



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes September 7, 2021

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Don Hackett, Brian Martin, Vince Buono, Jeff Helmuth
Others: Paula Kerbert, Andrew Zink, Bill Kemble, Brian Hubert, Sam Fisco, Ed Quirk

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

Trustee Hackett led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

Sam Fisco, Montross Street, addressed the Board regarding an issue with the parking on Partition Street, Montross Street and McDonald Street. The house on the corner of Partition Street and Montross is rented as an Air B & B. Many of the guests have several cars and most recently had a large dual axle pickup truck that was parked for five days. There is not enough parking to accommodate the guests as well customers at the coffee shop on Partition Street. The extra cars block the driveways and the intersection. The "No Parking Here to Corner" signs are ignored. Mr. Fisco suggested monitoring to enforce the 24-hour parking law and possible regulations for required number of parking spaces per apartment.

Mayor Murphy stated that he realizes that parking is a major issue in many areas of the Village. The street parking is public parking. There are not enough on street spaces to mark them as resident parking only. As part of a help to the residents, he would have the street painted with white hash marks for no parking in front of the driveways to prevent cars from blocking residents driveways. Possibly the marks on the road would be a better deterrent than the signs. The number of parking spaces per home or apartment requirements are currently based on off street parking not on street parking.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from August 16, 2021.

Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from August 16, 2021.

The motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from August 16, 2021, was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for September 7, 2021

- General \$ 46,421.88
- Water \$ 16,217.51
- Wastewater \$ 22,475.97

Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Abstract for September 7, 2021. The motion to approve the Abstract for September 7, 2021, was seconded Deputy Mayor Mayer. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Paula Kerbert reported that the unpaid taxes are down to \$75,544.27. All payment agreements have been paid on time. An additional payment of \$749.05 has been received from the American Rescue Plan. The link to the website for the American Rescue Plan has been shared with the Board members to review the allowed uses for the ARP funds.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Hackett reported that the Tree Commission and volunteers helped clean the empty lot at the corner of Partition and Montross Street. Thank you to Rosemarie Brackett, Nina Schmidbaur, Andrew Zink, and John Stafford.

The progress of the harvester in the Esopus was shared during a meeting with Eyal Saad, Mayor Murphy and Town Supervisor Costello. GPS data from the harvester recorded where the harvester has traveled,

and the ariel drone pictures showed the before and after differences. The funding to obtain and additional harvester was discussed. **Mayor Murphy** stated that next spring will determine how well the harvester worked by how much of the water chestnuts come back. Each year should be less and less. The cove and beach are cleared out now. Eyal is doing a fantastic job. **Trustee Hackett** stated in response to several residents requesting to have the harvester in the Hudson River near the lighthouse, that the harvester is not equipped for the river and the Coast Guard is responsible for the river.

Trustee Hackett reported that Michael Hopf has been doing a great job in managing the wastewater plant in preparing for Mike Marino's retirement. There has been little response regarding the openings for wastewater supervisor and operator. The two candidates for the supervisor position that were offered the job both chose to stay in their current positions. The operator position has been reposted internally as an operator trainee. The Village will pay for training and will require reimbursement if they leave the Village.

Mayor Murphy stated that the wastewater department revenue will be necessary to pay the Bond for the sewer plant upgrades. A Line of Credit is being investigated for the upgrades to allow for borrowing and paying off as is needed.

Trustee Martin reported that the Fire Department will be having a 9/11 memorial at Cantine Field on Saturday September 11 at 6pm. **Mayor Murphy** will be a speaker at the service.

The Hooks Room will not be available for the Village Board meeting for September 20th due to an Exempts function. **Mayor Murphy** excused the supervisors from the Village Board meeting on September 20, since the Village office meeting room does not provide enough room for social distancing with so many people.

Trustee Martin presented an application for Membership with restrictions for Alexander Cameron.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to accept Alexander Cameron for membership with restrictions to the Village Fire Department. Trustee Buono seconded the motion to accept Alexander Cameron for membership with restrictions to the Village Fire Department. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

The final inspection for the fire truck in North Dakota will be soon. And tentatively scheduled for delivery by the end of the year.

Trustee Buono questioned what the status of the condemned house on Post Street. Is the Village able to take it down? **Mayor Murphy** responded that the village does have legal permission to take the building down.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to proceed with the demolish of the Post Street house by a competitive bidding process. Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded the motion to proceed with the demolish of the Post Street house by a competitive bidding process. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

The expense of the demolition and past due taxes will be assumed by the new property owner. The cost will not be on the taxpayers.

Trustee Helmuth reported that Round the Bend will have a play reading at the Saugerties Public Library on Sunday, September 12th at 3:00pm. The play is called Insomnia.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported:

- The Arts Commission has updated their new website with links for art activities. Interviews have been conducted for two open board positions. They are putting together a 6 month to 3 year plan and identifying committees that are needed. There will be a meet and greet, Tuesday September 21st at the Partition 6-8pm. Events and artists work will be discussed. Meetings will be at Town Hall on the last Friday of every month at 9:30am.
- The Chamber of Commerce last summer sunset concert was Friday. Thank you to Terry and Steve Massardo for producing the concerts. Thank you to the Main Street Restaurant staff for helping with opening and closing the chamber of commerce information booth. Thank you to DPW for their help with transporting the street art butterflies to the Kiersted Barn. The butterfly auction will be held online only until September 11th. A Google analysis helps with

the website message linking to the correct areas for more accurate usage. The next mixer is a Greg and Thomasine Helmsmortal's home on September 29th.

- The American Legion will be having a BBQ fundraiser on September 21st. Dinner pick-up will be from 4-6:30. Orders are due by the 13th.

Mayor Murphy stated that the Community Housing had a 50th anniversary celebration on Saturday. The event was held in the parking lot and catered by Stone Pony. Sawyer Savings Bank celebrated their 150th anniversary with a celebration at Cantine field with free food for all.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn. **Trustee Helmuth** seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.

The next Village Board meeting is **Monday, September 20, 2021 5:30 pm in the Village office.**

Lisa Mayone Village Clerk

September 13, 2021