



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

**Village Board Meeting  
Minutes  
April 15, 2024**

**Present:** Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees: Terry Parisian, Don Hackett, Brian Martin, Andrew Zink

**Others:** Paul Kerbert, Bill Kemble, Dave Gordon, Ed Quirk, Mike Hopf, Eyal Sadd, Rich Forbes, Kevin Brown, Joe Myers

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

**Deputy Mayor Mayer** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Privilege Of The Floor**

Mike Karashay to speak to Village Board the Hudson Valley Volunteer Fire Fighters Association's Convention scheduled to be held in Saugerties June 19 through June 22, 2024. Thank you, Mayor, for the opportunity to speak to the Village Board and let you know what will be scheduled over the course of the four days. Mike described what the Hudson Valley Volunteer Fire Fighters Association's mission statement and how many activities will be taking place. Please see attachment for the details.

Mayor Murphy asked that the local businesses and Police are involved with what is being planned. Mike said they have meetings set up with businesses. Mike also said they will be doing a video for TV23 for information to the Public with what's coming.

**Regular Session**

**Trustee Parisian** made the motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from April 1, 2024. **Deputy Mayor Mayer** seconded the motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from April 1, 2024. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

**Trustee Buono** presented the Abstracts for April 15, 2024.

• General	\$ 39,275.39
• Water	\$ 8,036.79
• Wastewater	\$ 11,854.95

**Trustee Hackett** made a motion to approve the Abstracts for April 15, 2024. **Trustee Zink** seconded the motion to approve the Abstracts for April 15, 2024. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

**Supervisors Report**

**Mike Hopf** – See attached report

Saugerties Fish and Game Club, requesting the Village Board's approval to host their annual youth fishing derby at the Blue Mountain Reservoir on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 12 noon. The tournament is free to all participants under 18 years of age.

**Mayor Murphy** made the motion to approve hosting the Saugerties Fish and Game Club fishing derby at the Blue Mountain Reservoir on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 12 noon. **Trustee Buono** seconded the motion to approve

**hosting the Saugerties Fish and Game Club fish derby at the Blue Mountain Reservoir on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 12 Noon. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

Water Department purchased a 2024 Chevy Equinox, we are asking the Village Board's approval to auction off the 2014 Jeep Patriot, (which the Chevy Equinox will replace) with 90K miles as surplus equipment.

Trustee Hackett asked if the Public surplus is on the internet, we can do it locally.

**Mayor Murphy made a motion for both methods of auctioning off the 2014 Jeep Patriot (internet and locally) and get the best price. Trustee Buono seconds the motion for both methods of auctioning off the 2014 Jeep Patriot (internet and locally) and get the best price. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Eyal Saad** – See attached report

**Joe Myers** – See attached report

**Kevin Brown** – We will have a generator that is surplus, we have local municipality and a residence. – see attached report

**Mayor Murphy made a motion to sell the surplus generator the best way possible. Trustee Zink seconded the motion to sell the surplus generator in the best way possible. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Rich Forbes** – See attached report

Trustee Zink asked about the winding trench on West Bridge Street, Mayor stated it was Archtop and he had contacted them about leaving the roadway in the condition. Mayor was told that they would be out to make the repairs.

#### Trustee Reports

Trustee Parisian – Franchise agreement, don't ask for increase in the percentage, or the terms. Do we have a franchise agreement with Archtop and Planet Network? Mayor stated Archtop is not up and running, we have talked to Planet Network

Trustee Zink – Planning Board Meeting, SPAF public hearing was left open. Sawyer Motors' application for increase garage bays has gone to the Zoning Board. Salt N Fire application for extended decking on the outside, may go to the Zoning Board, addition cannot go over 80% of the property lot. 8 Ferry Street application would have the slips going into the water, apartment on of a garage also, there were a lot of questions and no one to answer. Public hearing open for Salt N Fire.

New chairperson for the the Planning Board, Dara Ellenbogen. Mike Karashay still on the board, stepping down from Chairperson. Mike made the recommendation of Dara.

Deputy Mayor Mayer – Chamber Board Meeting, they will have Sunset concert at Tina Chorvas June, July, and August. The next mixer at the Partition, Jen Mangione, will be speaking from Grist Mill Realty. Next month in May will be at the Stone Pony, the public preview for Street Art, DPW will be putting it out starting May 20, 2024. Woodstock '94 celebration has lots of announcements, the bands schedule has been put together, there will be rack cards and listing everything. Wednesday at the Dutch the Art Commission is having a meet and greet.

