

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

A Village Board meeting was held on the above date at 7:00 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

Mayor-elect Dagan LaCorte asked Hon. Matthew Byrne, the Suffern Village Justice, to administer the oath of office to Bruce Simon, Trustee.

Mayor-elect Dagan LaCorte asked Hon. David Fried, the Justice of the Village of Spring Valley, to administer the oath of office to Patricia Abato, Trustee.

Trustee Patricia Abato asked Hon. Richard Ackerson, the acting Justice for the Village of Suffern, to administer the oath of office to the new Mayor, Dagan LaCorte.

Mayor LaCorte thanked his family, fellow elected officials and others for being here this evening. He said that while today marks an occasion of personal accomplishment, it is more than a mere self-congratulatory exercise. Tonight marks the beginning of a new age for Suffern. He said that while he is neither naïve nor full of bravado to think that his election will solve all the challenges that Suffern faces, he can promise that tonight represents a new direction for the Village. He said that we all know that Suffern is a wonderful place to live; a great community of friends and neighbors who together make Suffern the type of Village that was common fifty years ago but a rarity in today's day and age. Yet, all too often we have heard people say that Suffern has so much potential if only this business opened in town or if Village government did this or the Chamber of Commerce did that. Tonight that all comes to an end. He said that while we can't snap our fingers and instantly have the Village of our dreams, we all need to recognize that success will only come if we work together. Our greatest assets are the

people here tonight in this room - dedicated residents of Suffern who share a common love of this Village. We all want Suffern to remain an affordable place to raise a family like so many have in previous generations. Where seniors can afford to spend their retirement living in the same home in which they raised their children. Where we can all enjoy our parks, recreation, volunteer in our fire department and feel safe strolling our historic downtown. We may just have a difference of opinion from time to time on how to preserve the Suffern thousands have loved for generations while understanding that we must accept change in order to ensure that Suffern's future is as vibrant as its past. We must learn that we can disagree without being disagreeable and that personality must never take precedent over progress. He said that for his part he commits here, tonight, to be a hard-working, honest and humble public servant who recognizes the great honor and responsibility the residents of Suffern have given him. He said he is just one voice of many who care deeply about this Village. Cherish its rich history and tradition and commit to ensure that Suffern is left a better place than he found it. With hard work, the help of many and a positive attitude, he promises them that Suffern's best days lie ahead. He then thanked everybody.

Trustee Abato said that she just wanted to recognize somebody in the audience tonight. She said that unfortunately she couldn't make it up the steps but she is the matriarch of her family and has spent her 95 years of life - almost 96 on January 4 - of her life here in the Village of Suffern and that is her grandmother, Jane Gabella.

The Mayor said we have some business to attend to here. We have two meetings - one quickly is our organization meeting where we go through various appointments and then we have a Village Board meeting which we have a little official business to attend to and try to get through it as quick as possible because he knows that we have a reception next and people came here for the food and he recognizes that.

DESIGNATION OF MEETING DAY AND TIME:

The Village workshop will be held on the Wednesday preceding the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The Village Board meeting will be held on the following Monday at 7:30 p.m.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES:

The official depositories for the Village of Suffern are Chase

Bank, M&T Bank, Key Bank, Provident Bank, and TD Bank. A motion authorizing these depositories was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS:

The official newspaper would be the *Journal News* and the *Ramapo Times*. A motion approving these was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

DEPUTY MAYOR - 1 YEAR TERM:

The Mayor said this appointment is the Mayor's appointment and he was appointing Patricia Abato for a one year term as Deputy Mayor.

VILLAGE CLERK - 1 YEAR TERM:

The Mayor said that he was nominating for a one year term - her fifty-first year - Virginia Menschner as Village Clerk. A motion confirming Virginia Menschner as Village Clerk was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK - 1 YEAR TERM:

A motion confirming Kathleen Van Sickle as Deputy Village Clerk for a one year term was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY - 1 YEAR TERM:

A motion confirming Terry Rice as Village Attorney for a one year term was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote the motion was carried.

