

Village Board Meeting
Monday, December 7, 2015 - 7:54 P.M.

A regular Village Board meeting was held on the above date at 7:54 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT: Mayor Edward Markunas
Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Moira Hertzman

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Kraushaar, Village Attorney

ABSENT: Virginia Menschner, Village Clerk

SET DATES FOR JANUARY MEETINGS:

The Mayor said the workshop will be held on Monday, December 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and the Board meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mike Lepori of the Fire Department said the Chief could not make it tonight. He is away on vacation but he just wanted to say congratulations to everybody and they are looking forward to working with the Board.

CULTURE AND RECREATION:

Mrs. Cathy Mills said good evening to the Mayor and the Board and congratulated all of them. She said there are a few upcoming events that they have - they have the DARE Dance with Chief Osborn this Friday night at the community center between 7 o'clock and 9 o'clock. They have this coming Saturday with the Mahwah Elks - they have the Hoop Shoot. The doors open at 11 and then the contest starts at 11:30. It is open to everybody. It is free and it is a great community event. So anybody that knows a teenager or a young basketball player come on down to the community center on Saturday. They have "Elf" - this is the show that they are doing this year. They are going to "Elf" at Madison Square Garden. Tickets are sold out. That will be this Sunday for a 1 o'clock show. And then the DARE Toy Drive - with Chief Osborn - will be at the community center at the end of December so the community center will be closed off for regular activities during those days. And one thing that she would like

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to mention is that she did notice that the Mayor didn't appoint any Recreation Board members and she was wondering if there would be appointments. The Mayor said that was an oversight. He said we have it and it will be soon - in this meeting. Mrs. Mills said excellent.

The Mayor said he would really like to say to Cathy thank you for all the hard work for the Recreation staff on the parades - the Veterans Day parade, the DARE dance, the LEAD, especially the Christmas parade and the Pearl Harbor ceremony. It was outstanding - outstanding job. And he really looks forward to continuing with all the Recreation staff. He said thank you very much. Mrs. Mills said they do too and also thank you so much.

GRANT WRITER:

Mr. Fred Rella said that it is that time of year where we have to start thinking about the Community Development Block Grant, which is the annual grant, which is overseen by the Rockland County Office of Community Development. It is federal HUD money and last year we were the recipients of \$100,000 for sidewalks and curbs along Orange Avenue which will be done in the spring time. Mr. Rella said we have also done the façade program downtown, crosswalks, and a number of other programs that we have been awarded. One of the requirements of the grant application, which is due January 31, is that we appoint a Citizen Advisory Committee and that is made up of a cross-section of individuals within the community who come up with varying ideas for projects which have to be within the designated area of the Village - as designated as low to moderate income. So this year's committee that is before the Board is Jon Paul Molfetta, Ernie Bosco, Frances Glick, Kathy Van Sickle and Charlie Rogers. And both himself and Charles Sawicki will be advisors. A motion to accept the appointment of the mentioned members was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried. The Mayor thanked Mr. Rella.

Mr. Rella said also along the same vein with the Community Development Block Grant the idea that comes from the Citizen Advisory Committee has to be presented to the Village Board at the January meeting and we have to have a public hearing. So we need to set the date and time for the public hearing which would be the same date as the January Board meeting. A motion to set the public hearing for January 4 at 7:40 p.m. was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

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Mr. Rella said another item is with the Tree City USA - he said you see signs around town as you enter into the municipality or within the varying parks that says that Suffern is a member of Tree City USA, which is overseen by the Arbor Day Foundation and the Department of Environmental Conservation. We have been a Tree City USA for two years now. He said you have to put in your membership renewal every year and you have to have certain requirements in order to do that. One of those is to have a Tree Advisory Board and two of them - their terms are up tonight - and they were reappointed - Charles Barone and himself - so thank you very much. He said so they are on it for another two years. He said the application for the renewal of the Tree City USA has to be put in by December 31 of this year so he needs the Board to give the Mayor authorization to sign the application that he will be putting together between now and the end of the year so that he can submit it to the Arbor Day Foundation. Attorney Kraushaar asked when does that have to be done by? Mr. Rella said December 31. Attorney Kraushaar asked if he could submit that so that they can review it? Mr. Rella said yes - it is an online application - he said yes, you can review it. Attorney Kraushaar said because there is going to be another meeting before the 31st. So rather than give authorization - Mr. Rella asked when is the date of that other meeting? Attorney Kraushaar said December 28. Mr. Rella said okay. He likes to not cut it right to the 31st to get the application in.