The pictures of the past Mum Queens have been put on a fence at Seamon Park, Stella has put them on a slide show.

Mayor Murphy announced that the life celebration for Alex Wade has been moved from May 5<sup>th</sup> to June 23 at the Kiersted House. Mayor has ordered a bench in honor of Alex, with an engraving.

Trustee Hackett Arbor Day tree planting is the 26<sup>th</sup> at the High School. DEC will be at the Library doing a presentation on the 27<sup>th</sup> at the Library. Climate control, climate change with trees. Mayor will have someone assigned to attend; Mayor suggested DPW Supervisor. Tree Commission looking to plant trees at the Blue Reservoir as a staging area. Meet with

Eyal and we agree that we didn't want to respond. All items on our part of the Esopus, some we are already doing. We don't know where the money is coming from, Eyal will speak to Ulster County.

Trustee Buono – last week there were 8 of us from the VFW and the American Legion, for Colonel Roger Donlon celebration of life. It was a once in lifetime opportunity, it was very nice. It was held in Leavenworth, Kansas.

I want us to be sure we are on top of this justice court, is it viable, do we keep it, don't we keep it. Trustee Parisian stated that a referendum will have to be on the ballot for elections for 2025. Mayor Murphy stated Justice Rigtmyer is back on the bench tonight.

One more thing, one of our business owners approached me and I would suggest that it's time to consider public bathrooms. Mayor Murphy stated that there are a lot of towns that do not have public bathrooms. Trustee Parisian stated the public bathrooms at the Cantine Field, they can't keep up with it.

**Trustee Martin – I would like to make a motion to go into executive session for the election results for the Fire Department. Trustee Zink seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Parisian – I would like to make a motion to go into executive session for a particular person or persons of the Fire Department. Trustee Zink seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Martin withdrew my motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to approve the Budget for 2024 / 2025. Trustee Buono seconded the motion to approve the Budget 2024/ 2025. Mayor Murphy asked if there were any questions, Trustee Zink asked if it was a roll call? Mayor stated no it's not a roll call, it's motion not a resolution. Trustee Parisian asked for a discussion? Mayor Murphy responded yes. Trustee Parisian stated he will vote for the budget; but I am going on record that I do not agree with the raises that were presented for Mayor and the Village Board members. Deputy Mayor Mayer seconded Trustee Parisian's comment. Trustee Zink added it's a tough topic, you want diversity on the Village Board. Trustee Buono stated that he had discussed with Treasurer Paula Kerbert about the raises for the Village Board Trustees and the Mayor. Trustee Buono stated we have not had an increase for the Village Board or the Mayor in 14 years. Trustee Parisian does not want to vote on a raise for himself. My passion for the Village, for the people of the Village and I do not do this for the pay. Mayor Murphy stated that none of us do it for the money. Trustee Buono, I think we do valuable work, and its important work we do. Mayor Murphy discussed the concern of losing good employees to higher paying jobs. Trustee Zink stated that he wasn't planning on voting for a raise or the budget there were residents asked me not to, but I think this is a good budget. The Motion was approved the Budget for 2024 / 2025 passed 5 yes and 1 abstention.**

**Trustee Parisian – I would like to make a motion to go into executive session for a particular person or persons of the Fire Department. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Buono makes a motion to close the Executive Session. Trustee Zink seconds the motion to close the Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**


**Mayor Murphy makes a motion to open Regular Session. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to open Regular Session. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Hackett made a motion to Adjourn the Village Board Meeting. Trustee Zink seconded the motion to Adjourn the Village Board Meeting. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:04PM.**

The next Village Board meeting is May 8, 2024, at 5:30PM

Peggy Melville Village Clerk


April 18, 2024




# Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters' Association

Hosted by Saugerties Emergency Services Association

## Convention Update For Saugerties, NY June 19th – 22nd, 2024




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# Agenda

- HVVFA Overview
- Local Convention Committee
- Benefits
- Major Activities




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# Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters' Association

- The Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters' Association represents 16 counties from Rockland and Westchester in the South to Essex in the North. The HVVFA has over 1800 members from 494 fire Departments, Companies and Associations throughout the Hudson Valley.
- The mission of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters' Association (HVVFA) is to educate and train firefighters, develop ideas for relevant legislation, provide public safety education, and provide network for firefighter communications. This accomplished through various seminars, convention, and public safety events.