ASSISTANT VILLAGE ATTORNEY - 1 YEAR TERM:

A motion confirming Robert Magrino as Assistant Village Attorney for a one year term was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Simon. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

ACTING VILLAGE JUSTICE - 1 YEAR TERM:

A motion confirming Richard Ackerson as Acting Village Justice for a one year term was made by Trustee Haggerty, seconded by Trustee Simon. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

TAX COLLECTOR - 1 YEAR TERM:

A motion confirming Virginia Menschner as Tax Collector for a one year term was made by Trustee Simon, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR - 1 YEAR TERM:

A motion confirming Kathleen Van Sickle as Deputy Tax Collector for a one year term was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Simon. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

TREASURER - 1 YEAR TERM:

A motion confirming Tom Zordan as Treasurer for a one year term was made by Trustee Simon, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

DEPUTY TREASURER - 1 YEAR TERM:

A motion confirming Barbara Cottiers as Deputy Treasurer for a one year term was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

HISTORIAN - 1 YEAR TERM:

A motion confirming Craig Long as Village Historian for a one year term was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Simon. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

REGISTRAR - 1 YEAR TERM:

A motion confirming Virginia Menschner as Registrar for a one year term was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Simon. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

DEPUTY REGISTRAR - 1 YEAR TERM:

A motion confirming Kathleen Van Sickle as Deputy Registrar for a one year term was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Simon. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

A motion confirming Jo Megan Corrigan as a member for a five-year term was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Simon.

Upon vote, the motion was carried.

A motion confirming David Hamilton as an alternate member for a two-year term was made by Trustee Simon, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

A motion confirming Jo Megan Corrigan as Chairman for a one year term was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Simon. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

PLANNING BOARD:

A motion confirming Paul Stanbridge as a member for a five year term was made by Trustee Simon, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

A motion confirming Frank Greenberg as an alternate member for a two-year term was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Simon. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

A motion confirming Paul Gdanski as Chairman for a one year term was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Simon. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

PARKING AUTHORITY:

A motion confirming Scott Shedler as a member for a five year term was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Simon. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

A motion confirming Scott Shedler as Chairman for a one year term was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

BOARD OF ETHICS:

A motion confirming Deborah Schoenleber as a member for a five year term was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Simon. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

A motion confirming Deborah Schoenleber as Chairman for a one year term was made by Trustee Simon, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

ADVISORY BOARD ON CULTURE AND RECREATION:

The Mayor said this Board consists of Gail Curtin, who is in

charge of our Culture and Recreation Department, who puts together the various Village activities that we have become known for. The Board is fully a volunteer Board and they put in hours and hours of work and as Village residents we should all be proud and honored for what they do because we wouldn't be able to have the great activities we have in this Village if not for their hard work. These are the Mayor's appointments. They are Gail Curtin, Nancy Christopher, Louis Ciaccio, Barbara Cottiers, Richard DeStefano, Heather Ford, Mary Guccione, Lynn Limbrick, Daniel McInerney, who is Chief of the Suffern Fire Dept., Virginia Menschner, Kevin Patwell, Denise Schultz, and Kathy Van Sickle. He thanked everyone for serving.

SEWER RENT APPEALS BOARD:

A motion confirming Dr. Stanley Leshen as a member for a three year term was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

A motion confirming Dr. Stanley Leshen as Chairman for a one year term was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE:

The Mayor said this is also the Mayor's appointment and it is his honor, and again they are volunteers, to appoint Mrs. Isabel Haggerty, Mrs. Lois Hagen, Frank Hagen, Alan Newman, Bruce Haynes, and Charles Barone as members of the Recycling Committee. Chairperson for a one year term is Isabel Haggerty. He thanked everybody for serving.

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

The Mayor appointed Trustee Bruce Simon as a representative to the Community Foundation.

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MAHWAH RIVER COMMITTEE:

The Mayor appointed Gerry Levitus as a representative to the Mahwah River Committee.

RESOLUTION: RE: MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT - 50.5 Cents Per Mile:

A motion approving the mileage reimbursement of 50.5 cents per mile 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

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Simon. Upon vote, the motion was carried.