

**Village Board Meeting
Monday, October 6, 2008**

A regular Village Board meeting was held on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT: Mayor John B. Keegan
Trustee Dagan LaCorte, Trustee Andrew Haggerty
Trustee Patricia Abato, Trustee John Meehan

ALSO PRESENT: Virginia Menschner, Village Clerk
Terry Rice, Village Attorney

ABSENT: None

SET DATES FOR NOVEMBER MEETINGS:

The workshop for November will be on Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. The regular Village Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

The Mayor said that we are going to have some little ceremonies here tonight and that he would like to announce that with us tonight, and we are honored to have him, is the Mayor of Sloatsburg, Carl Wright.

Also, the Mayor said that he just wanted to remind everybody before we begin that we are not having any public hearing on Orange Avenue tonight. He said we will have a couple of public hearings - one on garbage containers and one on parking on Antrim - but we will not be having any public hearing in regard to Orange Avenue.

He said that what he would like to do tonight because he sees a lot of guests here and a lot of our police officers and he would like to start off by bringing Police Chief Clarke Osborn up first.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

A) Presentation to Retired Lt. Brian Nugent:

Chief Osborn thanked the Mayor and Board for their accommodations tonight and with working with their schedule. He said he would like to call up Lt. Brian Nugent of the Suffern Police Department. Chief Osborn said that Lt. Nugent recently retired as of September 12 and we would like to give him a token of our appreciation for his years of service to the Suffern Police Department. A plaque was presented to Lt. Nugent thanking him for his years of service.

B) Resignation of Part-Time Dispatcher Alyssa C. Berkowitz:

Chief Osborn said the next item is to ask the Board to accept the

resignation of part-time dispatcher Alyssa Berkowitz. He said that he spoke to Alyssa and she hasn't worked in several months and explained that she could not work the hours that we needed her for. So she has turned in a letter of resignation and he is asking the Board to accept it. A motion accepting the resignation was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee LaCorte. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

C) Set Public Hearing on Parking Conditions on Washington Circle:

Chief Osborn said the next thing is that he is asking the Board to set a public hearing for next month for parking conditions on Washington Circle. He said that they received a letter at the last workshop in regards to parking conditions in regards to emergency vehicles such as fire trucks getting down that street within a certain distance which is stated in this letter which came from the Fire Inspector. So he is asking for a public hearing for next month. A motion to set a public hearing regarding parking conditions on Washington Circle for Monday, November 3, 2008 at 7:45 p.m. was made by Trustee LaCorte, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

D) Set Public Hearing on Parking Conditions Near R.P. Connor School:

Chief Osborn said he has a similar public hearing request regarding parking conditions near the R.P. Connor elementary school. He said there have been numerous problems and numerous complaints from residents and parents regarding student safety issues. He said he received a letter from the Parking Authority who has an officer there every morning assisting the children crossing and we are having some problems where vehicles are parking and they shouldn't be parking. However, there is no law on the books to claim that they should not park there. So he is asking for this public hearing next month as well. A motion to set a public hearing for parking conditions near R.P. Connor School on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 7:50 p.m. was made by Trustee LaCorte, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

E) Promote Sgt. John Bonkoski to Lieutenant:

Chief Osborn said that he was asking the Board to promote Sgt. John Bonkoski to the position of Lieutenant. A motion approving the appointment was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Mayor John B. Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor, Board and Police Chief congratulated him. Chief Osborn said that John is joined tonight by his family and friends.

F) Promote P.O. Edward Dolan to Sergeant:

Chief Osborn said that he was asking the Board to promote Officer Edward Dolan to the position of Sergeant. A motion approving the appointment was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Mayor John B. Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor, Board and Police Chief congratulated him. Chief Osborn said that Ed is joined tonight by his family, his father and mother, and Ed's father is a retired Chief of the Ramapo Police Department. Chief Osborn said that he would also like to recognize another Chief who came down tonight and that is Chief Frank Daly of the Harriman Police Department in Orange County.

G) Appoint Andrew M. Loughlin to the Position of Full-Time Police Officer:

Chief Osborn said that he was asking the Board to appoint Andrew M. Loughlin to the position of full-time police officer. He said that he is a resident here in the Village and for the last ten years he has been a police officer in the Village of Monroe in Orange County. And Andrew is here to join us tonight as well. A motion appointing Andrew M. Loughlin to the position of full-time police officer was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Mayor John B. Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Chief Osborn said that Andy will be joining us on October 20 after giving Monroe his two weeks notice. And Chief Osborn said he wanted to thank everybody for their full support and he wished Brian the best of luck. He said he will do a great job. He said he knows how he was as a Lieutenant - he did an excellent job - and as an attorney he is sure he will be just as good. So Chief said he wanted to thank everybody for their support and the Board for their support in these promotions and hiring.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

A) Two New Members for Suffern Hose Company - Andrew Fredericks & Jin Lee:

Chief Mike Stark said that they had one item on the agenda tonight and one additional item. The first one being that they took in two members for the Suffern Volunteer Hose Company at last months meeting and they would like the Village Board's approval. The first one is Andy Fredericks and the second one is Jin Lee. A motion approving the two new members was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Chief Stark said that the second item is, as everybody knows, the annual Rockland County Fireman's Parade was rained out in September and they would like to hold it on October 18, 2008 with step-off at 12:00 p.m. He said they have been in touch with the Police Chief and Mayor Keegan and there is no conflicting events on that day. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Mayor said that just as a reminder to everybody that on that same day, the 18th, in the morning, our young folks in town from our schools are going to paint the front of the stores as they do every Halloween. And they should be done by about 11:00 a.m. and so it shouldn't interfere with the parade. There shouldn't be any interference.

7:45 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - REFUSE & GARBAGE CONTAINERS:

The Mayor said we will start with the public hearing regarding refuse and garbage containers. Attorney Rice said that briefly the local law provides that garbage cans - garbage containers - can't exceed 35 gallons and must have a detachable lid. In recent months, people have been purchasing very large containers that are not meant for Village staff to be able to pick up. They are too heavy. They need to be worked by a mechanical type of device and it has resulted in some injuries and some discomfort to some of the employees so we are putting this provision in place which would limit the size of the containers.

Since nobody spoke a motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee LaCorte.

