

**Village Board Meeting
Monday, December 7, 2009**

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 Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Bruce Simon

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

ABSENT: None

Set Dates for January Meetings:

Mayor LaCorte said the workshop will be Wednesday, December 30 at 7:00 p.m. and the Board meeting will be the following Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

A) Report:

Chief Dan McInerney said he had a few items. He wanted to remind them that on Monday, December 16, the Mayor will be signing the contract with Seagrave for the new ladder truck and he was wondering if they received any replies back for the surplus pumper. The Village Clerk said no. Trustee Abato asked when the bids have to be in by. The Village Clerk said anytime. Trustee Abato asked when we were closing the bids on that. The Village Clerk said we didn't receive any bids.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

There was nothing on the agenda.

CULTURE & RECREATION:

Gail Curtin congratulated the Mayor. She said that since the last Village Board meeting, Wyldlife had a dodge ball tournament at the Community Center with 125 teenagers present. She said that they asked if they could do it again and she said she thinks we will probably be saying yes. They also met at the Community Center on Saturday evening, November 14. The sold out trip to Radio City Music Hall on November 15 was a huge success. Nancy Christopher and Lou Ciaccio attended the Downstate Recreation conference on Wednesday, November 18. Mrs. Curtin said they assisted with the DARE Dance on Friday, November 20. They had the annual Holiday Lighting on Thursday, December 3. The Elks Lodge had their Hoop

Shoot at the Community Center this past Saturday, December 5. And as they know, yesterday was the Annual Pearl Harbor Commemoration in this room and the Stay Fit Senior Program, which most of them have been working on for months - they had their first orientation session today and it looks like at least everyone who was there today - 7 for the first session and 5 for the second - it went well. And that information is on the sheet that was just given to them. Upcoming for the rest of this month - the Special Recreation Meeting of which they will be attending is this Thursday evening, December 10. LEAD is the following night, December 11. And the DARE Toy Drive will be held, as it has been for the last few years, at the Community Center December 18 through December 21.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

He had nothing to report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Clarke Osborn said that he had a couple of quick things.

A) Request to Appoint Jackie Sheehan to Part-Time Records Clerk Position:

Chief Osborn said this is a request to appoint Jackie Sheehan to a part-time records clerk position to replace Don DiVito who recently resigned from that position after several years. A motion authorizing the appointment was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Simon.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Bruce Simon

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

B) Request to Appoint Officer John Wilson from Part-Time Position to Full-Time Position:

Chief Osborn said this was a request for the Board to appoint Officer John Wilson from a part-time position to a full-time police position. It will be known as a resignation/reinstatement pending approval from the Rockland County Department of Personnel. A motion authorizing the appointment was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Bruce Simon

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Chief Osborn said he has two quick things. He said we received our New York State Accreditation at a ceremony in Albany this past Thursday. We are going to have representatives from the NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services in Albany coming down to our January Board meeting to bestow the honor on the Village Police Department. And we also participated in two narcotics sweeps over the last month which resulted in 11 suspects being arrested on sealed indictments. He said they were assisted by the Rockland County Narcotics Task Force, United States Marshall Service, and the Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Custom Enforcement.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

The Mayor asked if people could keep this to a necessary item as we are having a reception after. So if there is anybody who would like to come up, please come up to the microphone and state your name and address clearly into the mic. Since nobody spoke, audience participation was closed.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

A) Request Authorization to Pay Requisition No. 4 to Hutton Construction LLC:

Mr. Charles Sawicki said he was requesting authorization to pay Requisition No. 4 to Hutton Construction LLC in the amount of \$67,165 for the water works operation center wall repair project. This leaves \$16,958.45 in retainage. A motion authorizing the payment was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Bruce Simon

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

B) Request Authorization to Make Final Payment to WJL Equities for the Improvement of Roadways Project:

Mr. Sawicki said he was requesting authorization to make final payment to WJL Equities for the improvements of roadways project in the amount of \$174,278.10. He said this is a final payment and includes Change Order #1 which reduces the contract amount by \$27,047.48. A motion authorizing the payment was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Simon.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Bruce Simon

