

**Village Board Meeting
Monday, December 2, 2013**

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

PRESENT: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan
Trustee Matthew Byrne, Trustee John Meehan

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

ABSENT: None

SET DATES FOR JANUARY MEETINGS:

The Mayor said the final Wednesday of the month at 7 o'clock will be the workshops and the Village Board meetings will be the following Monday at 7:30 p.m. The problem with our first meeting is, unfortunately, that Christmas day and New Years day are both on Wednesdays. The Mayor asked if Monday the 6th was good. Since everyone agreed, the Mayor said we will just do the meeting and the workshop on the 6th due to the holidays starting at 7:00 p.m. And then the dates will continue on as the workshop being the final Wednesday of the month at 7 and the Village Board meeting being the following Monday at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT PROGRAM:

The Mayor said we have a public hearing for the police officers retirement program. She said we have a local law that we would like to pass tonight. We have several of our officers who are twenty-plus year members of our police department who we have come to offer them a buy-out of their final years until retirement here in the Village. Doing so we have eight officers who would be eligible for the program. It would be a one-year buy-out of their base salary. In addition to the savings of the salary, we would also be saving on longevity and if all of our police officers took advantage of the program it would be a savings of \$950,000 to the Village and that would include the replacements of the police officers. The Mayor said she has asked the Village Clerk to place spread sheets out onto the corner if anyone would like to see how it would save the Village money. She said we would like to pass a local law tonight and they would ask that the police officers have until December 29 to accept the buy-outs and they must retire before May 31, 2014. The Mayor said she will turn it over to Terry Rice who will explain the local law.

Attorney Rice said very briefly the local law essentially has the provisions that the Mayor just referred to. We have the authority under the Municipal Home Rule Law to do this. The specifics of the

buy-out program will be described more fully in an agreement that has to be reached between the Village and the PBA. They already have been provided with a draft agreement which he understands is acceptable to them. We will also have attached to that the particular circumstances of each police officer as far as accumulated leave and so forth that they would be entitled to so that when the matter is finally resolved all of the monetary issues will be set forth so there shouldn't be any confusion. He said he also has provided to them a revised local law which has a few changes recommended by our labor counsel, none of which are of any substance, and were you to pass this tonight then we would finish out the agreement with the PBA which you would approve at a meeting either on December 11 or a special meeting that you will hold at the end of December to accept the resignations or accept the letters of the individual police officers.

The Mayor thanked Attorney Rice and said she would like to open up the public hearing. She said if anyone has any comments please come up to the microphone and state your name and address. Since nobody spoke, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Trustee Byrne said he had a question. He said he spoke to the Chief over the weekend about this and he did answer some of his concerns. Trustee Byrne said he noticed in the agreement that there is first of all an irrevocable retirement if he understood - a letter of retirement or intent to retire - that would be filed by the individual officer. Attorney Rice said correct. Trustee Byrne asked if there was such a thing as an actually irrevocable - in other words can they at the last minute call it back even though we are calling it irrevocable. Attorney Rice said no because in the absence of the agreement with the PBA that would be the case that they probably could. But we are going to have an agreement with the PBA that will essentially set forth all of these agreements and then it would be extremely difficult for them to withdraw that. Trustee Byrne said the other question he had was he would assume that many of the officers that might take advantage of it - and he doesn't know and no one knows for sure if all eight will or some other number less than that - many of them might be higher up in rank perhaps sergeants who are earning higher amounts than the rest. Is there any talk about if we simply pass a local law and lose the talent of the sergeants and the high salaries is there a concern that five years from now, six years from now we are kind of back in the same place. As their salaries increase and creep up has there been any thought given to that - the concern about accelerating costs with moving people up into those positions. Attorney Rice said yes there has been thought and he thinks the Mayor and Treasurer can address that as far as the pay back period but it has all been considered in the figures that you have before you.