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN, NEW YORK

LOCAL LAW NO. 12 OF 2008

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 150 OF THE
CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN
REGARDING REFUSE AND GARBAGE CONTAINERS**

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern as follows:

Section 1. Section 150-2(B) of the Code of the Village of Suffern is hereby amended to provide as follows:

- B. Refuse and garbage shall be placed in heavy gauge plastic or metal waterproof containers with tight-fitting covers. Said containers shall have adequate handles for lifting the same and shall not have a capacity of more than thirty-five (35) gallons and must have detachable lids. Refuse and garbage containers shall be maintained in good condition and may not have ragged or sharp edges or any other defect which may hamper or injure the person collecting the same.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

A motion adopting Local Law No. 12, 2008 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee LaCorte.

AYES: Mayor John B. Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

7:50 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - 3 HOUR PARKING ON ANTRIM AVENUE:

Attorney Rice said that this local law is pretty simple. It deletes from the Village vehicle and traffic code the three hour parking restriction on both sides of Antrim Avenue. It apparently has been on the books for many years. Recently signs were put up as a result of another law and the neighbors approached the Mayor and the Board and felt that it wasn't necessary. The restrictions related or was caused by commuter parking in that area many, many years ago that doesn't seem to be a problem presently so the proposal is to eliminate that three hour parking limit.

Since nobody spoke, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee LaCorte.

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN, NEW YORK

LOCAL LAW NO. 13 OF 2008

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 254-65 OF THE
CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN,
REPEALING THREE HOUR
PARKING MAXIMUM ON ANTRIM AVENUE**

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern as follows:

Section 1. Section 254-65 of the Code of the Village of Suffern is hereby amended by deleting therefrom the following:

[Name of Street]	[Side]	[Time Limit; Hours/Days]	[Location]
Antrim Avenue	East	3 hrs.; anytime	F r o m Lafayette A v e n u e south to its end
Antrim Avenue	West	3 hrs.; anytime	F r o m Clinton P l a c e south to its end

Section 2. This Local Law shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

A motion to adopt Local Law No. 13, 2008 was made by Trustee LaCorte, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

AYES: Mayor John B. Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

There was no report from the Building Department.

CULTURE & RECREATION:

A) Update:

The Mayor said that our director, Gail Curtin, is on vacation this week but we do have a report, which Virginia will read. Virginia said they had the senior citizens picnic Wednesday, September 10; the 911 remembrance ceremony was September 11; Suffern Day and fireworks was Sunday, September 28; and there is a DARE Dance Friday, October 10; Halloween painting will be done October 18; Senior Citizen afternoon movie will be on October 23; and the Halloween Parade will be October 26 at 2:00 p.m. and they will meet

at the old police station down at the end of Orange Avenue. Senior Citizen flu shots Thursday, October 30, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Also, there is a trip going to NYC, "Mama Mia," Saturday, November 15; the Holiday Lighting is Thursday, December 4, at 6:45 p.m. and then Pearl Harbor Sunday, December 7 at 3:00 p.m. here at Village Hall and the Village update is updated.

The Mayor said he wanted to say thank you to Gail, who he knows is not here tonight, her staff, our recreation committee who are volunteers and all those employees and members of our community who contributed to a very nice Suffern Day. He said he thinks it went well. We had a lot of compliments and he thinks most people had a great time.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Terry Rice said that they spoke at length Wednesday night with respect to the various local laws that we will be setting public hearings on. Virginia has them under her report so he will just discuss them with the Board briefly when we get to that point. He said the only other thing he wanted to mention is that the Mayor and he and Dennis Lindsay are meeting with representatives of the Sewer District to try to finish up and tie up the loose ends on the agreement that they have proposed with the Village as far as them installing mains in our streets. So hopefully when we are finished with that meeting we will have the meeting of the minds and we can proceed from there.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

A) Payment to Navistar for International Truck - \$137,250

Supervisor Dan Haglund said that he had a couple of things on the agenda for tonight. The first one is to make payment to Navistar for the International truck that we received for \$137,250. A motion authorizing payment was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

AYES: Mayor John B. Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Haglund said that the next thing is that leaf pick up is right around the corner and he just wants to remind everybody that you cannot put loose leaves out yet until October 15. They have to be put in bags. After the 15th, everything goes. Put it out to the street. Also, keep your brush separate from the leaves because if we go around with the vacuum truck we cannot suck the sticks up through the vacuum. And one more thing, he has a meeting with WJL tomorrow, the contractor that did our work, to go over to finish

the punch list items so they should be here tomorrow. He has a meeting with them. The Mayor said they will be here? Mr. Haglund said yes. The Mayor said he thought they filed Chapter 11. Mr. Haglund said that wasn't true.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

The Mayor said that at this time we open up the floor for anybody who would like to come up and speak about any issue that is on their mind or any question that they might have for the Board. And again, as he reminds everybody, he would just like to ask them to state their name and address for the record.

Ennis Mehdi of 35 Park Avenue said that he just wanted to let everybody know that this Sunday, October 12, between the hours of 10 and 4, the Suffern Presbyterian Church is going to be having its Faith in Action Yard Giveaway. He said they did this last year as well and everything is being given away free to the people in need in the local community, which includes items like winter clothing for adults and children - sweaters, coats, etc., etc. - non-perishable type food items - canned goods like rice and beans and things of that nature and any other housewares that they might receive as donations. He said they did visit with the merchants here in the Village in the business district and posted notices there so that the community that might be in need of these things are aware of it so that they can come to the church this Sunday between 10 and 4. For those that would like to make donations, because the donations that we get in is what we are giving away for free, those can be made this Thursday through Saturday between the hours of 10 o'clock in the morning and 8:00 p.m. at night. There will be signs by the church, which is at 81 Washington Avenue directing you where to make the donations. If you need to call in advance if you have furniture or something, the number is 357-0435. He said he is going to leave some flyers here for people who may want to make donations.

Jack H. Rosenberg of 13 Somerset Drive said that he didn't quite hear what the Mayor said at the beginning of the meeting. Did you mention something about a public hearing on the urban renewal plan? The Mayor said that what he said was that there is no hearing on that tonight. Mr. Rosenberg asked if there would be when. Trustee LaCorte said yes. Mr. Rosenberg said when? The Mayor said at some point in the future. We don't have a date right now. Mr. Rosenberg said you don't have a date. The Mayor said everybody thought we were rushing into this thing so we are going a little slower now to make sure that everybody is around when we do have this hearing. Mr. Rosenberg said okay. He said in view of the article in today's paper, he was going to speak, but since there is no public hearing, he will wait until that time.