Mr. Rella said the other item is that he would like to call up Carrine Kaufer who oversees our Suffern Village Façade program and she is the person who is responsible for the actual implementation of the project itself.

Carrine Kaufer said good evening. She said she was before the Board tonight with a request to award a bid for 29 Lafayette Avenue as part of the Suffern Façade Improvement program. She said this project, 29 Lafayette Avenue, is Royal Tees downtown. It has been part of the Façade Program since about 2013. They were originally part of Phase II which also included the Parking Authority building and Priya Restaurant. When that project was bid out the bid we received specific to Royal Tees wasn't found to be a responsible bid and was put aside and they decided to rebid that at a later date. She said subsequent to that she rebid that project in October and did not receive any bids at that time so then they did a third rebid with the bids being due on November 10. She said they received one bid at that time and at the advice of the Community Development Office at the County they said that we could award as long as the bid was a

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reasonable bid and within the parameters and cost estimate that were provided by the architect. She said so we did receive that one bid. It was from Pauly Interior Contracting - the owner is Donald Smith, who is a Rockland County resident. She said the contractor has been in operation for over twenty years and is a licensed Rockland County contractor. She said she has copies of the bid tonight to provide the Board. The bid was received in the amount of \$47,250, which is within the scope of what we provide under the Façade Program. Under the Façade Program we will fund up to \$45,000 - so a \$50,000 project the owner is responsible for 10% and the Village, through the Block Grant, funds the other \$45,000. So on a \$50,000 project the owner would put in \$5000 and the Village would put in \$45,000. So with a bid of \$47,250 the Village under the grant would be responsible for \$42,525 and the owner would fund the balance of \$4,725. Attorney Kraushaar asked who pays the 10%? The municipality or - Mrs. Kaufer said the owner of the building. It is a 90/10 grant which is funded under the Community Development Block Grant that Mr. Rella just spoke of. On the program guidelines only an award of a maximum of \$45,000 from the Village through the grant - say the project was \$55,000 the owner would be responsible for the \$5,000, which is the 90/10 plus anything over \$50,000. The Mayor said that is a reimbursement - is that correct Carrine? Mrs. Kaufer said it is a reimbursable grant where we pay out and then we submit to the county for reimbursement from the county. The Mayor said right. The Mayor said so we need to accept the bid - Mrs. Kaufer said to accept the bid so that we can proceed with having a contract which will be signed by you as the Mayor - it is a three-party contract between the contractor, the Village and the property owner. So upon award that would be allowing us to execute the contract where the Village would sign and then the owner and contractor would sign. The Village attorney said it is authorization to accept the bid from Pauly Interiors in the amount of \$47,250 with the proviso that the property owner pay 10% and further authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract on behalf of the Village. The motion was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried. Mrs. Kaufer thanked him.

The Mayor said next he would like to introduce and have Mr. Dan Kraushaar say a few words - our new Village attorney.

Attorney Kraushaar said he has been Village attorney for a half an hour so he doesn't have much to report. But he would like to at least introduce himself to all of you - give a little bit of background. He said he has been living in Rockland County since 1966 - not to give away his age - and he has been doing

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municipal law since he was 18 years old when his dad was the chairman of the zoning board of appeals in the town of Clarkstown and he interned in the town attorney's office there and actually defended the article 78's that were brought against his father as the chairman of the zoning board and zoning board itself. He said he has been village attorney in Sloatsburg, he has been deputy village attorney in Sloatsburg, he has been village attorney in Airmont, and presently serves as deputy village attorney in Airmont. He said he is the first deputy town attorney in the town of Clarkstown and he teaches ethics to the Rockland County Municipal Planning Federation to all elected and appointed officials. He said ethics is extremely important in every sphere of life and in particular in government and it will be an emphasis in this Village going forward. He said one of the things he would like to work on is strengthening the ethics code and making it a model for Rockland County. It's certainly not without merit to say that politicians throughout the country, and lately in particular in our region, have not been the paragons of virtue that we all expect and deserve and he can tell them in the limited amount of time that he knows the members of your Board - he is extremely impressed. He said he can tell from the questions that he has asked the importance of ethics to them and he can assure all that we will not be on the front page of *The Journal News* or anything like that with the people serving up there and with his guidance as well.