The Mayor said actually what happens is we did the savings over five years. But when you factor in the longevities, it is actually over a ten year period. So Tom can give you the exact numbers but no, we will not be in the same - it would take us twenty years to be back in the same boat again. And by that time you will have that turnover of retirees so it is kind of - it will keep turning over as we go on. And we don't know that all of them will take the buyout. That is the first thing. And the second thing is even if they do those new officers that come in will have to work twenty years. So you are going to have a constant turnover of officers.

Trustee Byrne said the only other question he has, and generally he is supportive of the idea but he just wanted as much information and the Chief was very helpful in giving him some information. As he understands it there are - and correct him if he is wrong - there are six sergeant positions that are provided for by contract and perhaps a seventh position that is not necessarily part of the contract. The Mayor said that is correct. Trustee Byrne asked if there was any talk about adjusting the number without affecting the ability of the department function obviously looking at those numbers to determine whether they need that level of sergeants. The Mayor said as many sergeants. Trustee Byrne said yes. The Mayor said it is in our contract right now for six sergeants. That would be something that we would have to negotiate with the PBA contract. That wouldn't be anything that we could include into this buyout program. Trustee Byrne said from his understanding the contract doesn't expire for another four or five years. Chief Clarke Osborn said in 2016.

Trustee Meehan said the public should know that the substantial number of majority of those eight we have assurances will take it. So it is not - it is substantial. He said he knows of at least five and there may be possibly six out of the eight that will take advantage of this offer.

Trustee Hagen asked what if they don't take the buyout. There are no repercussions, no problems. The Mayor said absolutely not. It is totally voluntary. If they choose to take it they have until December 29 and if they choose not to they just go on with business as usual.

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

LOCAL LAW NO. 12, 2013

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE
CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN
BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER, CHAPTER 50,
ENTITLED POLICE OFFICER RETIREMENT
INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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

Section 1. The Code of the Village of Suffern is hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter, Chapter 50, entitled "Police Officer Retirement Incentive Program," to provide as follows:

§ 50-1 Authority, Legislative Intent

The Board of Trustees hereby utilizes the provision of Municipal Home Rule Law §§ 10 (1) and 10(i)(ii)(a)(1) as authority for the instant local law. The Board of Trustees finds and determines that: the reduction of all or part of the positions filled by eligible Police Officers would not unacceptably directly result in a reduction of the level of service required or mandated to protect and care for residents or employees of the Village or to assure public health and safety; endanger the health or safety of residents or employees of the Village; clearly result in a loss of significant revenue to the Village or result in substantially increased overtime or contractual costs.

§ 50-2 Retirement Incentive Program Authorized

The Village of Suffern hereby elects to provide its eligible Police Officers a retirement incentive, which terms shall be negotiated between the Village and the Suffern Policemen's Benevolent Association, Inc. ("PBA").

§ 50-3 Provisions

- (A) Eligible Police Officer. In this Chapter, Police Officer means a police officer as defined by Section 4 of Chapter 524 of the Laws of 1936, as amended (the "Rockland County Police Act"). To be eligible to participate in the retirement incentive program authorized pursuant to this Chapter, a Police Officer must be eligible to retire as set forth in the Retirement Incentive Agreement between the Village and CBA, and must retire on or before May 22, 2014.
- (B) Effective date. The period in which an eligible Police Officer may elect to participate in the retirement incentive

program shall expire and no longer be effective at noon on December 29, 2013.

- (C) Payment of benefits. The termination benefits payable pursuant to this retirement incentive program by the Village shall be paid in two (2) or five (5) annual installments, at the election of the retiring employee, with such election made on or before December 29, 2013.

§ 50-4 Administration, implementation, and interpretation

The provisions of this Chapter shall be administered, implemented, and interpreted in accordance with an agreement duly negotiated between the Village and PBA, the collective bargaining agreement between the Village and PBA, the Rockland County Police Act and all applicable laws of the State of New York.

