

**Village Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 12, 2013**

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

PRESENT: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

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

ABSENT: Trustee Charles Falciglia

**SET DATES FOR DECEMBER MEETINGS:**

The Mayor said the Organization meeting will be held December 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Board meeting.

**7:35 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - REGARDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON LAFAYETTE AVENUE:**

Attorney Rice said this is 15 minute parking in front of 55 Lafayette Avenue. It is amending the code to provide for that. The Mayor said we have done this in the shopping district, the business district, a number of times trying to make it convenient for people to come in who may only want to be in the Village for a short period of time and go into a shop. So this is in line with that. The Mayor said if anybody has any questions or public comment, to please come up to the microphone.

Since nobody spoke, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN, NEW YORK  
LOCAL LAW NO. 11 OF 2013

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 254-65 OF THE  
CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN  
REGARDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON LAFAYETTE 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, "Schedule XV, Time Limit Parking" is hereby amended by adding thereto after [Name of Street] Lafayette Avenue [Side] North [Time Limits; Hours/Days] 15 Minutes [Location] In Front of 92 Lafayette Avenue

[Name of Street]	[Side]	[Time Limits; Hours/Days]	[Location]
Lafayette Avenue	South	15 minutes	In Front of 55 Lafayette Avenue

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

A motion to adopt Local Law No. 11, 2013 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Patricia Abato, Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan  
Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Charles Falciglia

The Mayor said the second item which some people may be here this evening is the continuation of the public hearing, adding the new district, "Transit Development District." The Mayor said it was postponed at the request of the applicant due to personal reasons. Josh Goldstein's wife had a child, a baby boy, so we wish them congratulations so obviously the last week or so he has had other things on his mind so he asked if we could postpone it to a date in the future. And the plan was going to be to postpone it to the final week in November. However, for logistical reasons, some members are leaving earlier, some are leaving after for the holiday weekend, so it made sense to adjourn it to December, which you all know is now going to be a new administration. So we had to just work that out with everybody because the Mayor is not going to be here and they have to figure out the Board. So essentially what he thinks they are going to do here - he asked the Mayor-elect what she would ask the Board to do. Trustee Abato said we could do it the following week. She

asked if that would work with everybody. Trustee Meehan said he would be fine. He asked if any of the Trustees-elect were here. Trustee-elect Frank Hagen is here. Trustee Abato asked if Wednesday, December 11, was okay with him. A motion to adjourn the public hearing to Wednesday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Mayor said he believes we have some awards for the Halloween decorations. The Mayor said as everybody knows we do award seasonally to recognize people who go above and beyond to make their homes beautiful - whether it be during the summer for flowers, during the Christmas season or Hanukkah season for the holidays, as well as Halloween. So it is his privilege to award the 2013 Best Halloween decorations to Donna Savino of 190 Orange Avenue. The Mayor presented her with a certificate and a \$50 gift certificate to Marcello's. The Mayor said by the way it is restaurant week and there is a three-course lunch for \$20.95. The Mayor said he went and it was delicious.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Mike Stark said as he walked into the building tonight he spoke to Terry Rice and one of their items has been stricken from the agenda this evening. And he looks forward to getting that resolved at the December meeting. Other than that, he has two other items on the agenda this evening. He said the first one is for the Fire Department to attend the holiday parade in Wallington, New Jersey on November 30. A motion authorizing the request was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Chief Stark said the second item is for permission for the Fire Department to attend the holiday parade in Orangeburg on December 14, 2013. A motion authorizing the request was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

#### **CULTURE AND RECREATION:**

Mrs. Cathy Mills thanked the Mayor and Board. She said upcoming events for the Village of Suffern Recreation Department is as follows: they have the Recreation Advisory Board meeting which will be November 14 at 7:00 p.m. They have the DARE Dance this Friday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. They