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# Convention Officers

- General Chair
  - Brian Martin
- Secretary
  - Victoria Mason
- Treasurer
  - Jack Wilsey
- Committees
  - 10 Committees
- Liaison to HVVFA
  - Mike Karashay



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## Why Bring the Convention to Saugerties ?

- Provides a boost to the local economy
  - Trophies & 50 Year Cards from Don Ro
  - Stone Pony Catering
  - New banner - Arista Flag
- Potential follow up visits
- Saugerties has experience in handling large scale events
- Saugerties is a great parade town
- Saugerties provides a good central location for the HVVFA
- Saugerties has hosted the convention 7 times before: 1893, 1898, 1904, 1919, 1934, 1977, and 2021\*
- Saugerties has had 4 Past Presidents (H.A. Ohley, Ernest Hassinger, George Ohley and Donald McCaig)

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## Convention Events Overview

- Wednesday 19 June 2024
  - 09:00 - 12:00 Board of Directors Meeting - Glasco Fire Station
  - 12:00 - 17:00 Golf Outing - Wiltwick Country Club
- Thursday, 20 June 2024
  - 08:30 - 11:00 Convention Session 1 - Glasco Fire Station
  - 12:00 - 13:00 Ladies Luncheon - Saugerties Elks Lodge
  - Lunch - Food Trucks and Good Humor Man - Glasco Fire Station
  - 13:00 - 16:00 Convention Session 2 - Glasco Fire Station
  - 16:30 - 19:00 Blue Vest Outing - Centerville Fire House
  - 16:30 - 19:00 Red Vest Outing - Saugerties Elks

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## Convention Events Overview

- Friday, June 21st, 2024
  - 08:30 - 12:00 Convention Session 3 - Glasco Fire Station
  - Awards Ceremony
  - 17:30 - 18:30 Mardi Gras Lineup - Village of Saugerties
  - 18:30 - 19:30 Mardi Gras Parade - Village of Saugerties
  - Shorter Route than the 4<sup>th</sup> of July
  - Theme: Under the Sea
  - 19:30 - 23:00 Main St block party - Village of Saugerties
- Saturday, June 19, 2024
  - 11:00 - 13:00 Line up for Dress Parade - Village of Saugerties
  - 13:00 - 15:30 Dress Parade - Village of Saugerties
  - Same route as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
  - 15:30 - 20:00 Post Parade Activities- Cantine Field
  - 20:00 - 21:00 Trophies - Cantine Field

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## Parade Logistics

- Mardi Gras (Friday)
  - 50 to 60 Units
  - 900 to 1500 Participants
  - 2000 Spectators
  - 17 Units as of 11 Apr 2024
- Dress Parade ( Saturday )
  - 100 to 120 Fire Departments
  - 2000 to 3500 Marchers
  - 35 to 40 Bands
  - 4000 Spectators
  - 46 Units as of 11 Apr 2024

Based on last year we expect the numbers to be lower

Source: West Glens Falls Fire Dept

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Mike Hopf

Water Superintendent Report

April 2024

Total amount of water treated for the month of March was 22,844,663 gallons or 736,924 gallons per day.

We responded to 103 requests for utility line locating from Digsafe NY.

We completed 10 work orders in the distribution system.

Protective Power Systems and Controls preformed annual major service on the emergency power generator at the water treatment plant.

The 2023 Annual Water Withdrawal Report, a compilation of flow data withdrawn from the Blue Mountain reservoir, has been submitted to the DEC. The total amount of water withdrawn for 2023 was 317,917,224 gallons or an average of 870,453 gallons per day.

The water department obtained a new 2024 Chevy Equinox. Procurement of the Vehicle was accomplished through NYS OGS Vehicle Market Place. We received 11 bids from dealers across New York State. The vehicle was budgeted for and funds were used from the water departments short lived asset account. This vehicle replaces a 2014 Jeep Patriot with 90K miles. I ask the board for approval to auction off the Jeep as surplus equipment.

William Voerg is the proud parent of a healthy baby boy born April 6, 2024. William will be out on leave for the next 8 weeks on FMLA to take care of his newborn son.

We are preparing for our landscaping season. All equipment has been serviced for the season. The snow plows will be stored for the summer as mowing begins.

The Saugerties Fish and Game Club is requesting approval to host their annual youth fishing derby at the Blue Mountain Reservoir on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon. The tournament is free to all participants under 18 years of age.

