



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

Village Board Meeting Minutes January 4, 2021

Due to COVID19 pandemic and the Governor's Executive Order 202 regarding open meetings, this meeting was held via Webex. Connection information was broadcast online for residents to participate.

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Mayer, Trustees Vince Buono, Terry Parisian, Don Hackett, Brian Martin **Others:** Alex Wade, Paula Kerbert, Gayle Porter, Ed Quirk, 2 unidentified callers.

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

Mayor Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor – Gayle Porter, Ipaddle NY, spoke about all the work that was done at the beach this past year including the sand, harvester, the aerators etc and she appreciated that. She is a kayak instructor, member of the chamber and a big part of Saugerties. Gayle stated that everyone that rented from her had a mask on, a vest and they practiced social distancing. Gayle stated that someone complained about her running her business out of the beach and Eyal Saad, the code enforcement officer went down there after the complaints were filed and told her she couldn't operate her business anymore under code 134.13 which states she should have a license to operate. She commented further that she disputes this. She parks her trailer in the lot which is public parking. She doesn't take any payments at the beach at all, all payments are done on line or at her business front on Partition Street. She stated that her relationship with the village is very important to her. She wants to make sure if she needs to change anything so that she can operate her business at the beach she will. Mayor Murphy said she is a great asset to the community and would like to see her continue to run her business from the beach. Deputy Mayor Mayer asked if there was a license we could give Gayle so that she could operate at the beach. Mayor Murphy stated that we should charge her something to operate down at the beach. He wants the Trustees to figure out what we should charge her to do business there and let her know. Gayle said she would be more than happy to pay a fee to run the business at the beach. Gayle stated she knows that the power boats or fishing boats take priority and she asks her customers to get off the boat ramp so they can launch their boats. This was one of the issues that was brought up in the complaints. Mayor Murphy wants to come up with a reasonable fee to charge Gayle to operate for the year, Jan-Dec., the board will have to discuss this. Trustee Parisian spoke up and said he has a concern over the insurance. Gayle stated that she would gladly add the Village onto her insurance policy so we would be covered as well as herself. Trustee Hackett stated that she's a great asset to the village and she's bringing tourism here. Mayor Murphy stated that the village would come up with some agreement as to what the fee would be and she will be able to operate at the beach come summer. Gayle said thanks very much to the board and the Mayor for cooperating with her and letting her continue to do business at the beach.

Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes from December 21, 2020.

Trustee Buono made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from December 21, 2020.

The motion to approve the minutes from December 21, 2020 was seconded by Trustee Parisian.

All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for January 4, 2021:

- General \$ 29,785.82
- Water \$ 3,634.42
- Wastewater \$ 8,153.45

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve the Abstract for January 4, 2021. The motion to approve the Abstract for January 4, 2021 was seconded by Trustee Hackett. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Paula Kerbert reported that the outstanding balance for the 2020 taxes is \$15,888.31. She stated we are still waiting for the payment on the foreclosures from the county and it may be until February before we get the payments. Paula also has attached the new budget schedule for 2021-2022 for all the Trustees and the Mayor.

Mayor Murphy added that he would like to discuss down the road to keeping the installment plan option open so that residents that are still struggling have that option and won't feel intimidated and it would relieve the pressure of coming up with tax money. Trustee Parisian stated that he wants to look into making it a law so that there are no repercussions if we were to offer an installment agreement to residents. Paula will look into it for the next budget.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Martin reported that he received from the chief the Ulster County Department of Emergency Services mutual aid agreement plan. They made updates to it and he needs to send it back to them. The updates are staffing for the truck and accountability of the safety officers. It's 90 pages and he thanked Lisa for copying it for him. The end of the year fire department report will be done at the next board meeting. Everything else has been status quo. Mayor Murphy told Trustee Martin that when he's done signing it to bring it to him and he will sign it.

Trustee Hackett stated that the waste water department is still waiting on the RBC to be delivered so they can replace it. Waiting on manufacturing to come back so we can get it taken care of.

Trustee Parisian reported that Rich and he spoke this week about needing 2 new sanders for the village. The 2 sanders we have are not going to be able to be fixed so Rich is going to order 2 new ones. He is going to order poly beds instead of metal beds so we will get a longer life out of them. It wasn't in the budget but Paula said Rich has money he can pay for them with from money for a roof that we don't need fixed. Trustee Parisian also commented that the snowblower attachment they got this year really helped with the big snow storm.

Trustee Buono reported everything is good. All quiet.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported that TV23 had a zoom meeting and haven't been able to meet in public since COVID. They were asking if everyone wanted to stay on the committee that was already on the committee. She asked when we would discuss about the CCA again that was brought up at the last meeting. She stated that she sent everybody the Comprehensive Plan from the Ulster County Planning Board stating they credited us with doing a good job with climate change but we are very inadequate when it comes to affordable housing in Saugerties. They stated that we really need to adapt to the changes instead of going with the status quo. We need to get a working housing action plan that will help us. She asked if anyone had any thoughts because it won't be an easy thing to do.

Alex Wade report for Special Projects is attached.

Mayor Murphy stated that he had a conversation with Supervisor Freddy Costello the other day about the CCA. He brought up the concern he has about an "opt out only" clause. He further stated that he received email from residents that had the same concern about the opt out only clause. Mayor Murphy said that he would like to get a full presentation again from the CCA people because he had to leave the meeting last time and didn't hear everything. The company wants to get 80,000 units signed up for this

so the Village has 10,000 meters so if we were to sign up say 80% or 8,000 residents. Along with the town if we get 80,000 units then we will be fine but if we don't then the town and village would be billed extra for what the difference is. Supervisor Costello told Mayor Murphy if they don't get the 80,000 customers then they won't be moving forward with the plan. We won't make a decision on this anytime soon. The town has had 6 months to look into this and we have had just a few weeks. We need to have more time to look into it. The Mayor isn't comfortable with the opt out only clause. He's afraid that the residents won't get it and not opt out and then be stuck with this plan. He thinks it would be better if they could opt in if they so choose. Mayor Murphy doesn't feel comfortable telling the residents that they have to sign up for anything. He said we will wait until we can hear the whole presentation and then make a decision down the road. He was asked if anyone in the village would be interested in being on the committee for Conservation Advisory Committee. He was actually thinking about Trustee Helmuth. If we sign up for this then we definitely need someone on the committee.

Resolution #1-Election Polling Place- See attached.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve resolution #1- Election Polling Place seconded by Trustee Hackett. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all present. Motion carried.

Resolution #2- Election Inspectors- See attached.

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #2- Election Inspectors

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #2 – Election Inspectors seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all present. Motion carried.

Trustee Hackett made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mayer. The motion carries unanimously. The village board meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

The next Village Board meeting is Tuesday January 19th, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Webex.

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Paula Kerbert
Deputy Village Clerk
01/06/2021