Mr. Rosenberg said that last month, if he is not incorrect, there was a discussion about going out to bid to spend some money that was granted to the Village in April, 2007 for fancy crosswalks courtesy of the Community Development Block Grant program of either

\$50,000 or \$60,000. He asked if the Board could bring him up to date on that. The Mayor asked if he was talking about the ones on Ramapo Avenue. Mr. Rosenberg said no, downtown. The Mayor said the crosswalks. The Mayor said we have actually gone out to bid, he believes, on them. Mr. Rosenberg asked didn't the bids come in. The Mayor said we don't have anything and he asked the Village Clerk if that was right. The Village Clerk said yes. The Mayor said not yet. Mr. Rosenberg asked when it was due to be opened. The Village Clerk said she didn't know on the top of her head. The Mayor said we don't have any back yet so we can't open them. Mr. Rosenberg said in other words the date hasn't come yet. The Village Clerk said she doesn't know the date off the top of her head because we have three or four different things being advertised. Trustee Abato said to the Village Clerk that he wants to know if it has come up yet. The Village Clerk said no. Trustee Abato said it is not over yet. But we don't know the date. Mr. Rosenberg said in other words, the date for the opening of the bids hasn't arrived yet. Trustee Abato said correct. Mr. Rosenberg asked if there was any possibility that it will be done this year. The Mayor said he hopes so. He was hoping to have this done last year but as soon as we get these bids, and hopefully somebody will bid on the project, we would like to get going on this. Mr. Rosenberg asked what would the outside date be considering that winter is coming. The Mayor said the outside date? Mr. Rosenberg said when you couldn't work. The Mayor said that you can only do macadam up until December 14. Mr. Rosenberg asked if this was macadam. The Mayor said no but they are going to put blacktop down, fresh top down, and then they actually use a heat type of device to put these designs into that blacktop, if you will. Mr. Rosenberg said if he remembers correctly the plants are open until December 15. The Mayor said yes, probably, and again, we are at the mercy of the bids coming back. Trustee Abato said that the date did pass. The Mayor said that they just found out that the date has passed and there were no bidders. And this may be due to the economic crisis that this country is in at this time. Mr. Rosenberg said you mean nobody wants work? The Mayor said that maybe nobody wants to commit to any projects at this time. He said that what we will do is that we will bid it again. Trustee LaCorte asked the Mayor if we had those companies that directly did this. Weren't there two companies when we originally saw it. The Mayor said yes that is where we got the information. Trustee LaCorte asked if we can call them. The Village Clerk said she thought Dennis was doing that. Trustee LaCorte said he remembers that they looked at a couple of brochures when the Mayor showed them a while ago. The Mayor said yes, that is actually how we got the idea as well as going around to different municipalities and looking what had been done there. So he is kind of surprised that the companies that we looked at their brochures didn't bid. He said he doesn't know the reason for this. He said he knows that we just got bids back on a fire truck. We only got one bid back out of about - we thought we would get four or five, but we didn't. But he guesses that we will just put it out again.

Mr. Rosenberg said that he had one last item. He said that for three months now there has been no cover over the dumpster right

behind his condominium and since it started in the summer, he doesn't think that anybody would like to be living around an open dumpster with garbage inside and he heard something to the effect that because the covers were heavy, that they were looking to get a new type cover, but he would make the suggestion that there isn't a carter around who doesn't have an extra one until this one is fixed. He thinks that it should be taken care of because he has called it to the attention of the Board and obviously other people probably have complained as well. He said he thinks that it is time that something was put in its place until the proper cover comes along. He then thanked the Board.

Dave Gutierrez of 23 Meadow Avenue asked the Board if they were familiar with the article that came out in *The Journal News* entitled "Airmont, Montebello Shape New Master Plan." The Mayor said yes. Mr. Gutierrez said that he wanted to read just two sentences. *Two villages are working toward updating development plans to see their communities into the next decade. Montebello is beginning the process with the formation of a commission to take stock of available land. Its zoning and the potential impact of its development. In Airmont, the public's review of a proposed comprehensive plan for development has already begun. And in Airmont, residents will examine the first re-drafting of its master plan for development since 1995 but concerns about traffic and other infrastructure capacities continue to be of interest.*" He asked if this was something that the Village of Suffern would be interested in joining being that we have two other villages that are technically 10901 zip code to be possibly a third entity and create kind of a triad of three villages under the same zip code who would be very interested in understanding not only how the master development plans in their own areas are concerned but also basically how 10901 can actually come together. Because to him, when all is said and done, the other two entities have something - we have something that they don't and that is the downtown. So he was wondering if possibly there would be some consideration with not only doing that with ourselves which we can address Orange Avenue issues. He said that he thinks if there is a bigger picture, we are now discussing four stories versus six, but he thinks if everybody can see the bigger picture he thinks that it might lend a little more information as far as what Mr. LaCorte and the Mayor are thinking as far as some of the bigger plans that you are having. And he just thinks that it is a very simple committee that can be put together to include the citizens. And he thinks it would be just a dynamite thing for Suffern as well as a great opportunity to connect to the other 10901 entities and have a full solution with all three. It is just an idea. The Mayor said it is something that is definitely worth looking into and he thinks that they will have some discussions with the Village Board and we will see what everybody wants to do.

Trustee LaCorte said that the Village had adopted a master plan in 2004 and he knows that they had discussed it at the workshop - the Mayor brought up one particular aspect of it - that they are going to revisit the payment in lieu of parking which was a policy that

was adopted under the master plan. He said they made some amendments to it probably about six months ago out of concern with some business owners. He said he knows that Mr. Gutierrez had mentioned it at a meeting a couple of months ago. So they are further looking, at the Mayor's suggestion, to revise that also. So that is something that is in the master plan and they are going to look at it again. Mr. Gutierrez said great.