have the Radio City Music Hall show, the Christmas Spectacular, which is sold out this year, and that is going to be on Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. November 20<sup>th</sup> they have the Senior holiday luncheon at the Community Center at 12 o'clock. They have the LEAD event on November 22 at the Community Center at 8 o'clock. They have the Hanukkah celebration which will be on Monday, December 2, at the gazebo and at the Community Center. They have the Holiday Parade, tree lighting and Santa greeting, which is always a huge hit for the Village, and that is going to be on Thursday, December 5. Again they will be having the parade going down main street and ending up at the gazebo for the tree lighting and then they will have Santa Claus meeting all the kids inside that night. And then on Sunday, December 8, they have the Annual Pearl Harbor ceremony. It will be at 2 o'clock here in the auditorium and they invite everybody to come out for that. Trustee Abato said she had a question that someone had asked her. She asked if we would be sending out invitations for that. Mrs. Mills said they have sent out letters to all the local politicians to attend. She said we have sent out letters to all the veterans groups in the area to attend. So they have sent those out already. She said if there is anybody else that the Board would like them to invite to please let them know and they would be happy to send them out. Trustee Abato said okay, thank you. Mrs. Mills said her last item is that she is requesting the use of the Leo Lydon building for AARP. They asked if they can start getting ready for the 2014 tax season starting in January for training and then the Leo Lydon building for tax preparation. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:**

**A) Set Public Hearing for Revised Flood Damage Law:**

Attorney Terry Rice said he had a couple of things. He said he had e-mailed the Board copies of the draft local law. He said we have to revise our existing flood damage law to comply with the new FEMA regulations and the new small changes in the map. So rather than make individual piece-meal changes which would be very confusing, he revised the entire chapter. He said it has been forwarded to the DEC and they want to approve it before we adopt it because you have to have this in place the way they like it otherwise the community is not eligible for flood insurance. So he is sure there is not going to be any issues with it the way it was written and he would suggest that if you would like to

start moving it forward that you hold a public hearing on that local law. You are going to have that special meeting on December 11 so perhaps you can put that on first at 7:00 p.m. and that should be pretty quick. A motion to set a public hearing was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**B) Extension/Modification Lafayette Theater Parking Lot Agreement:**

Attorney Rice said the other thing is that the Village presently has a license agreement with the Lafayette Theater for the 44 parking spaces on the westerly side of the theater and in return for maintaining the parking lots and sidewalk the Village is able to use those parking spaces. However, that agreement is cancelable by either party on thirty days notice. There is some paving and drainage work that is required to be done on the parking lot adjoining the theater and it has been proposed that the Department of Public Works undertake that work. The cost is approximately \$10,000. In return, if it is agreeable with the Board, the license agreement would be amended to provide for a five-year term during which it either can't be canceled or if the theater decides to cancel it then they have to pay the Village back the amortized pro-rata share of the balance of the \$10,000 that the Village has spent. So if you would like to move on that, you can do so. The Mayor said that simply put that they depreciate our investment so they can't walk away and say thank you for \$10,000. If they want to then they pay us back \$10,000 and if they stay the full five years then obviously that is a sufficient investment for us to make to get use of those lots. So he thinks it is a very fair thing for both parties involved. A motion approving the agreement was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Charles Falciglia

The Mayor thanked Attorney Rice for working on that. He said he thinks it is a good thing and the BenMoshe family has really

worked well with the Village and we appreciate all that they have done in keeping the Lafayette the way it should be.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**A) County of Rockland and Village Agreement - Village to receive \$53,856 for purchase of a Chevrolet Suburban police vehicle:**

Chief Clarke Osborn said he has a few quick things to vote on. He said that number one is that they finally received the agreement from the County of Rockland. He said they are going to receive \$53,856 from the County of Rockland to purchase a new Chevrolet Suburban police vehicle specially equipped - a supervisor's vehicle. It is basically going to replace our supervisor's vehicle now. We are getting it at no cost from the Rockland County Seizure Committee, which he is one of four members of, and all the Village police departments will be getting them - fully-equipped vehicles basically used for command incidents. They will be equipped with specialty equipment. So basically all we are doing is accepting the agreement to receive \$53,856 from the county. A motion approving the agreement was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Chief Osborn thanked the Mayor and Board. He said hopefully they will have the vehicle once they get the agreement signed. It was ordered from upstate New York - all four villages. They ordered them together to get a better deal on them. So hopefully it will be in within the next few months.