Attorney Kraushaar said he wants everyone to know that he too will have an open door policy. He said that doesn't mean that he is going to represent you all for free - individually - but if you have questions that relate to anything having to deal with the operation of the Village, zoning and planning questions - he wants to be a resource for you and he wants to serve the community well. He has done so in other places. He said he knows the challenges that we are facing here. He said he did live in Suffern for a period of time - and he doesn't know if anyone knows Dr. Kraushaar - he is an orthopedic surgeon and he is his brother and he lives in Montebello and he is very familiar with a lot of you, he is sure - not that you wanted to see him or anything. But he just wants everyone to know that further he has the utmost respect for Terry Rice. He said he worked for Terry Rice. That was his first job. So he considers him a mentor and he has a very high regard for him. And he hopes that you give him a chance - those of you who feel the same way as he does about Terry. Attorney Kraushaar said give him a chance - he will earn their trust. He promises them.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

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Chief Clarke Osborn said congratulations to the Mayor and Trustees and appointed officials. He said he looks forward to working with them over the next year to two years. He said he is just going to make this very quick. It is their night tonight. He said he just wanted them to know some of the things his department has been working on. He said one of the things they have been focused on lately is targeted enforcement, which is basically what they are looking at is that they are going into areas that have had a lot of vehicle traffic complaints, accidents, primarily complaints from residents. He said he talks to residents basically every single day that are calling him or walking in or stopping in and seeing him. He said he lives in the community also. And we basically listen to them and go out there and address the complaints that they are having. We have had very good results with the locations that they have been going to. They are going to continue that. They do that on a continual rotating basis as needed with certain locations. They have had extra DWI patrols for intoxicated and impaired drivers. They are finding a lot more drivers are under the influence of narcotics in this day and age than in the past. They are doing a lot more aggressive patrolling on that. On the community front - they have their toy drive, which is very big. He said he knows a lot of you volunteer for that. And he wants to thank them for that. He said they will be distributing and sorting the toys on Sunday, December 20, at the community center starting at 10 a.m. He said you are more than welcome to join them. They have a very good crew of people there with them that volunteer. He said they have over 100 volunteers involved in this toy drive.

He said to Cathy it was a pleasure working with her on the Christmas parade. He said that crowd was massive. He cannot believe the amount of people we had there, which was awesome. He said compliments to her. Thank you for a great job. It was excellent.

He said that several of our officers received awards last Thursday night at the Rockland County PBA awards dinner. He said all of them this year, ironically, were for lifesaving and for exceptional merit and the exceptional merit was also a lifesaver where they pull somebody from an active structure fire. So we had a very good year and he credits that, really most of it, due to the response time of the officers to their calls. And there is a reason why we have lights and sirens in the cars - and he always tell the kids that when he goes to the schools - that lifetime seconds matter - not minutes - seconds. And just last night, ironically, he was reviewing the reports this morning and

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he got a call from the sergeant - she called him this morning to review a report and to play the audio back in his office of the call and it was a frantic 911 call from a woman on Riverside Drive last night - sorry it was from the father of the child and he could hear the mother screaming in the background and it was a two year old who was choking and had a very difficult time breathing. And he listened to the call and the radio transmission to match them up and within 90 seconds he heard the first call sign out and he was able to dislodge - Officer Mike Careswell - an item from the baby's throat and got it out and he basically saved that child's life. These are the kinds of things that are critical and he just wanted them to be aware. He said we all hear enough negative - all of them - and it is just the way it is going in law enforcement unfortunately but he wants them to know that every day and night we have officers patrolling your neighborhoods making sure that we keep everybody safe and a call like that makes all of the response time critical. And he wants to thank the Mayor and Board and all of the new officials - Dan and Vince - and he will be working with them he is sure on a daily basis and he just wants to let them know that he does appreciate it and he does look forward to working with them. He thanked them. The Mayor thanked him.

Mayor Markunas said he would also like to share a little information with the chief and thank him for all his hard and dedicated work for him and his whole police department - the whole force. He said they are always out there - he always sees them out there. He said he would like to also thank the chief for taking the initial steps to reduce the speed limit on Route 202 which we are in the process of. He said he knows if any of you who live on Wayne Avenue that that is a major complaint of speed on 202 so currently we are working on reducing the speed limit from the Village line from Montebello into the Village from 35 down to 30. We are in the process so hopefully the state will work with us and we will get that done. He said he would also - speaking of Officer Careswell- great job. Great job. He said he believes he heard the call come in also and he heard the response but great job to the Suffern police department. Thank you.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Charles Sawicki said good evening to the Mayor and Board. He said he would like to inform the Board that the NYS DEC required bio-retention basin was recently completed utilizing the DPW workforce. Some asphalt work is still remaining and will be completed shortly.

