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THE TRUSTEE REPORT



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The Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees would like to invite residents to attend our monthly board meetings in person or via Zoom. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, May 13, 2025.**

The Zoom link is available and posted monthly on our website. For anyone wishing to view meeting recordings, you can find them on our website also.

What's Happening:

The Village passed its budget for the 2025-2026 year. It was presented to residents at our April 15th meeting and voted on by the Village Board. The Village Board works really hard each year to put forth a fiscally responsible budget. We believe that It Is reflected In this year's budget.

The Village Board has received a few questions regarding the Rally held in April regarding permits and its legality. Just for Information purposes, in Sackets Harbor, a protest or rally held on public property does not currently require a permit. There are limitations in place: events of this type cannot include vendors, ticket sales, fencing, or any exclusion of the public from the space. It does require coordinating with the Village to make sure It doesn't conflict with previously planned village events.

The Village Board could establish a specific permitting process for political protests or rallies, but so far, it hasn't been necessary. The First Amendment protects the right to assemble, and there's a great deal of established case law governing how municipalities can regulate that right. Setting up a permit system that complies with that case law would require careful design and likely significant legal expense. Unless protests become a more regular occurrence — and the Village Board decides it's necessary — we are not planning to propose adding that to our policies at this time.

<u>Update on Pedestrian Safety on Main Street</u>

Village Officials voted and **approved** the following measures to address pedestrian safety on Main Street.

- Ambrose Street a one-way from Main to Washington Street. No traffic will be allowed to turn *onto* Main Street.
- Change the speed limit to 25 mph on Main Street from Broad to Hill Street
- Extend *No Parking* at the corners of Main and General Smith as well as Main and Ambrose to extend visibility.

Please be looking for change in traffic pattern information to be coming. Traffic patterns will be changed May 6. **Be diligent In reading street signs and be mindful of pedestrians.**



