**

Lisa Mayone Village Clerk

December 13, 2021