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

C) Request Authorization to Solicit Bids for Business District Lighting Improvements Project:

Mr. Sawicki said this was requesting authorization to solicit bids for the business district lighting improvements project. A grant of \$50,000 is available from the Rockland County Community Development. A motion authorizing the payment as made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Simon. Trustee Meehan said he had a question. He said today is the 7th and this is coming back the 15th. Are we going to be able to get bidders? It seems to him that we should have a little bit more time. Mr. Sawicki said that we have been aggressive. Attorney Rice said all you need is five days publication so as long as you get the five days in. Trustee Meehan said normally we go out to bid for a month or two. The Mayor said that time constraints associated with a warning by the end of the year to keep the funding available. Trustee Meehan said okay. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

D) Request Authorization to Solicit Bids for the Business District Crosswalks Project:

Mr. Sawicki said this was a request to solicit bids for the business district crosswalks project. He said this would be a rebid. He said a grant of \$60,000 is available from the Rockland County Community Development. A motion authorizing the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Trustee Abato asked Mr. Sawicki that on the first set of bids that we had, what was the problem on that. The contractor decided against it? Mr. Sawicki said no, there really wasn't any problem with the documents. It is just that we only had two bidders. The timing didn't work out well. We were going to try to put it off until this spring. The contractor didn't want to extend his price. So there were a number of complications. Trustee Abato said we amicably went out of the contract. Attorney Rice said we passed a motion at the last Board meeting and everybody agreed. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Mr. Sawicki said the last item is notification that the secondary cover bids are due at the Village Clerk's office on December 15. The Mayor thanked Charles for all his hard work, especially on the lighting. He said we will be having some additional lighting; hopefully, twenty new lights on lower Lafayette which will light it up and make it much more inviting at night so that people can frequent all of our restaurants.

VILLAGE CLERK:

A) Approval of Minutes of Regular Village Board Meeting of September 8, 2009:

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner said this is for approval of the minutes of the regular Village Board meeting of September 8, 2009. A motion approving the minutes was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried with Trustee Simon abstaining since he was not on the Board at the time.

B) Correct Date for Public Hearing - Caffe Dolce - January 4, 2010 - 7:45 p.m.:

The Village Clerk said that we have to correct the date for the Caffe Dolce public hearing. She said that she didn't have her calendar at the last Board meeting when we were setting it. We have to set it for January 4 at 7:45 p.m. A motion setting the public hearing was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Simon. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

C) Grant Agreement - Fred Rella - January 1 to December 31, 2010:

Ms. Menschner said this is for Mr. Fred Rella whose agreement comes up January 1. The Mayor said we are going to address that. He said that in discussions with Fred we were looking to continue that on current terms for another month. We are discussing his contract that we would look to do that probably in January. Trustee Abato said she would make a motion to extend it for one month at the current terms, seconded by Trustee Simon.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Bruce Simon

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

D) Set Date for 2009 Community Development Block Grant Funds = January 4, 2010 - 8:00 p.m.:

The Village Clerk said we also have to set a date for the Community Development Block Grant funds on January 4 at 8:00 p.m. A motion setting the date was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Simon. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

A) Resolution No. 11, 2009 - Transfer Funds from Reserve for Law Enforcement to Cover Cost of New Police Server and Live Scan System - \$48,009:

Treasurer Tom Zordan was not present so the Village Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 11, 2009

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorize the transfer of

funds from the reserve for the law enforcement to cover the cost for a new police server and for the live scan system. Total amount is \$48,009.

A motion authorizing Resolution No. 11, 2009 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Simon.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Bruce Simon

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

MAYOR:

The Mayor said he had no items on his agenda but he would just like to thank everybody for coming this evening. It is greatly appreciated. He said that he asks that everyone join them across the street at the Suffern Community Center. He said they are going to have a reception - a "taste of Suffern." There are a dozen restaurants who have participated in giving food and they will also have a display of Suffern past, present and future. And he thinks it is going to be a nice evening and asked that everyone join them across the street. They can either walk or park over there. And again, the Mayor said, he wanted to thank everybody for coming and hopefully they will join them across the street.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Simon. Upon vote, the motion was carried.