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Mayor Markunas said great, thank you. He said he has seen the guys out there working on that retention basin and it looks great. It is going to be a great addition and the DPW staff did a great job. Thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

The Mayor said at this time he would like to have audience participation if anyone in the audience would like to get up and say a few words. The Mayor asked that they state their name and address for the record.

Stephanie Furgang Adwar of 16 Stockbridge said she was familiar. She said first she wanted to thank former Mayors Dagan LaCorte and Trish Abato for their confidence in her and for giving her the opportunity to serve as acting Village justice for the past three years. She said it has been a joy to work with the employees of this Village and with the police department. She said she is honored by your confidence and she truly enjoyed the work. She said she wanted to specifically thank, even though she is not here, court clerk Christine Andersen who is one of the sharpest women she has ever met and without her she doesn't know if she would have been able to do the job. Her assistance was invaluable. She doesn't know how the court would run without her. Mrs. Adwar said Suffern is a wonderful place to grow up. She said she grew up here and apart from a few years she has been here her whole life. She said her father was a Trustee of this Village a long time ago. She said before she served as justice she didn't fully understand why this Village calls us all back here to raise our families again and again. But she does now. She said most of the employees are residents of this Village. They keep our streets clean and clear the snow better than anything in the surrounding areas. They greet our residents with smiles and kind assistance not only because that is their demeanor but also because they are their neighbors. And our Village is a safe place to live - specifically because of the dedication of our police force - a truly remarkable group of men and women. When she used to hear people complain about the fact that we had to pay for our own small police force in our small little Village she used to say she likes having a police force, she likes having police be able to get to her quickly. And that was true when her mother was ill because they were there in seconds. But she has a different answer now. Now she can say, without hesitation, that our Village is as safe as it is because of the men and the women who work in this police force. These dedicated men and women know everything that is going on in this

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Village and they make sure that we are all safe. Apart from some of the mental illness, domestic violence cases that every jurisdiction has really most of the crime that she saw when she sat on the bench was pass through crime. People coming from one area to another but not our residents. And the only reason that was caught was because we have a top police force and they were on top of it always. So she wants to thank them very much for allowing her to work with them in the pursuit of justice and she will miss working with them a lot. She said in spite of the economic issues this Village faces this Village runs very well. Our services are top notch, our Village employees attend to the needs of the constituents but she wants to remind this new administration of is that one of the strengths of this Village is institutional memory. What was done in the past, how it was done, and how it worked. It is incumbent upon this new administration not to create a Village bereft of memory, experience and cohesiveness. It is what we, as Village residents, have grown accustomed to and it is why we live here. And it is what they expect. She thanked them.

Andrew Dale of 28 Maplewood Boulevard said actually the reason he is here tonight is he just wanted to give the Village Board - he said he knows that we have a lot of Village employees and they are out there doing great things but when you experience it first hand it is really important to share it with everybody. He said they had a little bit of an issue at the house and he didn't realize that there is a drain fairy but apparently there is a drain fairy. When you flush the toilet the drain fairy takes care of everything. When you flush it and it doesn't go away you realize that this drain fairy exists. And it actually exists with the men and women over at the sewer and the water department here in the Village of Suffern. And when they had a problem at the house it was really nice that you could make a phone call and within twenty minutes you had a group of people at the house that would be able to explain to you every step of every thing that was going on. And he has to tell them that when you have a certain amount of stress because of something going on already and then you have a group of people who come over and can kind of put you at ease and you know that they are the best of the best of what they do it really makes - just knowing that you have a sewer department, knowing that you have a water department and knowing that you have somebody on the end of the phone that you can call and they show up and they know their stuff. It really was - they were just outstanding. He really can't even begin to tell them. During a stressful situation when they show up and their professionalism - they were absolutely dynamite. And you know what - he said he knows that sometimes

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the Board and even other residents - he said he didn't even know what these guys do but he will tell you what - he has a full-blown respect for everything that they do at this point. It is amazing and he just wanted to let them know that you guys should be really proud of the fact that they do a good job every single day and he just wanted to let them know that.

The Mayor thanked him. He said he actually saw them out there today working - he said he guesses it was his house because it was all excavated - Mr. Dale said yes, it was - the Mayor said he hopes everything works out - Mr. Dale said thank you - the Mayor said thank you to the DPW. Mr. Dale said excellent. And to Bob Conklin especially - thank you so much.