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

A motion to adopt Local Law No. 12, 2013 was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

A) Request - Send out Bids for 2014 Rescue Truck:

Chief Mike Stark thanked the Mayor and welcomed the new members to the Board. He said he had a few items on the agenda this evening. And two of them were held over from last month and he hopes we can agree on them this evening. The first is the request to send out bids for the 2014 Rescue Truck. Attorney Rice said before you do that, when do you want them returnable. Chief Stark said we have to put them out for the minimum amount of time which he believes is fourteen days. Attorney Rice said he thinks you want to do more than that. The Mayor said do a month. Chief Stark said as soon as we can put it out - Attorney Rice said he thinks we need to ask the Treasurer the timing on - Chief Stark asked the Treasurer if he knew the minimum amount of time - Attorney Rice said no, it is not a question of minimum. Legally it can be very quick. But the financing on the fire truck. About how long are you going to need

to get that in shape. Treasurer Zordan said he has to prepare some borrowing scenarios that is required by law. And it has to be reviewed by the Board and approved. So he would say the earliest is going to be next month that he can have that paperwork for them. The Mayor said let's do thirty days at least. January 6. Chief Stark said so we can have them due back say the day before? Attorney Rice said isn't your committee going to require some time to examine the specs as well? Chief Stark said it is not going to take them long. They are very, very familiar with the specs. The Mayor said then we will do January 5 so that will be the day before the meeting. Trustee Meehan said the 5th is a Sunday. The Mayor said okay, we will do January 5. Trustee Meehan said that is a Sunday. Chief Stark said then it will be Friday, January 3. Chief Stark said January 3 at noon. A motion to have the bids returned on January 3 at noon was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

B) Request - Send out Bids for Extrication Equipment:

Chief Stark said the second item is a part of this. That is send out the bids for the extrication equipment. And we can do the same time. A motion to have the bids returned on January 3 at noon was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

C) New Member - Hook and Ladder - Wooser Mercier:

Chief Stark said the last item is a sixteen year old member from the Hook and Ladder and his name is Wooser Mercier and he has already passed a NYS Arson Background check so he is ready to go. He is waiting on the Board's approval. A motion approving him was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Chief thanked them for their commitment to the fire department. He appreciates it.

CULTURE AND RECREATION:

Mrs. Cathy Mills congratulated Mayor Abato and thanked everybody for having her here this evening. She said upcoming events in the Village of Suffern are that we have the holiday parade and tree lighting and meet Santa this Thursday, December 5. It will be starting at 6 o'clock with caroling and music by the Salvation Army and the high school choir starting at 6 at the gazebo. At 6:45 we will be having the parade start down main street with the fire department and Santa's sleigh will be coming down main street and then at 7 o'clock we will be doing the tree lighting. So again the holiday lighting and parade will be this Thursday, December 5. Then on Sunday, December 8, they have the Pearl Harbor ceremony. It will be at 2 o'clock here in the auditorium. She asked everyone to please join them for that on Sunday, December 8. They also have on

this Sunday, December 8, the hoop shoot. It will be at the community center starting at 12 o'clock noon. She said they have their annual recreation board meeting on December 12, which is next Thursday. And they have over at the community center on Friday, December 13, the DARE dance. And then coming up at the community center will be the toy drive for DARE and they will be hosting the toy drive over at the community center. She said that one thing that she would like to ask the Board is that the VFW Ramapo Valley Post 2973 is donating their bingo board and bingo balls to the community center. So she would like to accept that donation if possible. A motion accepting the donation was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried. She said they are looking to do bingo events at the community center coming up. So look out for that.

She said also the ice machine that was donated to the community center. They would like to consider that as surplus so they can remove - she said it has been removed and it is being stored at the water department. They would like to consider that as surplus. Attorney Rice said as he understands it it is not just surplus but it is garbage and it is going to be disposed of. Someone is going to take it away. Mrs. Mills said correct. She said that machine was given to us as a donation. We didn't pay any money for that. Trustee Byrne asked if they have a current ice machine replacing that. Mrs. Mills said no, they do not. A motion to declare it surplus was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

She welcomed the new Board members and thanked everybody.