**B) Set Public Hearing for one side parking on Beech Road:**

Chief Osborn said secondly he received a letter from a resident on Beech Road. He said he spoke to the resident in regards to a parking issue. One of the issues on Beech Road - the dead end side from Forest Drive south - maybe ten houses are affected by this. When the vehicles park on both sides of the road, which they can legally do, it is very difficult to get a vehicle through, let alone an emergency vehicle. He said he spoke to Joe Hunt in the DPW and he believes that there is an issue getting a garbage truck as well down there. So the resident had a very legitimate complaint. The Chief said he met with the resident, spoke to him, and he thinks it is fair in an assessment of the way to solve this problem would be to limit parking to one side of Beech Road south of Forest and he is going to suggest that we

limit the parking on the east side from Forest south. He said he would write it up for Attorney Rice. He is looking for a public hearing next month on this proposal. Attorney Rice said we can set a public hearing for 7:00 p.m. also on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Attorney Rice said that is the east side south of Forest? Chief Osborn said it would be the east side of Beech Road south of Forest Drive to the dead end. A motion to set the public hearing was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Chief Osborn said he had one more thing. He said he has spoken with the Mayor and he believes, and he apologizes for the late notice, and he knows he spoke to Tom about this at length. The Chief said a few months ago every officer in Rockland County received ballistic helmets, which are bullet resistant helmets, used for a critical incident in God forbid a school or a hospital or big business. These helmets are bullet resistant and every officer in the county received one at a cost of over \$200,000 to the Rockland County Seizure Committee. The seizure fund is made up of money that is seized during arrests during large-scale events. He said they decided to get every officer one, which came to \$213,204. After consulting with the District Attorney, Tom Zugible, who he is on the committee with, Tom and he felt it was better to have the money go through a municipality to get paid rather than from the length of time it would have taken to get through the county. So he is asking our Board, and he spoke to Tom and he appreciated him speaking to the county on it - we will be reimbursed \$213,204. We will get the money from the county and then pay it to the manufacturer of the helmets. He said that we received the helmets for free and it is not costing the Village a nickel. The D.A. felt it was a better way, D.A. Zugible, to do that due to the length of time. So he is asking the Board to accept that proposal so that once we get the money to get it to the manufacturer of the helmets. Chief Osborn said the reason it came through Suffern is that he is on the committee as the police chief's representative. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Charles Falciglia

Chief Osborn thanked the Mayor and Board and said he wanted to thank the Mayor for his support over the last several years. And he wishes him the best of luck in the future endeavors. The Mayor thanked him.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

**A) Training:**

Mr. Charles Sawicki requested authorization to attend a Highway Intersection Safety Course located in Mount Vernon, New York on November 19, 2013. This course is being provided by the Federal Highway Administration at no cost to the Village. A motion authorizing the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**B) Personnel:**

Mr. Sawicki requested that the Mayor appoint Mr. Arimis Morris to a laborers position effective November 13, 2013. The rate of pay is \$15.95 per hour. A motion confirming the appointment was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Charles Falciglia

The Mayor said he just wanted to interrupt because he said obviously we have two other positions on here and obviously when people see their name - the situation though is these positions, while they have been posted, we are still waiting for final approval from Personnel so we have just been advised that we should await the final approval. It is nothing that anyone should move into that we are not moving forward on two people.

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization to create an Assistant Automotive Mechanic position for the Street Department. This position is being created to assist the Auto Mechanic I in miscellaneous repairs. So he is just asking to create the position and not to fill it at this time. We just need to go through that procedure as required by Rockland County Personnel.

Trustee Abato said she had a quick question. She asked if this was already an established position? Mr. Sawicki said no, this is what he would like to do tonight. Establish it. Trustee Abato said it is a new one. A motion authorizing the creation of the position was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Trustee Meehan asked if there was a plan to fill that with an existing person. Mr. Sawicki said we would certainly look at that. He said he thinks there is a good possibility doing that. The Mayor said that what we had discussed earlier - we had a mechanic who resigned and now we are moving up someone internally to that and Joe Hunt who was the first mechanic is now acting in the position and obviously we have discussed moving him up to the position permanently and we are awaiting the approval from the County and he obviously will be spending a lot more of his time on being supervisor. So we want to get back to two mechanics and this will enable us to get a second person he guesses at a time and a candidate that Charles deems appropriate. And he guesses that is the best way. Mr. Sawicki said it is at a lower level. You have an auto mechanic II and an auto mechanic I. This is the level just below that. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**C) Application for Payments:**