Robert Zeller of 29 W. Maltbie Avenue said that he has a couple of small issues that he would like to bring to the Board's attention. He said they have been waiting approximately eight months on W. Maltbie for three trees that have been cut down that need to be grinded. They have still failed to be grinded down in eight months. He would like to know when they are getting done. The Mayor asked Mr. Haglund if he would like to answer that question. Mr. Haglund said by the end of the week. They had some injuries and have been short of help. Mr. Zeller said he had heard that previously over the summer so he hopes that this is going to get followed through. The Mayor said that we do have a lot of important things in the Village to do and these trees are not the only trees. Mr. Zeller said that he doesn't think that our Department of Public Works should promise residents within a two-week interval period of time and then understand that he had pool work and other work. He should be up front with them. That is a point. The Mayor said the tree stumps could be a problem - is that what you are saying? Mr. Zeller said he thinks they are an eyesore. He said that he thinks that once they were cut down and when we have been taking trees down we are supposed to be replacing these trees, he said he thinks eight months is a significant period of time to wait. The Mayor said that he is just reminding him that we have had a very busy season with the roads. He said he is sure he knows all about the road project and peoples lawns that were dug up and sprinklers that were broken. He said we still have a punch list with that. Over on Boulevard we have a tree sitting there which looks like a totem pole and people want it cut down but we have to wait for Verizon to come in and take the wire out of it. So, believe him when he tells him that Dan is working very hard to get these things done. Mr. Zeller said that he is not saying that he is not working hard. He should notify the residents that if he promised at a certain time that they are going to be done or the Village themselves, he is the leader of that department. He should notify the residents. The Mayor asked Mr. Haglund if he promised this work to be done. Mr. Haglund said yes and it will be done on Friday. The Mayor said it will be done by the end of the week.

Mr. Zeller said the second issue that he would like to bring to the Board's attention is that he is making a recommendation that the Village of Suffern Board propose to the Chestnut Ridge Transportation for different bus stops. Coming from the vacuum place all the way up to Oak Avenue, people are running the buses in the morning. He said he has brought it to Chief Osborn's attention and they have been ticketed and they are just going at an excessive speed over 25. And the reason he is asking them to work with them is that he doesn't feel that any child should be picked up on

Ramapo Avenue since the buses do come down Ramapo Avenue and turn into those side streets. Better and safe would be to take these bus stops and locate them at the other end of every street. Which means if a bus stop is picked up on the corner of Ramapo and West Maltbie, move the bus stop to the end of West Maltbie and the cross street. Those cars are excessive speed. He said he would ask them to look into seeing if you could work with Chestnut Ridge Transportation to move those stops to the side roads. The Mayor said that we definitely will look into it. We just lowered the speed, as he knows, on Ramapo Avenue to 25 mph. The Mayor said that a lot of areas around the state that is the speed zone going through school zones. Mr. Zeller said they are running, going to this train station in the morning, they are running with the gate of the front of that bus wide open, they are running that. With the red lights on. They are running it. And it is more than one time. He has stood out there and seen them run it. Chief Osborn said we can address it. He said that the school district sets the policy for the bus pick ups. The Mayor said is it a problem if somebody lives on the track side of Ramapo then those children have to cross Ramapo to get to the new school bus stop. Mr. Zeller said he is not asking for that. He is asking on the west side only. Along Ramapo Avenue. The Mayor said just the west side. Mr. Zeller said they are excessive running over that 25 and with the front gate open on those buses.

Mr. Zeller said that he had one more issue that he would like to find out. He said he understands that there was a resolution about not allowing dogs or chain bicycles in the Village. The Mayor said that as far as he knows, we don't have a resolution on bicycles. We do have a resolution, a law, that no dogs are allowed at any public gathering of 25 or more people. Mr. Zeller said okay. Then he would like to inquire why we are letting dogs still at our street fair. The Mayor said he was at the last street fair and he agrees with Mr. Zeller. There were a lot of dogs. The problem being that we have dogs coming in from side streets and what not. He said his suggestion to Dan, and he is sure he has ordered them already, is that we want to order no dog signs on stanchions that will sit in the middle of Lafayette Avenue and be placed about every 100 feet. So if you are walking down the main street during the street fair, you are going to see these signs because you probably might trip over one. And again it is a problem and we are really trying to address it. But again, these people are coming in from all different ways into the street fair and we have told a lot of them about the law and they have left. But there are 20,000 people at a street fair so it is tough. But he thinks that with this, and again it was just a suggestion, but with the signs visible in the middle of the street, people will get the idea. Chief Osborn agreed with the Mayor. He said that everybody that they stopped didn't know about the law. The Mayor said we had the signs but they were on the sides on the street and nobody saw them. If they are right down the middle on the yellow line, they can't miss them.

Mr. Zeller said one more issue. Three times a year, the west side, and the Mayor lives on the same side as he does, they are

inconvenienced with that street fair coming in and out during the morning and all day long. There needs to be something resolved where instead of the west side residents going all the way around to the Jersey side to get in, that we should be allowed to come under the street on Chestnut Street and go up that one way. The Mayor said you are allowed to go that way. That has never been closed. Mr. Zeller said but we are not allowed to come down it. We are allowed to go up it but we are not allowed to come down it. We should be allowed to come down it the day street fairs are held. The Chief said it is a one way street and it is very difficult to come down. It would be very dangerous. Trustee Abato said it would be a safety issue. The Mayor said he doesn't know anybody who has a problem going out on the Mahwah end. It is a Sunday. It's not like there is rush hour traffic. Mr. Zeller said that if we need an emergency vehicle it is going to come in from the Mahwah side. The Mayor said no. An emergency vehicle, of course, is going to come through a couple of traffic cones if they have to. Mr. Zeller said he doesn't think we should be inconvenienced three times a year. Trustee Abato said it is a safety issue. You are talking about a law and safety issue that you want to break. Mr. Zeller said he is not asking to break a safety issue. Trustee Abato said the law says it is a one way street. We can't just change the law and say that for this one day we are just going to say the law is not there. It is known as a one way street. It has always been a one way street. What are we going to do with the people that are going to go out that way and go up to Orange Avenue. Tell them that they can't go that way any more. You are going to defeat the whole purpose. You can't make that a two way. It has either got to be in or out. The Mayor said he really hasn't gotten any complaints on it up until now.