# Village of Saugerties Building and Safety

April 15, 2024 Report

Reporting Year	Building Permits	CO Requests	Violations
2017	105	90	
2018	90	74	
2019	98	51	28
2020	114	83	29
2021	122	108	26
2022	152	105	21
2023	157	59	16
2024	31	25	6

The projects going up on North St., are progressing apartment complex Country Meadows, Storage 28 putting up their storage rental as well as Rockhaus Realty aka Archive Fine Arts putting up a new building as well as an addition.

Also Partition St. addition is on my desk for approval.

**MS-4** The new GP-0-24-001 permit was filed. A few changes were made such as reporting period and requirements for system mapping, required education and biannual certifications of goal achievements. Our next reporting date is April 2025

**Harvester:** its almost time to get back on the water. We had a few maintenance items that Steve from DPW completed and we are water ready.

Safety Officer/Education

Work place violence and sexual harassment training is ongoing. Bloodborne pathogens was completed last month.

Public Assembly and Multifamily Inspections for 2024 on going.

Respectfully submitted:

Eyal Saad

# Superintendent's Monthly Report

## Wastewater Department

### January 2024

#### Department Operations:

<u>Average daily flow (mgd)</u>	<u>1.29</u>
<u>Digested Sludge Dewatered (ft<sup>3</sup>)</u>	<u>138</u>
<u>Hypochlorite used this month for disinfection (gals.)</u>	<u>828</u>
<u>Polymer used for dewatering Biosolids (lbs.)</u>	<u>114</u>
<u>Natural Gas used to heat sludge (ft<sup>3</sup>)</u>	<u>3,400</u>
<u>Natural Gas consumed for Plant processes (ft<sup>3</sup>)</u>	<u>96,600</u>
<u>Residential septic accepted from haulers (gals.)</u>	<u>28,700</u>
<u>Income from Septic received (\$)</u>	<u>4,018</u>

#### Plant Repairs/Operations:

- Compliance was met for the month of January 2024.
- EFC's Engineer Plan Grant application is in and should be announced before Christmas of this year.
- We are working with Denise Larios to prepare an application for ARPA funds that are still available through Ulster County.
- We've had some odor complaints from Lighthouse Dr. and Latham Circle. Belt Filter Press was down for repairs. Replaced both belts and a main hydraulic piston. Filter press is back in service and sludge production is back to normal.
- Completed the 2023 annual sludge report for the NYSDEC.
- Kevin Brown finished installing the lights in the filter press room. What a difference. Great job!
- We are looking to replace the wheeled compactor loader. Prices are in the range of \$77,000-120,000 depending on options.



# Superintendent's Monthly Report

## Wastewater Department

### February 2024

#### Department Operations:

<u>Average daily flow (mgd)</u>	<u>0.95</u>
<u>Digested Sludge Dewatered (yd<sup>3</sup>)</u>	<u>34</u>
<u>Hypochlorite used this month for disinfection (gals.)</u>	<u>688</u>
<u>Polymer used for dewatering Biosolids (lbs.)</u>	<u>51</u>
<u>Natural Gas used to heat sludge (ft<sup>3</sup>)</u>	<u>3,200</u>
<u>Natural Gas consumed for Plant processes (ft<sup>3</sup>)</u>	<u>114,000</u>
<u>Residential septic accepted from haulers (gals.)</u>	<u>55,000</u>
<u>Income from Septic received (\$)</u>	<u>7,700</u>

#### Plant Repairs/Operations:

- Compliance was met for the month of February 2024.
- EFC's Engineer Plan Grant application has been approved.
- We are working with Denise Larios to prepare an application for ARPA funds that are still available through Ulster County. Project was approved.
- Completed the 2023 annual sludge report for the NYSDEC.
- Received quote to set-up flow controller(s) for the primary and secondary sludge pumps. Operators have been having issues.
- Setting up wet testing parameters. This is a new requirement as a result of the S.P.D.E.S. review and modification. It will increase a laboratory expenses by \$10,000/year.
- Operators are working on a labeling system for the manholes. This will make it more efficient to set up projects and to track progress.
- Water Dept has been to the pump stations to check and certify the Back-Flow Preventers for function and safety.
- Sewer dept is performing a tool inventory on all vehicles and work areas.