Mr. Sawicki requested payment authorization for application of Payment No. 1 for the Hose Company Fire House Roof project to Hayden Building Maintenance Corporation in the amount of \$61,228.80. A motion authorizing the payment was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Charles Falciglia

Mr. Sawicki requested payment authorization for application for Payment No. 1 for the WWTP Dewatering System Upgrade to Northeast Remsco Construction in the amount of \$222,952.50. A motion authorizing the payment was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Patricia Abato

Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Charles Falciglia

Mr. Sawicki said he would like to echo on what the Chief said. He said he has really enjoyed working with the Mayor for the last four years, five years, and he wishes him the best of luck. The Mayor thanked him and said same here.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Roy Tschudy of 16 Lonergan Drive said before he begins he would like to congratulate Ms. Abato on her victory and also Mr. Byrne and Mr. Hagen also. And hopefully now that the election is over let's all get together, let's all be supportive and hopefully we can all move forward in a positive fashion. He also wants to wish the Mayor good luck in the future. Even though the Mayor and he has agreed on some things and disagreed on others, he still wishes him and his family the best of luck. Mr. Tschudy said he would also like to thank Mr. Hunt and Mr. Sawicki for getting the basketball courts in at Donna Hallet Park. He trusts in the spring when the weather is good they can finish the job and paint the foul lines and put the key in there. Mr. Tschudy said although he is very happy that the skating rink in the park was established the other week, he is still hopeful that the toddler park down on Temple Lane will be addressed before anytime soon. It is long overdue over there.

Mr. Tschudy said specifically to Chief Osborn he would like to ask if it was possible if any more patrols could be put over by the South Street exit leading onto the turnpike because it is a constant, constantly on a daily basis people disobeying a legally posted sign and backfill that area in preventing people from coming out of South Street onto Franklin Turnpike. And he knows personally it has almost led to some arguments and it is going to continue to be that way unless summonses are issued there. And he knows that the Village could end up making quite a few dollars on summonses issued there. So he would appreciate that.

He said lastly we had spoken and addressed the situation on the street in back of Lonergan Drive where the debris is thrown from the back houses onto the landscape. He said we had addressed that in the spring and he was under the impression that notices were

to be given to those homeowners who toss their debris over - whether it is wood or whatever. That is going to end up sliding down into the water and damming it up so they were hoping that that would be addressed and he doesn't know if it has been. It hasn't been cleaned. It is still there and it is going to end up in the water again. So - the Mayor asked Chief Stark to speak as respect to the Building Department as to what is going on. The Mayor said he also understood also that there was going to be action taken so if you are saying there is not - he said we have Mike Stark from the Building Department. Mr. Tschudy said he certainly doesn't look for anybody to receive a fine. If they could get a warning first with so much time to clean it up. He is not looking for anybody to take anybody's money on that but if they don't clean it up in a certain amount of time then it should be adjudicated that way.

Mike Stark said this is the first they are hearing about this. He said he is not sure if anybody else upstairs was advised of this but they can sure look into it. Mr. Tschudy said thank you but again that was addressed in the spring. Mr. Stark said that is the backside of Interstate Street, correct? Mr. Tschudy said yes. He said with that he thanks him and again he wishes the Mayor good luck.

Michael Curley of 180 Orange Avenue said he just wanted to wish the Mayor good luck. He said he thinks he cared about the Village. He was a hard-working Mayor and he put his whole heart into it. And he thinks he sacrificed and his family sacrificed because of the time he put in and he doesn't think by far he is gone from politics or any kind of thing in Rockland. He said he thinks he is here to stay. And he thinks the County knows he is here to stay. And he wishes him good luck in that. Mr. Curley said he wanted to congratulate all the candidates that ran. He said he thinks by everybody running it made it very interesting and better for the Village. It showed that the democratic process works and he thinks it is healthy. He said he thinks it is healthy that we all got to hear different views and different people talking. But he also through the last few years, especially your administration, we used to watch Jack Rosenberg sitting here. And he and Mr. Rosenberg are on the same end of politics and he used to watch him write these letters to the *Journal News* and he didn't see it the same way as him but he thanks him for doing that and he thanks him for caring. And unfortunately we don't see a guy like Jack Rosenberg as much as we should and he used to hear people say "oh, sit down" whispered

under their breath or "you are here too long." But he thinks he has always wanted a park bench somewhere in this Village and he thinks if this Board or the next Board could consider doing a park bench for a guy like Jack Rosenberg. Whether it is in the great Squires Gate where Mr. Tschudy and them live or downtown. But he really feels that that man deserves it and it is something you should consider. Whether you could do a private fundraiser for him. But he deserves it. He made your administration great, Dagan. He helped him as much as he could. That's a joke. And thank you very much.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Curley for his comments and his involvement in the Village through the years in the community and also for his personal friendship.

