



VILLAGE OF SAUGERTIES

43 PARTITION STREET  
SAUGERTIES, N.Y. 12477

**Village Board Meeting  
Minutes  
March 4, 2024**

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

**Others:** Chief Nuzzo, Bill Kemble, Dave Gordon, Ed Quirk

**Absentee:** Deputy Mayor Mayer

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

**Trustee Buono** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Privilege Of The Floor** - No one from Public

Mayor Murphy introduced our Chief of Police, Robert Nuzzo. Chief Nuzzo spent 33 years with the State Police, most of my career was in Ulster County as a Trooper, Sergeant made Lieutenant. I went to Long Island for a short time. I came back as a Lieutenant Ulster and Greene County, then Captain. I was in Albany and spent a little bit of time in Dutchess County. I left the State Police, I was working as a Colonel in Albany in charge of all the uniformed Troopers across the State. What I missed was working in Ulster County, I turned down Major four times, I enjoyed being involved with the communities that I lived in. An opportunity to present itself, at the Health Alliance Hospital. Last summer their were phone calls from the Town and the Village from people who encouraged me to throw my hat in the ring for the Chief's position. It's been a pleasure. There is a level of pride here in the Police department, as being the Chief I happy to see that. I asked them to make themselves visible at schools, places of worship. I want the public to see a police officer, the public safety the residences deserve. We are trying to get patrols out; we are not at the staffing we need. I am working on it and recruiting people, changing morale. We have a very, very exhaustive investigation involving the fatal hit and run, and we should be seeing a resolution in the next few days. The department has done an amazing job.

**Regular Session**

**Mayor Murphy presented the Village Board Meeting Minutes on February 20, 2024. Trustee Parisian made the motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from February 20, 2024. Trustee Buono seconded the motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from February 20, 2024. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Buono presented the Abstracts for March 4, 2024.**

• General	\$	66,377.26
• Water	\$	15,593.73
• Wastewater	\$	20,269.90

**Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Abstracts for March 4, 2024. Trustee Zink seconded the motion to approve the Abstracts for March 4, 2024. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution # 7 – Village of Saugerties, NY approving 2024 Capital Projects, Equipment Acquisition and/or replacement for the Village

Approving the process for Buildings and Ground and DPW department equipment needs. Payments for the Equipment will not be until 2026.

**Mayor Murphy makes the Motion to approve Resolution # 7 Capital Projects Process – Equipment acquisition and/or replacement for the Village. Trustee Buono seconds the motion to approve Resolution # 7 Capital Projects Process – Equipment acquisition and/or replacement for Village. See Attached**

**Ayes – 6**

**Noes – 0**

**Absent- Jeannine Mayer**

**Abstention -0**

**Treasurer Report** – The 2024/2024 Budget has been given out, if you have any questions, please see me by Friday. The tentative Budget will be submitted to the Village Clerk 3/8/2024. At the next Board Meeting (3/18/24) the tentative budget will be reviewed; Public Hearing will be 4/1/2024. Trustee Buono suggested a workshop if needed to have further discussions. Mayor Murphy mentioned the increase the health \$110K. Trustee Parisian suggested maybe we can participate the medical insurance under the Ulster County.

Still receiving payments for taxes from 2023 for Village Taxes.

**Trustee Hackett** – We received the ARPA \$396K Ulster County Recovery and Resilience Municipal Sewer and Water Grant, we also received \$50K for the Engineering. It takes a lot of work to get this money, we had a great team that all do a tremendous amount of work, Mike Karashay, Mike Hopf, and people behind the scenes doing a huge effort such as Vinnie McLaughlin, I really do appreciate all of their efforts.

**Trustee Zink** – Planning Board Meeting the last meeting, two special use permits at 35 and 42 Livingston Street two separate permits. As a reminder for everyone 42 was shifting around garage space and apartment space and 35 was the boxing gym added above the Church. I will be curious to see how parking will be on Livingston Street after 5PM, if anyone sees anything. There is a new application for 169 Ulster Avenue, renovating space into 3 retail spaces JE Price.

Friday at the Library, the books for art project had their opening, these were old encyclopedias were donated by Nina and me, local artist came to work, sculptures, paintings, students from the high school were involved, well attended, and will happen yearly.

**Trustee Parisian** – NYCOM has sent email for supporting an increase in AIM (Aid and Incentives for Municipalities) program. The funding has not had an increase in funding for 15 years. Mayor Murphy had added his name to the list of municipalities, but a request for submitting a Resolution to the Governor's office. See sample resolution attached. We should have this approved at the next meeting.

**Trustee Buono** – Nothing to Report

**Trustee Martin**– Brooks BBQ this Wednesday @ Firehouse

Last Wednesday Mike Karashay and I went to the Chamber Mixer to update the Hudson Valley Convention, 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June. Mike will bring you up to speed, parade, dress parade.

Buildings and Grounds moving along.

**Trustee Parisian** – I would like to move into Executive Session to discuss the collective bargaining negotiations involving Communications Workers of America Local 1120, Trustee Buono made the motion Trustee Hackett second the motion. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

**The Board came out of Executive session.**

**Trustee Parisian made a motion to approve the MOA between the Village of Saugerties and the Union. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to approve the MOA between the Village of Saugerties and the Union. 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 6:20PM.**

**The next Village Board meeting is March 18, 2024, at 5:30PM**

Peggy Melville      Village Clerk                      March 8, 2024