



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes March 6, 2017

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

Others: Robert Ford, 3 HS students

Mayor Murphy called the Village Board to order at 5:00 pm.

Trustee Parisian led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor

No one from the public was present to address the Board.

Trustee Helmuth made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2017 Village Board meeting.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Hackett to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for March 6, 2017:

- General \$ 49,967.78
- Water \$ 12,247.27
- Wastewater \$ 18,131.15
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Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded Trustee Mayer to approve the Abstract. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Parisian reported that the DPW Superintendent Bob Fanelli is looking into the possibility of using Biodegradable bags for leaf pickup this fall. The bags would streamline the collection process and cut down on the expense for manpower and fuel. Residents would be only able to put leaves in the bags not sticks and brush.

Residents would be able to pick up the bags from the Village office. Whether or not the Village would charge for the bags is one of the questions to be addressed before a final decision is made. Would it be mandatory to use the bags? What if they don't use them, would there be a fine?

Based on research the cost of the bags would cost .38 cents to .72 cents per bag.

A message could be included on the water bill stating the change to leaf bags instead of in the road.

The change may be done on a trial basis and phased in process.

DPW uses the collected leaves for mulch and topsoil.

Trustee Hackett complimented Bob Fanelli on the great job he is doing at the North Street site.

Trustee Helmuth reported that Sculpture Day is back on again. It plans to be a month long art display at local galleries and parks. A meeting date will be set up with the new coordinator, Alan Goolman.

Trustee Helmuth inquired if there was more discussion regarding the waterline on Railroad Avenue for Bill Swart.

Mayor Murphy replied that Mike Hopf contacted the Village attorney for legal advice. Is it legal to supply to provide a private line to one resident? No decision until we hear back from the attorney.

In the past water line expansions done on Washington Avenue required the residents to pay a portion of the cost. Trustee Parisian stated it would set a precedence.

The Village had offered an updated filtration system to Mr. Swart about a year ago and he wasn't interested.

Trustee Buono reported that he attended the Transportation Committee meeting. Karl Muller, an avid biker, is updating safe bike routes. The bike routes will be published once completed. Parking in the Village was also discussed.

Budget meetings have been completed, other than the Fire Department which is being done after this meeting. Trustee Buono complimented all the department supervisors on doing a great job on their budgets. Every department will have the money they need for projects they have planned. The offer of the home for sale on Russell Street was discussed. Trustee Buono thought the possibility of the purchase should be brought up to the Chamber of Commerce. The business owners would benefit from the additional parking. The Chamber would possibly be interested in helping out with the purchase. Deputy Mayor Mayer will bring it up to the Chamber once we receive the information regarding the purchase price of the property.

Trustee Martin had nothing new to report.

Trustee Hackett reported he had a discussion with Mike Marino regarding the contract for the sewer line at the new Hotel in the Town. Trustee Hackett and Mike Marino wanted to be certain that the contract did not hold the Village responsible for the maintenance of the 2 inch wastewater line. The contract was approved and signed after clarification. Trustee Hackett said that he recommended the Town start a package plant to take pressure off the line.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported that at the Chamber of Commerce event sponsors were able to choose their artist for the Rocking Around Saugerties horse. The Town and Village sponsored horse is titled *In the Meadow*.

- The regular meeting of the Chamber was at New World and the Speaker was Susanne Hotltz, the Director with Ulster County Economic Development Committee. She spoke about marketing for more businesses in the County – Tech entrepreneurs, film makers and food service business. Ulster County is now a more reasonable and desirable place to film. There is a County Loan Fund available to new businesses.
- Destinations is offering a less expensive double page ad to businesses in the new NYS Vacation Planner that is distributed to 75,000 places throughout the east coast.
- There is an application for the Revolving Loan Fund to be reviewed at a meeting on Tuesday, March 7th. A small café and ice cream shop at 31 Market Street is applying for funds.
- The Library Outreach Community is having a meeting for community conversation to find out what ideas people have for the Town and Village in the future.
- TV23 meeting on Thursday, March 9th, 7pm at Town Hall.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett to adjourn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. Carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm. Next meeting March 20 at 5pm.

Lisa Mayone
Village Clerk
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