Bruce Simon said what is that old show biz adage - never follow children or animals. He said he is not sure which one he is applying to today. Mr. Simon said he is not going to echo anybody. He said he has had enough of him. Please get out. He can't wait for this meeting to be over. Mr. Simon said no, that's not true. He said he did want to take a minute. He said we awarded Mrs. Savino the best Halloween decorations before. He said he also wanted to say that the Recycling Committee had "Not Just Battery Saturday" recently and they collected an unbelievable amount of batteries, tv's, computers - you name it, people brought it. Light bulbs, paper shredding - that went really well. And he really wants to thank a couple of people. Starting with the CSEA. Scott Brown is here. The CSEA members donated their time. This didn't cost the Village anything. Several of the guys came out and helped and he wanted to name them specifically. Patrick Crotty, who you all know as Topper. Mr. Eddie Uvegas; Larry Vogel, and Larry is here, and he thinks we should all give Larry a round of applause for donating his time; Joe Hunt, of course, who helped facilitate this and who stopped by. Mr. Charles Sawicki, head of the DPW - thank you for all of your help. And the Village Board for allowing them to do this and giving you this and keep going this way. It really is important and they appreciate it. And away from recycling he wanted to say one other thing. He wanted to personally thank Chief Osborn and the members of his department for last week. The children were well taken care of. Both as a police officer and a school board member we know that we can always count on him and everything he stands for. So he wants to give this man a round of applause right now.

Mr. Simon said to the Mayor thank you very much. And he does mean that sincerely. He only wishes him the best. The Mayor thanked him for all he does and for a great job for more than battery Saturday. It was a huge success.

Isabel Haggerty of 4 Parkside Drive said to the Mayor that she is just here tonight to thank him for his eight years of total dedication and service to the Village of Suffern. She said she thinks he has done a wonderful job as our Mayor and she wishes him and his lovely family only the very best. Good luck in your future endeavors. And she also wants to wish our newly elected Mayor, Trish Abato, and our new Trustees, Matt Byrne and Frank Hagen, all the best of luck. The Mayor thanked her for her kind words and he will always have the picture he has with Andy wherever he goes.

**VILLAGE CLERK:**

**A) Request - Good Samaritan Hospital Bereavement Program's Annual Walk - Sunday, October 5, 2014:**

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner said we have the usual request for the walk and this is for October 5, 2014. A motion approving the walk was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**B) Mayor and Trustees to Sign Report of Unpaid Taxed to County of Rockland:**

Ms. Menschner said it is that time of year when we have to send our unpaid taxes to the County and she needs the Mayor and Trustees to sign it. And the amount of taxes that were unpaid were \$198,306.73. The Mayor said that comes out to about 2%. Ms. Menschner said right. The Mayor said interesting. A motion authorizing the signing was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. The Mayor said just so everybody knows. What happens is when taxes go unpaid, if we levy it for whatever reason people don't pay, the County reimburses us. So we always get the money we bill out which is an important thing. And you are all concerned about County government - they don't have to do that as a matter of right. It is one of the few counties that do that. Let's hope. We are talking about elections that Mr. Day can lead this County on a better financial course because just that alone definitely helps the cash flow of the Village. And also when people don't pay their water or don't pay their sewer. That

also goes on their tax bill. And then if they don't pay their tax bill again that gets paid for by the County. So an amazing thing is that between water, sewer and taxes everything we bill gets paid. So let's hope they keep that for the cash flow for the Village. And they can make a loss if they end up auctioning a property. So they can actually lose money on the deal. They can also make money. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**

Treasurer Tom Zordan said he can't believe that it has been eight years working with Mayor LaCorte. Some days were good, some days weren't too good. But the truth, unbeknownst to most people, is that you worked for what you think is the best interest of the Village and that is all you can do. And he appreciates it.