Jo Corrigan of 46 Park Avenue said that this is one of her first meetings. She said she was just curious. Why not dogs and why no bikes at the street fair. Chief Osborn said that there have been numerous incidents where dogs have attacked other dogs. It is a safety factor. The Mayor said he witnessed two different times dogs going after each other - not necessarily people. But dogs see each other and they want to go after each other. This happened in a Nyack Street Fair a few years back where one of the dogs had to be put down by the police department. Ms. Corrigan said you can bring your dog to the Nyack street fair. She said this hurts quite a few people who are driving through. They are not going to leave their dog in the car in August or June. The Mayor said that we had an incident at the last street fair where a dog went in the middle of the road and the person kept walking and somebody had to go out and clean it up and it ran down the side of the road into the booths. The Mayor said it is a safety issue. We have had a lot of complaints about dogs. He said he thinks we all love dogs but it is one time of the year. And again, he doesn't think it is fair to the dog. He wouldn't have his dog out in 90 degrees walking on blacktop surface. If you take your shoes off and you walk you will find out what he is talking about. Ms. Corrigan said she agrees. The Mayor said again that we want to try to prevent any instance where anybody gets attacked by a dog because we are going to be liable

for that. Trustee Abato said and another part of that is either all of the dogs or none of the dogs. Dogs that aren't appropriate to have down there and aren't well-behaved - people bring them anyway. So the only way we can actually protect our residents is to say no dogs. Because people make bad judgement calls and bring dogs that do attack people and do attack other dogs. Ms. Corrigan said she can understand that although she has never seen that. Trustee Abato said we have to weigh the pros and cons and unfortunately the cons outweighed the pros and everybody had to suffer for it.

Ms. Corrigan said for the bikes. Are we going to be putting up bike racks so that people can ride their bikes and there will be a bike station so that if they want to ride their bike, they can lock their bike up there. Because you don't want bikes leaning up to the side of a building either. The Mayor said that right now they are looking into bike racks for our municipal lots.

Randy Ortiz said he just wanted to make a comment - a follow up - on the street fair. He said when he was involved in organizing it about 3 years ago, they received numerous complaints from people about dogs at the street fair. And it is very hard to say to one person that you can have, you can bring your dog down but the guy comes with Spike with the spike collar and you can't tell him - you have to be fair to everybody, unfortunately. And as far as bicycles, scooters, skateboards at the street fairs, he said they got a lot of complaints about that as well because when you have a lot of people there. As a matter of fact somebody got run into by a bicycle the year he did it. And they got a complaint about it after the street fair that somebody got bowled over by a bicycle. Unfortunately, that is what happens.

VILLAGE CLERK:

A) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting - September 8, 2008:

A motion approving the minutes of the regular Village Board meeting of September 8, 2008 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

B) Request - Resolution No. 15, 2008 - Name Leonard Jackson as Flood Plain Administrators for Village:

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner said this is a resolution to name Leonard Jackson Associates as Flood Plain Administrators for the Village.

RESOLUTION NO. 16, 2008

RESOLVED, that Leonard Jackson Associates are the Flood Plain Administrators for the Village of Suffern.

A motion approving Resolution No. 15, 2008 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was

carried.

C) Set Public Hearing for Chapters Enforced by Code Enforcement Officer:

The Village Clerk said we want to set a public hearing for the chapters enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer. She said that we have two public hearings - one at 7:45 and one at 7:50 so far. A motion to set a public hearing for 7:55 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2008 for chapters enforced by Code Enforcement Officer was made by Trustee LaCorte, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

D) Set Public Hearing for Fire Detection and Alarm System:

The Village Clerk said this is to set a public hearing for fire detection and alarm system. The Mayor said why don't we just do them all, as Terry suggested, at 7:55 p.m. We will just do one after the other.

E) Set Public Hearing Regarding Building & Fire Inspectors:

F) Set Public Hearing for Housing Standards:

A motion to set the public hearings for fire detection and alarm system, building and fire inspectors, and housing standards for November 3, 2008 at 7:55 p.m. was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee LaCorte. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

G) Request from Village Bar & Grill for Live Entertainment:

The Village Clerk said we have a request from Village Bar and Grill for live entertainment. Trustee Abato asked if anybody was here from Village Bar and Grill. There was somebody and Trustee Abato said that she was just wondering - this says live entertainment permit but it doesn't actually say what the live entertainment would be. The gentleman said that they have been able to locate a jazz band from New York and they are willing to do soft music towards our dinner crowd. He said he didn't know if some members of the Board had been inside the restaurant and seen it. He said it is more of a classy place so they are not planning on having any hard rock and roll or anything like that. Nor is it set up for that. Trustee Abato asked what are the hours. The gentleman said they are looking for a dinner crowd, obviously, so he would assume starting from late 4:30 on. Trustee Abato said on to? The gentleman said he guesses whenever the dinner crowd leaves - probably 11:30 or 12:00 Trustee Abato said by midnight. The gentleman said yes. Trustee Abato asked what the days were that he is asking for. The gentleman said he is looking for Friday, Saturday and Sunday and Sunday is going to be from 2:00 p.m. So it will be a late brunch type. Attorney Rice said that what he would suggest is that the Village Board has to refer this and the other application to the Planning Board. He said what he would suggest is that the gentleman gives a narrative to the clerk to the Planning Board just setting forth exactly what you are going to do and when you are going to do it

and what the limitations and restrictions are and that way everybody will have a better understanding and it will be in writing so we will have it as part of the record. Attorney Rice said that he would suggest the Board refer it to the Planning Board for their review and recommendation. Trustee Abato said it sounds great but she thinks it is really important that we are very sure about what it is going to be. The Mayor said that right now we actually, and the police chief has reminded him, we have had several noise complaints from some of our restaurants and bars in the Village and now we are going to have to sit down and we are going to have to find out what we have to do to eliminate those noise complaints by residents who live around town. The Mayor said he was over at the gentleman's establishment and it looks like it is pretty air tight. He said he doesn't think anybody is going to hear his entertainment but we do have a restaurant that is outdoors and has entertainment and we have a restaurant that is near Chestnut Street on Lafayette and the music is quite loud. And after several complaints from 35 Park Avenue. The Mayor said that he knows that NYS laws allow bars to stay open until four in the morning but he thinks the entertainment at some point of the evening has to tone down or maybe stop. Four in the morning for a ten piece band to be playing is a little much. Attorney Rice said that he didn't think that the Village Board has ever approved a live entertainment permit going later than about midnight. Attorney Rice said that he would suggest the following. Refer it both to the Village and the County Department of Planning - the Village Planning Board and the County Department of Planning - for their review and recommendation and assuming we get both of those back in time, we can hold a public hearing at the November meeting. Trustee Abato asked if we could set that contingent upon that. Attorney Rice said yes, he would set the public hearing and if we don't have it, you will have to leave it open. A motion to refer it to the Rockland County Planning Board and the Village Planning Board and to set a public hearing for Monday, November 3, 2008 at 8:15 p.m. provided we have all of the approvals from the County and the Village Planning Board was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee LaCorte. Trustee LaCorte said he may want to check in. Trustee Abato said that he should get his narrative to Virginia as soon as you can. The gentleman said he will get it to her early tomorrow. Attorney Rice said he would also have to check with them because there is going to have to be a mailing that he will have to do. He said he will have to do a mailing to the affected adjoining property owners so check with them about that also. Upon vote, the motion was carried. Trustee Abato said that what she would suggest is that tomorrow morning he come up to Village Hall and see Virginia and she will tell him all the steps that he needs to do.