Grant Writer:

Mr. Fred Rella congratulated the new Mayor and Board members. He said they have a resolution before them which is a resolution that was passed a month or so ago and this is for the Clifford Theater - \$2000. He said we have to fill in and send an application from the state and we were waiting for some information from the state and they just got back to us. The prior resolution had Mayor Dagan LaCorte's name on it. The application that we send to Albany will have Mayor Abato's signature on it and they have to match - the two documents. So the resolution is to put the new Mayor's name on it. A motion amending Resolution 15, 2013 was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Byrne. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Mr. Rella said the Community Development Block Grant program, which is the program which has been doing the building facades downtown - that application is due on January 31 so in about 60 days it is due. And that is going to the office of the Rockland County Community Development. For the past several years that office has been headed up by Mr. Joseph Abate. He left that office about 60 days ago and now that office is headed up by Maria Frank. He said we also have a new County Executive which will be starting on or

about January 1 and that position is an appointed position by the County Executive. So once again our application is due January 31. There is a lot of work that has to be done between now and then. So he is not exactly sure if it is going to continue to be Maria Frank or it will be somebody else at the helm there. With that in mind the citizen advisory committee of the Village of Suffern, which is a committee that comes up with ideas for the application for what we are going to be applying for as part of the requisite of the grant itself. So that will be meeting twice in December and they are hoping that they can continue with the façade program for another year and he will let them know what the committee comes up with at the next meeting.

Mr. Rella said one final note. In working with Charles Sawicki he made him aware of a grant - it is a small grant. It is only up to \$20,000 - 250 of them were awarded last year with the bulk of them being \$10,000. And it is the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and they are thinking of ideas in which they can utilize this which would meet the criteria of the program itself and they came up with the idea that something which would be beneficial - Foxwood Pond, when you drive by it, you see the aerator with the little fountain coming up which helps with the vegetation in the pond - keeping it down and keeping air in the water. They are thinking of doing the same thing for Lake Antrim. And the cost of that would be approximately between \$10,000 and \$12,000. And that is what they are looking at for that grant. And he will be attending a seminar on that this Thursday.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mayor Abato asked if anyone would like to come up to the microphone for comments to please do so.

Joseph Verbanya said the reason he is coming before them tonight is that he has a proposal for the Board that he would like them to discuss at a future meeting. He said he has a marketing company - Jay Media - and in such capacity he is going to be asking the Village for permission - your revenue sharing deal - to sell advertising space on your Village website. He said that right now the Rockland County Tourism Board, which he doesn't know if that will be staffed in January, but they currently do sell ads on the County website. He would like to have the ability to sell advertising space on the Village website. Of course anything he does would be a revenue-sharing deal with the Village. He said we have made many colleges that come that come to play RCC on a regular basis. If we could start to generate some revenue for the Village, working in conjunction with the Suffern Chamber and also the surrounding businesses he would like to have the ability to sell ad space.

The Mayor asked him if he could do us a favor since we are not familiar with anything about it. Mr. Verbanya said of course. The

Mayor said if you could just do us a favor and submit something to the Village Clerk's office in writing. Mr. Verbanya said absolutely. The Mayor said this way we have a chance to look over it. Mr. Verbanya said he just wanted to show them what he is talking about. This way they know what they are looking at later. The Mayor said actually if you could submit it in writing and then if it is something we are interested in we can actually give you a call and you can do some kind of presentation. Mr. Verbanya said not a problem. He asked who he should send it to. The Mayor said to the Village Clerk - to Virginia. Mr. Verbanya asked what the e-mail was or how should he submit it. The Village Clerk said it is suffernclerk@suffernvillage.com. The Mayor said it is on the website. Trustee Meehan said if you go to the website then you can also submit it to all the Village Trustees. He thanked the Mayor.