# Superintendent's Monthly Report

## Wastewater Department

### March 2024

#### Department Operations:

<u>Average daily flow (mgd)</u>	<u>1.2</u>
<u>Digested Sludge Dewatered (yd<sup>3</sup>)</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Hypochlorite used this month for disinfection (gals.)</u>	<u>750</u>
<u>Polymer used for dewatering Biosolids (lbs.)</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>Natural Gas used to heat sludge (ft<sup>3</sup>)</u>	<u>2,500</u>
<u>Natural Gas consumed for Plant processes (ft<sup>3</sup>)</u>	<u>81,500</u>
<u>Residential septic accepted from haulers (gals.)</u>	<u>63,200</u>
<u>Income from Septic received (\$)</u>	<u>8,848</u>

#### Plant Repairs/Operations:

- Compliance was met for the month of March 2024.
- EFC's Engineer Plan Grant application has been approved Mike Hopf and Mike Karashay are working with Dennis Larios to finalize application.
- We are working with Denise Larios to prepare an application for ARPA funds that are still available through Ulster County. Project was approved Mike Hopf and Dennis Larios are finalizing application requirements.
- Completed first quarterly set of wet testing. This is a new requirement and was a result of our SPDES modification. After we complete this 2024 testing, we won't be required to test again until 2029.
- Jake Dodd has passed his Basic Operations Course and should be sitting for the ABC exam in late July or early August of this year. He is eager to learn and his training is going well.
- Sludge production is down due to increased plant efficiency.
- Performed load test on stand-by generator at wwtp. Appreciation to Kevin Brown who assisted with the test.

# **Buildings and Grounds Parks and Recreation Monthly Report**

**April 15, 2024**

Below is the list of items from the past month. If any items/inquiries come to mind do not hesitate to send me a request and I will investigate them.

## **Accomplishments:**

- Several Meetings (Seamon Park, Stac, Supervisors, Budgets, Shout @Saugerties, Garden Society and Tree Commission)
- Routine cleaning Donlon and Offices
- Banner Installation Completed Donlon
- Completed Organized Barns/Bathrooms at Seamons
- Repaired Several More Street Light Fixtures
- Started Retaining Wall Seamons Park
- Seamon Park Renovations Started
- Spring Clean Up in Parks
- Drainage Project / Basketball Lights with Town @ Lions Club Park
- Boat Docks Installed w/DPW and J&J Tree Service
- Port-o-lets Installed at Parks
- Lawn Care Treatments Started

## **To Achieve Yet:**

- Finish Tree Removals and Stump Grinding in Parks
- Seamons Park House Repair/Renovations Work
- Painting and Maintenance of Buildings
- Start Plantings and Hanging Baskets
- Lots of other Items as well

Any comments, questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact me via email([kbrown@villageofsaugerties.org](mailto:kbrown@villageofsaugerties.org)) or cell phone (845)399-2321.

Respectfully Submitted,



Parks, Buildings and Grounds Superintendent

Village of Saugerties  
D.P.W summary report  
April 15, 2024

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Spring clean up has begun, which should take the next week or so to complete.

Pot hole patching has been ongoing.

The trucks have been stripped down for clean up and their summer time duties.

There is a lot of scheduled work to be done this summer, from catch basin installs and repairs to repaving of at least four streets and sidewalk restoration on main street.

We have been working with Kevin Brown with his wall project at Seaman's park.

Street sweeping has started and most the north side of the village has been done, working our way to the southside after spring clean up.

The docks were installed at Tina Chorvas park and the boat dock at the beach.

Respectfully submitted

Rich Forbes, D.P.W superintendent



# SAUGERTIES FIRE DEPARTMENT



43 Partition Street  
Saugerties, New York 12477

R. A. Snyder Hose Co. #1  
Washington H. & L. Co. #1

C. A. Lynch Hose Co. #2  
Exempt Firemen's Ass'n.

March 2024

Village board members,

For the month of March the fire department responded to a total of 17 calls. Those calls totaled 166.25 volunteer man hours. Members also participated in several in house drills totaling 22 man hours. The rescue is currently out of service and is being assessed to find out what is wrong with it. Annual department physicals were completed. Listed below are the alarms responded to for the month.

Auto Alarms	4
Car Accidents	2
Haz-Mat	5
EMS	2
Rescue	1
Structure Fires	2
Wires Down	1

Totals for January

Alarms 17

Call man hours 166.25

Training hours 22

Total volunteered man hours 188.25

Scott Campbell

Chief, Saugerties fire Department