H) Request to Bid for Motorcycle - Return Date October 30, 2009 - 11:00 a.m.:

Virginia said she has a request to bid for the motorcycle and the return date of October 30 at 11:00 a.m. A motion approving the request to bid was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

I) Georgie Porgie's - Request for Live Entertainment:

The Village Clerk said that now we have Georgie Porgie's request for live entertainment. Attorney Rice said he would say the same thing with respect to this. We also don't have a narrative so it is pretty scant here other than he is saying once or twice a month. He said we need some specification on this as well so assuming that he can provide a narrative, he would say the same thing - refer it to the Planning Board and set a public hearing for the next meeting. A motion to refer it to the Planning Board and set a public hearing for November 3, 2008 at 8:20 p.m. was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Village Clerk said she had one more thing. She said that Dennis Rocks called her today and asked if she could get this agreement to them. This is for our Ramapo Avenue sidewalks from Mr. Abate and she would like authorization for the Mayor to sign the agreement. It has to be returned to him by November 1. A motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee LaCorte. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

Treasurer Tom Zordan said that we paid down some bond debt of \$165,000. Our outstanding balance is now \$5,615,000. We also have \$1,067,318 in bans outstanding as of September 30. Our total outstanding debt is \$6,682,318. He said we made a ban payment on Friday, October 3 which is not included in those numbers. That was \$155,625. The auditors will conduct their audit the week of October 14. We have received \$96,024 in aid from New York State under the Aids and Incentives to Municipalities Program. Mr. Zordan said that during this week the water department did their electronic meter readings over the telephone. Unfortunately, our success rate has gone down to 21%. It is a decrease of 9 percentage points from last year's readings. The water department has started taking manual readings and should be done on or about October 23 so that the billing can be complete and sent out by the end of the month. On October 17, the water department will be sending out letters to 500 customers to set up appointments to have the new radio transmitters attached to their water meters, thereby allowing the water department to read the meters electronically. The installation work will begin November 3, 2008. He said that when we are nearing completion of the first 500, then we will notify the next 500 and so on until we have done all 2400 customers. The installation will be done by the water department employees who will present their identification to the resident. If the resident is unsure, they may contact Barbara Cottiers of the water department or the police department to verify the employee's identification. He said that he brought this little toy here to show the people exactly what is going to happen. He said that as of right now, everybody has a water meter just like this and they have a telephone box connected to their water meter. Well, unfortunately, because of changes in technology - people change their phone number, they go to the computer system and have their phones through Optimum Online - we

don't get enough readings. So we had to change our technology with the times. So what we are going to be doing is that we will be removing this box here - this telephone box here - cutting the wire and replacing it with this radio and then we will just connect the wire. And that is what is going to be done in every residence and every business by our water department. He said he doesn't think it is a lengthy procedure but he is not a mechanic or an electrician or a water department guy and he doesn't know how quick it is. But this is what we want to do. And this should work that we will never have to come into your house to read your meter again. That is what we are working towards. And this technology isn't going to change. There might be some improvements but this should last forever. At least he hopes so. So if you have any questions before you even get your letter to set up the appointment, you can call the water department and once you get your letter, please call us right away so that we can set up appointments. It will be first come, first serve on the appointments.

He asked the Board if they had any questions on what is going on. He said he knows they went over it. The Mayor said we have been discussing this for over a year. Mr. Zordan said that he is actually more excited to get this done than most people.

Mr. Zordan said the last thing that he has is that he needs approval of a budget transfer. We want to transfer \$10,000 from the center line striping account to the motor vehicle repairs and maintenance account. A motion authorizing the transfer was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Abato.

AYES: Mayor John B. Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

MAYOR:

The Mayor said that we did have one bid on the repair of our water plant. He said he believes it was around \$337,000. He said that we budgeted \$100,000. He said they kind of thought it was high at first. At the workshop meeting we had Dennis Lindsay of Riddick Associates in talking to us and basically in today's construction market he said that was about a fair or average price being everything that they would have to do to the building which is actually put a temporary wall up behind it. The front wall, which is starting to move - not starting - it has been moving out is a safety hazard. The wall is about 100 feet long. So there is a lot of work to be done with that wall and apparently, he said he doesn't have the numbers with him, but apparently the construction company that bid, the only one that bid, has done work before that Riddick knows of and said they do very good work. He said that now we have a choice of accepting that bid or going out and trying to rebid it. So he said he doesn't think that we want to do that

tonight. There are some things in that bid and he sees Bobby, our Supervisor of the water plant back there, but we may want to pull out a few things to lower that bid. He said he knows that some of the ceiling tiles were put in and some other items. If we can bring that number down a little possibly but in any event, whether we do this job now or not, it is recommended by our engineers that the building at least be shored up which means they would have to have some sort of shoring on the front of the building so that it doesn't fall forward. And this has been going on for a few years and there is actually a gauge inside on one of the walls where you can see over time where the wall is moving. And again it is something that they noticed when this Board - when their administration started - and he guesses it was kind of overlooked for a while but he thought it was a real safety issue. We had it in our budget two years ago and we decided to take it out of the budget because it is water department money and everybody knows that our water department has been in a deficit so we decided to look into bonding or banning that money. So this year we said we would go for \$100,000 thinking that number was correct and the number came in way over that - again about \$337,000. He asked the Treasurer if we were to do that project would we have to BAN that or could we do that over a two year period in our budget. The Treasurer said that we authorized borrowing \$100,000 so we would have to authorize borrowing the rest and banning it. The Mayor said that they will look into it a little further and hopefully by our next meeting we can act on that. Attorney Rice said that if you are going to go forward you should get the funding in place because you can't award the bid unless you have the money. Trustee LaCorte said you can do that in 24 hours - the BAN. He said we could authorize it at the next meeting. The Mayor said we also have to look at the time frame on the bid. They only give us a certain amount of time to accept or reject the bid. The Village Clerk said 45 days.