Mr. Zordan said we paid down \$195,000 bond debt in October. We have \$6,210,000 in long term bonds outstanding as of October 31. And \$2,041,568 in BANS. The total outstanding debt is \$8,251,568 as of October 31. The auditors have started their field work on November 4 and we are hoping to get this done by the end of the month. The water and sewer billings are complete. Bills were mailed out October 31. We billed out approximately \$963,000 for water and \$720,000 in sewer fees. And collections have been pretty good so far.

Mr. Zordan said he is asking for the approval to move \$24,000 from the police salary budget line to the police overtime budget line. Originally when we had the budget we were projecting hiring someone for the police department around January or February so we had \$24,000 sitting in the budget for that. Now we have moved that hiring date back to the next budget which starts on June 1 so we should have these extra funds and he would like to move it to the overtime budget. A motion authorizing the move was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Charles Falciglia

Mr. Zordan said lastly he is asking for approval of the resolution to make budget transfers. He said he has given a copy of the resolution.

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN, NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 16, 2013

WHEREAS, at the end of the fiscal year there may be variances, both positive and negative, in the budget to actual comparisons of several accounts of the Village on a detailed level; and

WHEREAS, it is more efficient and effective for the Village Treasurer to make the appropriate budget transfers to increase the budgets of accounts in a negative balance by decreasing the budgets of accounts in a positive balance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Treasurer is authorized to make the necessary year-end budget transfers, provided that a list of such transfers is furnished to the Village Board at the completion of such transfers.

A motion approving Resolution No. 16, 2013 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Charles Falciglia

Mr. Zordan said he would like to wish Mayor LaCorte good luck.

**TRUSTEES:**

**A) Update - FEMA:**

Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan said she is going to give an update on some of the FEMA things they have been working on regarding the four homes. She said we have gotten approval from Albany that we can do things a little bit different and start taking down the even numbers, which if you are going towards the cul-de-sac they

are on the left hand side. We are starting the abatement on that on Monday and then by December 2 we will be hopefully ready to be demolished and at that point in time we are hoping that the right side, the odd numbers, will be ready to close and we will also have the purchase of those homes with a clear title and they can jump over and do the other side of the street. So that is great news. We are going to start taking down two and we will just have the other two that we will work on as soon as we can. Everything is being done by the code of New York State. All the abatement, all the construction. There will be a third-party company there to make sure that they are monitoring everything that happens on the property.

Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said the other thing is that she is going to talk on the façade program quickly. Priya - we put them out to bid. We did not get any bids back. So now what we are going to do is that we got the approval today for Royal Tees and we are going to hopefully, hopefully, if we put Royal Tees and Priya together it will be an enticing package and we will get some contractors that want to take on this job. She said we thought the projects that we did on the first string were too big and then we went smaller and she guesses we went too small. So now we are going to try and do two at once instead of four or one. And that is all she has.

Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said she wanted to thank the Mayor for the last four years that she has been on the Board with him. It has been a very large learning experience and you have absolutely let her run with the projects that she has enjoyed tremendously and that she can excel at and she really appreciates his leadership and she truly believes that he did the best for the Village. And although she is very happy for Trish, and Frank, and Matt, she will actually miss him very much.

Trustee Meehan said that over the years we have had problems with our sewer plant and Mayor after Mayor after Mayor said I don't want to deal with that. And you said okay, I will deal with it. And you have. And he thinks that it is something that he has supported him and the rest of the Board members have but it is not anything that is going to get you a lot of votes. And it reminds him when he was responsible on the County Legislature, before we had a County Executive, in building the 20 million dollar County jail. People don't like jails either and jails and sewer plants aren't too sexy but they take leadership and they

take determination. And he congratulates him on that and he wishes him well in the future.

He would also like to say a little bit about his next door neighbor and friend for several years - Charles Falciglia. He said he thinks we all respected the work that he did during the two years that he served on the Board.