Roy Tschudy of Lonergan Drive congratulated everybody. He said in June of this past year, this summer, the Town of Ramapo filed a letter of intent with the State of New York for the amount of 3.5 million dollars and that is to be used for flood mitigation - primarily for a siphoning system that would be inserted up at the quarry site - the Tilcon quarry. He said this has nothing to do with the Goldstein building or anything of that sort. This is just for that. He said in October or November, he believes, the town received an okay that they could move forward with that for approval or not approval for that money. In November, Legislators Alden Wolfe and Ilan Schoenberger introduced to the full Legislature a capital projects funding request for the Mahwah River project which has to be finally approved by the new County Exec. So they are hoping that will be done. And he would like to know what the Village's plans are for funding going forward on this with the flooding issue. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said she doesn't think she understands the question. Mr. Tschudy asked if we were going to apply for any kind of funding for flood remediation. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan asked if he was talking about the letter of intent that we sent along - Mr. Tschudy said you didn't send - the Village didn't send anything. It was the town of Ramapo that sent the - Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said you are talking about the siphoning system only. Mr. Tschudy said yes. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said that is absolutely correct. And we also instructed with Phil Tisi that they were taking care of all of it and we worked closely with the town of Ramapo for that letter to get sent as well as Ellen Jaffee who also worked with the town of Ramapo. We don't have any right to request funding for that being that it is not the Village's property. Mr. Tschudy said he just wanted to know because he has attended legislative meetings and in the past he has asked, requested, that members of this body here attend the meeting in full support of receiving funding from the Legislature and unfortunately nobody saw fit to - the Mayor said that is not true. We have been working with them individually and as Jo just mentioned that property lies in the town of Ramapo so we have absolutely no rights to request any kind of funding for that property whatsoever. However, we have reached out to the town of

Ramapo as well as the county Legislators to ask for assistance with that request from the town of Ramapo so that it can help us here in the Village. Unfortunately, we really don't have anything else to do with that property except to ask for help. So did we? Yes. We have been involved. We have been kept apprised of the situation. Jo monitors it very closely as well as Jack Meehan and has spoke on behalf of the Village on several occasions directly with the town of Ramapo and the county Legislators. So the answer is yes, we have been involved. No, we cannot ask for any money for help with that property for flood remediation. Mr. Tschudy said the Village does have, and he said to correct him if he is wrong, the final say on what can go in and what cannot and they would be supportive, he hopes, of a siphoning system. The Mayor said absolutely. That is something that we have all been asking for. That is why we put our assistance in in trying to move this thing along. Mr. Tschudy said okay, thank you very much.

Trustee Byrne said if he might, as a new member of the Board, and he would join in any attempt for this Board to not only support the town of Ramapo's application, to be present at any meetings you need us at, if that is appropriate whether it is a capital projects budget with the county or anywhere else and he would be happy to speak with the other members of the Board so we can all work together for that purpose. So certainly as a new member of the Board he has his support 100%. Mr. Tschudy thanked him and said in the past the group that consists of the Concerned Citizens of Suffern has held many meetings with public and private officials trying to get an answer to this and to coordinate and communicate with all people concerned and that includes New Jersey too. So in the future if they do, when they do have another meeting he will invite everybody here to attend. He said they would be glad to have input from anybody and everybody to finally finding a solution to this. Mayor Abato said that sounds like a great plan.

Rich Karpp of Lonergan Drive said first of all the Board just said that the Village has no say - they cannot do anything to help with the quarry, right? The Mayor said that is not what she said. That is absolutely not what she said. Mr. Karpp said as far as putting in for grants or anything like that. All you can do basically is stay in the background and say yes, we go along with that. The Mayor said right we cannot - Mr. Karpp said you cannot put a foot forward to help. Is that correct? The Mayor said we cannot make any applications. Mr. Karpp said okay. Is there anything that the Board can do for the people in Squires Gate. The Mayor said as far as? Mr. Karpp said as far as anything. He said he knows the Concerned Citizens of Suffern organized a clean-up of the river and they had people from New Jersey. And New Jersey is working with Suffern as far as the river. They are hampered in doing a lot of things. He said he lives right on the river on Lonergan Drive and if you look across at the hill going up there is so much dead wood - old tree stumps and everything on that bank. When the heavy rains come everything gets washed down. When the river gets high, if the water