Paul Gerard of 2 Cross Street said he wanted to congratulate all - Mr. Markunas as the Mayor and the re-elected Board member and the new Board member. He said he is looking forward to hopefully productive government going forward. Mr. Gerard said he also wanted to thank Cathy - an outstanding parade. The DPW, Fire Department, Police - everybody who was involved. That was awesome. It blew him away. It was really impressive. Mr. Gerard said to Mayor Markunas that he wanted to take him up on his offer for - a new request - for resident participation and helping the Village get out of its fiscal situation. He said he knows they have talked about it a lot over the past year. Mr. Gerard said in fact he has been coming here to these meetings ever since we were presented with a double-digit tax increase last year or at the earlier part of this year rather. He said throughout the year, throughout these meetings he is probably not the only one who would say it. It was a pretty dysfunctional Board. There was a lot of head-butting, there was a lot of opposition right down party lines. Not a lot of ideas being generated. He said now we have everybody in one party and he doesn't know if that is better or worse but we need ideas and he is a little concerned that if everybody is thinking the same way about the same issues we won't get the best ideas out there. So he would like to offer his, whatever he can do, to help generate ideas, to help get the best ideas out there going forward. He said he is not affiliated with any party and he never has been. He said he really doesn't think it has any place in particularly local government but that is up to every individual. He said we do have this idea that has been floated about about making the Village of Suffern a city. It was an idea that was brought up in the 1950s. He said he couldn't tell you why it was shot down then. He said he wasn't around then. But he knows it was resurfaced over the past year by other residents. And it was something he was trying to keep the torch on. He said Mr. Morris

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approached him at the last meeting with the document of how you can incorporate a Village and become a city. He said he has gone through that extensively and since we have a few more people in this meeting tonight than we have in the past he thought maybe he would kind of backtrack a little bit but this idea was brought up by a former Mayor of Suffern which looks at all our services. We are basically one of the only self-sufficient villages - we are the only one in Rockland County and probably one of very few around. We have our own police department, our own sewer and water, our own fire, our own DPW, yet we pay a lot of taxes to the Town of Ramapo and we really don't get much for that. We pay a total of 1.4 million dollars to Ramapo. Every one of us writes that tax bill every year. The only thing that is material that we get out of them is a tax assessor. So the proposal has been put out there that maybe Suffern should become its own city and relinquish the burden of paying 1.4 million dollars to every resident here. And that would be an opportunity for us to get ourselves out of the fiscal debilitation that we are in right now. So the previous Mayor, previous members of the Board were open to this and he just wants to make sure that this idea is still alive - is still under evaluation and is still willing to be considered, discussed. He said he thinks he was given the document for a reason to probably look into it and maybe help you guys think about it but he doesn't know - he asked if they had any thoughts or any ideas.

Mayor Markunas said he knows that Mr. Morris spoke to you and gave you the documentation on the city of Suffern - or becoming a city - but please, Paul, just leave him your phone number and let's talk about it. The Mayor said he will give him a call and maybe Mr. Morris and Mr. Gerard can get together and throw some ideas around along with the Mayor. The Mayor said he thinks it is a great idea. He said we need participation from the Village residents. Like you said, we have to start thinking of ideas, of strategies and ways to come out of this financial distress that we are in and that would be greatly appreciated if you want to join in and help out.

Mr. Gerard said okay. He said he did do a little bit of work on this and as he said about 1.4 million dollars of opportunity to help us pay down our own debt. There is not all upside. There is some downside. There is a portion of Ramapo's debt that we would have to inherit. It would be about 8 or 9% of that that would be ours. But we are already paying. Over half a million dollars of what we have been paying Ramapo is right now going to feed, to pay off their debt. So we are already paying a hell of a lot to them for that. Our county taxes would not change much. Our

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school taxes basically - we have our own school as well so that is self-contained. We would be eligible for some state revenue sharing that currently goes to the Town of Ramapo. So there is revenue sharing, there is the CHIPS program which he thinks we capitalize on now but we would have more opportunity if we were a city. There are other details in there and he probably won't waste anybody's time right now but maybe a follow-up meeting with the Mayor would be welcome for him. He said he thinks we spent the last year - there is not a lot of ideas floating around. Again, he would like to turn the page on last year and let's work on getting some things done. The Mayor said he agrees. Mr. Gerard said he thinks he speaks for a lot of residents here. He said he doesn't want to see another tax increase like we saw last year. And he thinks that was the first step to get us out of this mess. But we can't keep footing the bill. We have to figure out other ways to do it. He thanked them.