The Mayor said that he thinks we should rebid the crosswalk project. Trustee LaCorte asked if we could contact the two companies that we originally saw. The Mayor said it did go out to them, correct? They were part of it. A motion to rebid the crosswalk project with the Village Clerk to fill in the date and time was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee LaCorte. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Haggerty said that back in 2007 we hired an attorney to help plan what we had in mind for downtown. During that period, before we hired him, we said that the builder would take care of 90% of his salary. Right now we don't have a builder and we haven't had one. And since October 6, 2007, he has received \$27,454.44. Trustee Haggerty said that he thinks it is time that we cut that off until such time as we get a builder. He said he doesn't think we have to keep paying this attorney this kind of money for no progress. He would like to make a motion that we stop it.

Trustee LaCorte said that we are moving forward with the project.

We are doing work. We are moving forward on the urban renewal plan. So, if we don't move forward with an attorney - he said he knows we discussed it. He said that people want to get a different attorney but if we just drop legal work then we can't move forward on the project at this point. It is very - it's a legal process and we need an attorney to represent the Village to do the work. Ultimately, he knows, Tom has mentioned that, he thinks that at least part of that - he thinks like the first \$6000 or so - was paid by Ginsburg. So we paid \$20,000. There was a lot of work the last couple of months because we are preparing the Urban Renewal Plan. We had a public hearing. He said he thinks that after the next step he doesn't believe that if we adopt the Urban Renewal Plan he thinks that after that he doesn't think it is a very legal intensive procedure because at that point we are just going to go out and look for developers and that kind of is not something that involves a tremendous amount of legal work. But he thinks that we are pretty much 80% through this part of the process and he thinks to drop it now would not make any sense.

Trustee Abato said she actually agrees with Trustee LaCorte. She said she thinks they have all agreed and we have had this conversation on several different workshops that we are very happy with the work that is being done, that we are moving forward, that things are getting done, the work that is done is to our satisfaction. And she thinks that at this point to cut it off would be irresponsible for them as we really do want to find a developer to absorb - she means that at some point we want a developer to come in to be able to get that money back to us. And she thinks that if we stop our plan now and we don't go forward with it we are defeating the whole purpose of the \$20,000 that we spent. So she would not agree with that.

Trustee LaCorte said one thing. When we ultimately do get a developer, pursuant to Urban Renewal, whoever and we talked about this at length. Let's say that we go through and there is a proposal and there was an article today about where we would be. Right now the Planning Board is proposing four stories and no eminent domain. It has been a suggestion and there have been some discussions in the paper today that we go back to six stories because four stories is really not viable. He said it may ultimately be but in the current market we don't want to shut ourselves off and not have any developers but with workforce housing, with infrastructure, improvements, the price of land is over \$5,000,000 and if you are saying okay, you are going to give 60 units, from what he has been told, 15 to 20% is typically what a developer would pay for air rights. If you only give a developer 60 units you are talking about 30%. And it really makes the project difficult unless the really high end market comes back. Which again he knows in some discussions that we want something that is good and nice but we also want something that is affordable. So anyway the next step would be whatever plan - if we decide not to adopt the plan then that pretty much ends the project as it is. And this will be in a public hearing that we will probably hold in late November. If we do decide to move forward on either the plan that

the Planning Board suggested or an amended plan with six stories, then the next step will be to put out specs which Tom Vanderbeek has been working on for a while along with Saccardi and Schiff which will spell out the parameters. Then at that point, we will get those specs back and any potential developer will pay a fee to have their proposal reviewed by our planner, Planning Board or whoever. So there will be no expense by the Village. And then we will have a board including members of the community who will sit down and decide and make a recommendation to the Village Board if, let's say we get six proposals, which proposal makes the most sense. At that point, they will make the recommendation and the Village Board can either take or not take that recommendation and then we will designate a developer. At that point, the Village will then enter into negotiations with the developer to say exactly what will be built. So what they are getting, how many units, what we are getting - infrastructure improvements, workforce housing and reimbursement of any expenses that the Village has had. So the bottom line is that he personally made a commitment and he knows other Board members that he will not approve any development agreement that does not call for the Village to be reimbursed 100% for all expenses. He said that he thinks that ultimately this may cost us \$100,000 to get to this point, which he thinks is a reasonable expense, as opposed to waiting and doing nothing. He said that he is not saying that \$100,000 is not a lot of money but in the context of a budget that is seven or eight million dollars, to spend \$100,000 over two years as opposed to saying okay, let's wait for a developer - he would rather be in a position where we have a developer and that time when the economy turns, we are ready to go. You don't want to wait and then three years later and then suddenly now it's the back end of another cycle. And that is what happened to River Development. They came in in 04. But by the time we were ready to move forward a year later, things had changed in the real estate market. So it would be in a great position to be where we have a developer and they are ready to go just as things are coming about. So he personally has made a commitment if he is still on this Board that he will not approve or vote for any development agreement that does not reimburse the Village 100% for every penny that we have put out in pursuit of this project.

Trustee Haggerty said that sounds good and he agrees with him that it would be nice to have it. But we have kicked this around for quite some time. He said he thinks we are utilizing an attorney and it is costing us thousands when we don't need it right at this point. He said he doesn't think we need any legal assistance until we get at least a builder that we can discuss it with. So he would make a motion right now that we stop the work that Karben is doing, whatever it might be, until we get a builder. So he would like to make that motion and hopefully at this time it gets passed. The Mayor asked if we had a second on that. If we had a second on that motion. The Mayor said if we don't have a second on that motion, then we don't have a motion.

The Mayor said that he would like to make a comment that he agrees with Mr. LaCorte that we have a lot of money invested in this

project and he is not a big fan of Mr. Karben but he will say that he has worked on this project and he has worked in the last two Planning Board hearings and he has invested a lot of time and to just cut somebody loose right at this moment and start fresh with a new attorney, who is probably going to charge us more or the same amount, he thinks that if we are to recoup these expenses in the end with whoever is the builder, then he foresees it not costing us a penny. And in lieu of that, he does not have a problem with that.