gets high enough, it takes the logs and trees and anything there and it floats them down and that adds to the blockage of the river to put more water in their houses. Now, he has asked a couple of times - and from what he understands the people that own the property - their property - not the river - their property - they are responsible for. Right? The Mayor said correct. Mr. Karpp asked if there was any way the Village of Suffern, with their zoning commission, can get in touch with all the people that have property over there and have them clean up their stuff. He said over the years he has called the police and the Village from people just dumping stuff down there. The Mayor said she believes actually - she said she believes Gerry Levitus worked on this project and at one point that was done. Mr. Karpp said how long ago are you talking? The Mayor asked Mr. Levitus, but he had left the meeting. The Mayor said she would have to say a year ago. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said actually Randy and Mike went and sent letters and spoke to all the homeowners and they removed items that would be dangerous to the area. The Mayor said we have done it periodically. If it is something that needs to be done again - Mr. Karpp said there is a lot of stuff on the banks. People have actually taken 2 x 6's and made little shelves so when they throw things down it will stop it right there. The Mayor said we can do it again. Mr. Karpp said if you can walk the river and look up there and have the people responsible for all the garbage down there to clean it up. The Mayor said what she will do is she will send the code enforcers out there to take a look and we can redo it again. Mr. Karpp said he would appreciate it. The Mayor said no problem.

Mr. Karpp said one more question. What kind of parade are you having? The Mayor said what kind of what? Mr. Karpp said what kind of a parade the Village is having. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said a Christmas parade. Mr. Karpp said a Christmas parade or a holiday parade. Which is it? It was mentioned as a holiday parade. When was it changed? He said he is Jewish and he would much rather have the word Christmas in it.

Jean Hennelly of 135 Wayne Avenue welcomed the new Board members and wished them all well. She said she would like to ask if there will be a public hearing on Orange Avenue this month? Is that confirmed? The Mayor said we have one set for December 11. Mrs. Hennelly said that is still - it hasn't changed. The Mayor said she hasn't had any direct correspondence that it has changed. If it does change at any point, they certainly will let everyone know. Mrs. Hennelly asked if that has been submitted to the newspapers yet. The Mayor said no, it is too early. Mrs. Hennelly said it is too early? She asked how many days notice does the Village have to give for a public hearing. The Mayor said three days. And if anything should change prior to those three days we will certainly put that out there. Mrs. Hennelly said also she would like to ask that she noticed that you are already in the preliminary stages of the budget for next year and it has been almost a year since the

last one and she would like to make sure that there is money in there for the emergency access to the West Ward. She said she knows that everybody was looking for other cheap avenues and none have materialized. She said it should be a priority this year. And she wished the Board a Merry Christmas and happy holidays to them.

Jack H. Rosenberg of 13 Somerset Drive asked when the adjourned date would be on the proposed Orange Avenue project. The Mayor said we have another public hearing on December 11. Mr. Rosenberg asked what day that was. The Mayor said a Wednesday. Mr. Rosenberg asked what time. The Mayor said she believes it is 7 o'clock.

Tim McInerney of Pavilion Road said he just wanted to thank the Village guys. He said as you know his road was a catastrophe where he lives. Those guys worked very hard for the last couple of months. They put in the drain. They put in the street. He just wanted to let the Board know that they did a really great job. The Mayor thanked him. She said we have a great crew. Mr. McInerney said they went through a lot. They had a lot of backups and stuff and it wasn't their fault. But they did a really nice job. The Mayor thanked him and asked Mr. Sawicki to carry that message back.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Clarke Osborn said he wanted to congratulate the Mayor and Matt and Frank and welcomed them aboard. He said just one quick thing. He knows it is a night of celebration after this. He said they are looking to put on a dispatcher. He said he explained it at the last meeting. Our dispatcher had taken a job at the Sheriff's Department. He said we are just about there. He should have a name for the next meeting. They are just going through the background checks. He said they have the Toy Drive coming up and he thanks Cathy Mills and their street hockey just finished up and he wants to thank the Board for all their support and he wishes them the best of luck on the Board.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