VILLAGE CLERK:

A) Solid Waste Bills:

Deputy Village Clerk Kathy Van Sickle said the Village Clerk isn't here tonight and the only thing she had on the agenda was that solid waste bills are going to be mailed out on December 30. The Mayor said the solid waste bills will be mailed December 30.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

A) Michael Minevich - Village Retirement Plan Extension:

The Mayor said Mr. Michael Minevich is representing the retirement plan. He is not representing the Village per se. Mr. Minevich said he would like to introduce himself. He said he is a resident here. He said he is actually on the board of the library and his daughter is here also. And he just wanted to introduce himself and say hello. He said the Board is actually all eligible for the retirement plan so if they want to talk to him, feel free. He said he has been working with the Village employees for the last 4 ½ years. He said he thinks he has had a lot of positive feedback. People call him. He is very accessible and he answers his phone pretty much every time or he calls people back very quickly. So he just wanted to give them a quick rundown. It is time to think about renewing the plan. It has to be actually agreed upon before the end of this year. Whether you want to renew for one more year. He said he is an independent

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financial advisor but the company that he picked for the plan originally was Hartford and now it is Mass Mutual. They took over Hartford's business. And he is going to give some of the main things in the proposal that they sent out. He said it was in an e-mail but he just wanted to clarify it a little bit. He said the main positives are that in the last five years is that the interest rate on the plan was 3% which is pretty phenomenal considering the current interest rate environment and the extension that they are offering would be at 2.75% which is almost 3%. He said he thinks that is a very fantastic offer. Also the cost for the investments themselves is going to go down by 25%. It is also very low from 40 basis points - 4/10ths of a percent. It is going to go down to 3/10ths of a percent. And it doesn't cost the Village anything. This is just - it is the employee retirement plan so it is taken out of the accounts. It is not a Village expense. So he just wanted to present it and he would like for the Board to agree to extend it for one more year and then it would go out to bid after that again. But he thinks with the current interest rate environment to get 2.75% is a pretty phenomenal rate and he thinks the employees have been quite happy with that. He said if you have any questions he can go into more detail about it.

The Mayor said he has a recommendation from our Village Treasurer and it is his recommendation that the plan be renewed for one more year, which will avoid the time, method and cost of going out for competitive bid for this year and allow us to offer our employees an excellent rate of return, as was stated, in the roll of plan expense. And if we do not renew the plan we need to go out for competitive bid. The Mayor said he would make the motion of renewing the plan for one year, with Mass Mutual, on the 457 plan agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Morris. Upon vote, the motion was carried. Mr. Minevich thanked them.

MAYOR:

The Mayor said this is the Mayor's portion of the meeting and he really would like to thank everyone for showing up today. And he looks forward to working with each and every one of you. And he does have an open-door policy, as everybody says. So you can come up to Village hall and knock on the door and ask him any questions you would like and he will find out the answer for them. But at this time he would like to - he said he failed to appoint the Recreation and Culture Board for this coming year - the Advisory Board on Culture and Recreation. So he will go through the names - Cathy Mills, Nancy Christopher, Louis

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Ciaccio, Barbara Cottiers, Lisa Estrin, Mary Guccione, Suzanne Joyce, Lynn Limbrick, Virginia Menschner, Kevin Patwell, Denise Schultz, Daryl Schiller, Jodi Schiller, Jonathan Theodore and Kathy Van Sickle. A motion confirming the Advisory Board was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Mayor said the last two items. Informational. He said he has in front of him a request, or an offer, a generous offer for any veterans that are out there that may be in need of an upcoming holiday dinner. Something that a veteran committee will be willing to donate. So if there is anybody out there that knows a needy veteran please give the Mayor their name and we would possibly be able to get them a nice turkey dinner for the holidays.

The Mayor said the next item that he has which is kind of close to his heart which is something he has been working on down in the Squires Gate area which is flooding. He said he did propose and submit to our Assemblywoman Jaffee and our Senator Carlucci - he tried to submit it. It didn't go through. But he is going to submit the request for flood barriers again and he will be discussing this with the Board further and he will be also discussing it with Senator David Carlucci and Assemblywoman Jaffee. So this is informational. He will get back to every one and give them an update on it.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. was made by Mayor Markunas, seconded by Trustee Morris. Upon vote, the motion was carried.