Trustee Abato said she has been serving with the Mayor for the past eight years in addition to campaigning for five elections. She said her respect for him has grown since the day that you came through the door to her office and said, hey, you want to run for office. It has been an emotional roller coaster ever since. She said she believes - it is a little emotional for her too - and she believes underneath every title - Mayor, Trustee - is a human being and she does believe that he brought the human being to this table every time that he came here and he showed them the love that he had for Suffern and she wishes that she had a penny for every time that he said how much he loved this Village because she would be a millionaire. So she thanks him for bringing this Village forward. She has very big shoes to fill. And she hopes that he will stand by and stick by us and still be as involved as he has always been. And she is sure that we are going to see him at the microphone and she cannot wait. And she knows that he has always done the Village proud and she thanks him for all of that.

The Mayor said unlike Mrs. Haggerty - he said the reason we started late was he didn't expect this to be the last meeting because we had this public hearing on Orange Avenue that we were planning on discussing and we were looking to adjourn it to another time a week or two from now but with the holidays coming and the fact that we are getting very close to the end it just made sense to wait until after the new Board came in. So he really didn't know up until this meeting started that this was the last so he wasn't prepared for it. He said it has been an honor and a challenge sometimes. He is happy to be going out leaving the Village in good shape. He said we have had two budgets under the tax cap, new roads, we have a new store coming in - an anchor store opening up within a couple of weeks and he is as anxious as anybody. It will blow people away. You don't even know what is coming. It is going to be amazing. The façade improvement program - as Jo mentioned moving forward. The sewer as Jack talked about that we really made a big difference there. The deficit reduction and elimination in both the sewer plant and

the water plant. And while he is not going to get it over the finish line he does believe that we are really on the verge of changing the downtown with development along Orange Avenue and the reason why we are waiting to get it done the right time is because the developer - Josh and his family being from Suffern - realize how important this is to the Village. Obviously it needs to work for them. But they know that more than that it really needs to work for the Village. So we are really trying to work through something that will be only a complete positive thing. It will continue under the Board up here with him. Mr. Hagen in the audience here and Matt Byrne. So they will get the opportunity. And he can tell them while Trish said he does not plan on being at the microphone often only if things mess up. On that meeting he obviously will be here because he thinks it is a transformational thing for the Village. Although this is the last Village Board meeting, he will be here in Village Hall for the next three weeks. He said he will obviously take the opportunity to talk to everybody individually and thank them for what they have done. He said we have an amazing group of people here in this Village - all the department heads who spoke here tonight. You all work hard for the Village. He said he also has to thank who is here Scott Brown who is the head of the Union and also a long-time employee and he thinks in today's day and age and based on how some people get paid and things that you hear in the stories about people in positions making ridiculous amounts of money that we end up painting all Union members with the same brush and he can tell them right now that you don't have a harder working bunch of men and women than you do in Village Hall and in the DPW. And he is happy that we have worked together to try to make sure that we have good people here and that if people aren't doing the right thing that they have rights but that realistically we need to have people who think about the Village first and if they think about the Village first we are going to make sure that we take good care of them and their families. And it has been great to work with you in that regard. And he thanks them for all they do. He said obviously all the department heads here will be working together because it will be a mad dash to the finish. And then lastly to the members of the Board up here and to Virginia and Terry - thank you for everything you do. But it is very hard being in elected office. And he is not here to say that he has all the answers but things that he has learned is that it is tough. Because people are always a mixed bag. And you want to believe that the people in office are doing the right thing. And he believes for the most part that they are. Sometimes our egos all get in the way of necessarily doing what is right.

But you don't go through what you go through in elected office unless you are trying to do the right thing and people want to serve. That being said, people have a right to be cynical about government that they have had. But he also issues a challenge to people who are here who may or not have spoken tonight that if you want good government you also have to start treating the people in government with respect. Because he has met some people who wouldn't know good government if it hit them in the head. He said you can't go in and just be critic. He said he always envied Roger Ebert because it is a great job critiquing what other people do. It is hard to go out and actually do something. So while we should always remain involved in our community because Suffern is a great place to live and make it stronger, we also have to do our part and we also have to understand that if we don't take the time to learn the facts then you don't have the right to go out and distort the facts because you haven't put in the work. So he just challenges everybody up here beside him and down there that if you really care about this Village then get it right. This isn't a show. It isn't about ego. It isn't about getting up there and making other people's life difficult if they beat you in an election. It has got to be about what is right for Suffern. And if everybody believes that then you can disagree because at least you are disagreeing on what is right. And that is what he has learned. Leadership isn't about being right. It is about doing what is right.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. was made by Mayor LaCorte, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.