The Mayor said she skipped over the Village Attorney. She asked Attorney Rice if he had anything. He said he didn't have anything. He will save it for the next meeting. He congratulated the Mayor and the new Board members and wished them luck.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Charles Sawicki congratulated the new Mayor and the new Trustees. He said he just had a few updates on some projects that they have been doing and he would like to thank Mr. McInerney for his comment. The street department, along with the assistance of the water and street department, removed and replaced approximately 400 linear feet of 35 x 24 inch arched stormwater drainage pipe on Pavilion Road. Roadway Improvement Project Phase #6 and #7 have

been completed with the exception of the roadway striping and stop bars. That work will be completed this Wednesday. The Wastewater Treatment plant dewatering upgrade project is near completion with final completion later this month. The abatement of 94 and 96 Lonergan Drive will be completed on or about Monday, December 9.

VILLAGE CLERK:

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner said the only thing she had was the approval of the minutes of the regular Board meeting of October 15, 2014. The Mayor said the two new Trustees will not be able to vote on them. So we will need the Board members who were present. A motion approving the minutes was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

Treasurer Tom Zordan congratulated the Mayor and Frank and Matt and welcomed them aboard and wished them the best of luck because if they do well, the Village does well.

Mr. Zordan said he was requesting authorization to issue a Revenue Anticipation Note for \$1,350,000. He said this will be used to fund the water and sewer departments for the balance of this fiscal year. For the benefit of Frank and Matt, what happens is our water and sewer is billed in arrears so basically the people use the water and six months later we bill them for it. The problem is we have to pay all of our workers and all the costs associated with delivering the water. So we always have been borrowing money and then we pay it back once we do the May billing. And then we are whole again. So that is why we have to do this. Trustee Byrne asked if that is paid back in May, literally? Mr. Zordan said what happens is we bill it out in May and we collect it, the money, between May 1 and June 5 and then we pay it back usually about July 10. Trustee Byrne said to pay this exact note. Mr. Zordan said yes, we pay that note off in full. We do it for like six months - to borrow the money. Trustee Byrne said the repayment includes - the amounts collected on the repayment includes any interest that is charged for the note? The treasurer said there will be interest on top of this 1.3 million. It is about maybe two or three thousand dollars - something like that. It is about 1 ¾% for six months so .75%. Trustee Byrne said it is more than covered by the revenue that comes in. The treasurer said yes, oh yes. We will probably bill out close to 1.7 million. A motion authorizing the borrowing was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The treasurer thanked them. He said he was working on the budget timeline for the year 2014-2015 and it is up on the website today. So he will do his best to adhere to that. He said when he gets the new Trustees e-mails he will e-mail everybody a copy of that so if there are any questions or if there is any problems with a date or something they can work it all out.

TRUSTEES:

Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said she just wanted to say welcome aboard everybody and congratulations to Trish, Matt and Frank.

MAYOR:

Mayor Abato said that before we close she just wanted to welcome Matt and Frank aboard. She said she is looking forward to the next two years. She said she thinks we have a wonderful Board and she thinks diversity is what makes a Board work and she couldn't think of two more wonderful people to have on the Board with us and she looks forward to that. She looks forward to it. She thinks we are going to have a great Board and she looks forward to doing good things together and she really, truly looks forward to it. She said she would like to invite everybody out into the foyer area for some refreshments to celebrate our new Trustees and her new venture as Mayor here and she looks forward to seeing everybody here at every meeting.

Trustee Byrne said he looks forward to the next two years as well. Obviously, Frank and he are ready to work, and he doesn't want to speak for him, but they are certainly ready to work with her where they have to and where they should. And as a lifelong resident of Suffern it is an honor just to sit here. He said he started coming to Board meetings about thirty years ago when Mayor Savarese was here and he thinks he and Dr. Leshen were the only two in the room at the time who were actually coming a lot and Dr. Leshen is still coming too. And Terry Rice was here too. And he does look forward to the next two years where we can work together and where we should work together we will. And where we might have disagreements on occasion certainly we can do that without being disagreeable and we will have some good discussions. And he is looking forward to it.

Trustee Hagen said that he would also like to say thank you to everybody who voted for them.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