Trustee LaCorte said that he appreciates that. He said he is the first to admit that he asked the Village to hire this lawyer. And he thinks that everybody in this room knows who Ryan is - Ryan has been in the newspapers through the years for various reasons - but he is doing a good job and he has a specific area of expertise in urban renewal in Spring Valley that not a lot of people in this County have. It is not just a simple - and he is not trying to criticize any lawyers here. It is not like just a simple real estate closing or some general practice. It is very specific - the rules pertaining to urban renewal and he has done an excellent job and if the Board didn't think he was doing an excellent job or wants anybody else, that is fine. But again, the project is moving along and from his perspective that is the most important thing and he doesn't think that after this next step - and again this is the legal intensive part of developing an urban renewal plan. After this part is done and we presumably adopt the plan, it is going to be seeking a developer and that is not really going to involve attorneys fees. It is just going to involve us putting out specs and more work from the planners who we are paying also. Tom Vanderbeek, who is the consulting engineer, who is developing specs. So he appreciates the Board's support. He said he knows it is a difficult situation to be put in, but again he thinks we need to do what is best for the Village and he thinks that dropping it at this point is not there. Trustee Haggerty said it is not a question to drop anything. It is a question to just wait until we get a builder and then we can rehire Karben. He said he has nothing against the attorney. He doesn't like the money that we are spending on it and we are not seeing anything. No where near seeing any kind of a builder. He said he thinks we are wasting money and he would like to take him off the job temporarily until we get a builder. If that doesn't happen then we won't lose any more money. Trustee LaCorte said that we are at that next step. Whatever plan we adopt or don't adopt next month, then we are done with that phase. It is just at this point to get a developer - the big decision is are we going to have eminent domain. Trustee LaCorte said he personally would not advocate moving forward with any plan that didn't give us the power of eminent domain over the commercial property, not the residential property, on phase I and something greater than four stories. So he thinks that most of them are on that same page. So if we can't build that consensus, then that is it. If we do, we have that and then we are done with legal work in large part for months. And then when we get back to it, he thinks we will be in a position where whatever developers come in that they are going to pay for that. So it is kind of like we are in the ninth inning so let's just finish it and then we'll see what

happens. If no developer comes along then we are not - he said he thinks we have one more month of a lot of legal work and then we are done for a long time or we are done at least to a point where we will know somebody who will be paying for it. Trustee Haggerty asked if that meant that you are not going to second the motion. Trustee Haggerty said he thinks it is a mistake personally. He said he voted to hire this gentleman and he is not criticizing his work. He thinks that we are paying money that we don't have to pay and it is not appearing to bring anything closer to closing with this business. He said he doesn't think it is right and he thinks we ought to stop. Trustee LaCorte said that if we are having this conversation in three months, then he will make the motion. He just thinks that we are so close. Trustee Haggerty said then in three months there are going to be not many more thousands. But if you are going to second it. Trustee Abato said in three months. Trustee Haggerty said it will be appreciated but he thinks we all should support it. He doesn't think we need anyone right now doing legal work with nobody to do it with.

Mayor Keegan said he doesn't think there should be any further cost until something is going on. He said that he realizes that the recent bill looks high but he also looked into the reason for that and again we have had two Planning Board meetings, there have been a lot of discussions and meetings with this gentleman with members of the Board and again he doesn't think that we really expected to get into the problem that we have with the eminent domain as far as residential property and again we have changed our minds on that and there have been a lot of changes but when you do changes, again, you have to have an attorney do that. And he doesn't care what attorney is out there. They are not cheap. But he does agree with Andy that he thinks between now and any further movement on this he doesn't think we should be paying or we should look really hard at anything that we are being charged that we may feel that we shouldn't be paying from here out.

Trustee Meehan said that one of the things that he is concerned about is the designation and since basically there seems to be an agreement that we no longer agree with the designation, especially in areas two and three, he would really like to see us move to designate areas two and three. Because right now they are designated as blighted areas. Trustee Haggerty said two and three have been removed. Trustee Meehan said by when, by whom. Trustee Meehan said he knows what he said. But what he wants to see is that this Board passed a law four to one saying that it should be designated. Let's pass one five to nothing de-designating. Trustee Abato said that she thinks that we have to sit as a Board and talk about that. She doesn't think it is something that we can just do tonight. Trustee Meehan said he is not asking for tonight. Trustee LaCorte said whatever the process is. Trustee Meehan said he was just bringing it up. Trustee LaCorte said that when we receive this back, whether we go back and change the designation of that area, but we do know that next month when we get the plan we are receiving a plan that, no matter what we do, we are only receiving a plan that we are going to adopt or not adopt that pertains to

block I. He said he understands what Trustee Meehan is saying and he doesn't know how it affects what you can do and again if that is a legal question that we have to find out will cost us money. He said he doesn't know if you can just undesignate an area at this point.

Trustee Haggerty said that he would like to have it noted for the record that his motion was not seconded to relieve us of spending this kind of money with an attorney that we have negotiating with no one.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Abato said that she had some new business. She said that at the workshop she had brought up and she asked for the Board's consideration. She said that we had our 911 memorial service down at Lonergan Drive as we do every year and it was really beautiful and it was very well-attended this year in the evening and it was very well attended and it was very nice to see everyone come out to remember those that we lost on 911. But we had planted trees - there is a memorial tree for each of those that we lost here in Suffern, and she would like to move that we place bricks with each person's name next to the tree so that when people walk through there they will know which trees for which of the loss of 911. So she would move that we purchase bricks with the names. She said that she asked Dan Haglund to look into some prices. She asked him if he had that. Mr. Haglund said yes, he had them. He asked if we wanted it on bricks or cobblestone. Trustee Abato said she thinks bricks are nice. She thinks that they last longer and they go with the park because the brick walkway. She thought it would be nice to kind of keep that theme going. It is whatever you think will look best. But she thinks the bricks will be nice - the memorial bricks. And this way she knows that we had asked the families to put a rose near the tree for their loved ones and some of them didn't know which tree belonged to their loved one and it was a little confusing. And she thinks that it would just be nice for people to be able to know that that tree is for that individual. So she moves that we purchase the bricks for the memorial. The Mayor said that he has been told by Terry that we can't really vote on something without a price. The Mayor said how much could a brick with a name on it possibly cost. Mr. Haglund said \$50 a piece. Trustee Abato said so not to exceed \$50 a piece. The Mayor said why don't we just add it up and add \$100 in case and then we can vote on it. There are six. Trustee LaCorte said not to exceed \$1000. Trustee Abato made the motion to purchase the bricks at a cost not to exceed \$1000, seconded by Trustee LaCorte.

AYES: Mayor John B. Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Trustee Abato said thank you. She appreciates the Board's approval.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee LaCorte. Upon vote, the motion was carried.