

**Village Board Meeting
Monday, February 4, 2014**

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 MARCH MEETINGS:

The Mayor said the first item on the agenda is to set the dates for the March meetings. The workshop will be Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. and the Board meeting will be Monday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Mike Stark said he had two items on the agenda tonight.

A) Update:

Chief Stark said the first one is the update for the Fire Department. He said he just wanted to touch base. They are doing their year-end reporting which you will soon see the LOSAP program being brought before you. He said they ended up with about 307, give or take, fire calls last year, 2013. And about 125 other miscellaneous drills. So close to 400 calls - a little over 400.

B) Resolution No. 5, 2014 - Installment Purchase Contract:

Chief Stark said he was requesting the Board to approve the installment purchase contract for the new rescue truck for the fire department. He said they should all have a copy of it.

RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2014

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern is interested in acquiring a Walk-Around Rescue Truck fire truck ("Fire Truck") and extrication/rescue tool; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees advertised for bids for the same in accordance with the applicable provisions of the General Municipal

Law; and

WHEREAS, Spartan ERV was the low bidder for the provision of the Fire Truck in the sum of \$498,694.00 and Garrison Fire and Rescue Corp was the low bidder for provision of the Extrication/rescues tool in the amount of \$58,390.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is considering awarding said bids to the foregoing low bidders; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is requiring to provide for the financing of the same prior to the awarding of said bids; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is considering the financing of the same pursuant to an installment purchase contract pursuant to General Municipal Law § 109-b; and

WHEREAS, the Village Treasurer has undertaken the required analysis of financing alternatives pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 39 and has provided the same to the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the delivery of the foregoing will not take place until approximately one year in the future and Village will not be required to make any payments with respect thereto until the time of delivery and acceptance of the foregoing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees believes that it would be in its best interest to pay for and finance the purchase of the same by an Installment Purchase Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN AS FOLLOWS:

After taking into account the evaluation of financing alternatives, the Board of Trustees hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the Village to finance the purchase of the Fire Truck and Extrication/Rescue Tool Equipment pursuant to an Installment Purchase Agreement for the following reasons: If bond counsel fees and other costs related to issuance of the Village's bonds or bond anticipation notes are taken into consideration, the total costs for financing under the Local Finance Law would be greater than the total costs for financing pursuant to the Installment Purchase Agreement. In addition, under the Installment Purchase Agreement the Village is not required to pledge its faith. The Agreement will provide that it is not a general obligation of the Village, neither the full faith and credit nor the taxing power of the Village are pledged; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the acquisition of the said equipment under and the financing of the same by an Installment Purchase Agreement is necessary, convenient, in furtherance of, and the same will at all times be used in connection with the Village's

governmental purposes and functions and is in the best interests of the Village, and no portion of the Equipment will be used, directly or indirectly, in any trade or business carried on by any person other than a governmental unit of the State on a basis different from the general public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes financing the purchase of the Fire Truck and Extrication/Rescue Tool Equipment pursuant to an Installment Purchase Contract, with the most appropriate vendor and the exact terms of the Installment Purchase Contract to be determined at a future date prior to any payments being made for the purchase of the same.

A motion approving the contract was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Frank Hagen who asked if they had to vote tonight on this.

Attorney Rice said what this is is as follows. Trustee Hagen asked to purchase it? Attorney Rice said no. This is our intent to finance it by an installment purchase contract. Because we are required to have financing in place before we ever commit ourselves to make any type of purchase or acquisition and because this is not like a normal situation where we would pass a bond resolution. This is setting forth the Board's intent that they are going to finance it in that matter relating that the Treasurer has done the analysis required under the state regulations in order to do this and stating that we are going to be obligated to pay in approximately a year when there is a delivery on the truck and the other piece of equipment and at that time we will enter into an actual agreement with some company for the purchase installment contract. Trustee Hagen said in that case yes. Trustee Byrne asked if this would be a separate resolution once the financing is - Attorney Rice said this is not to award the contract. This is just for the financing - your intent to finance it in this matter. Trustee Byrne said okay.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

7:35 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - POLICE LIEUTENANT RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM:

Attorney Rice said this is the same type of deal as you did previously with the police officers. The lieutenant has also evidenced his desire to take part in such a program. It is a little bit different and the provisions are a little bit longer because there is no collective bargaining agreement with the police lieutenant. So this law provides that he has an opportunity until February 28 to sign an agreement where he irrevocably determines that he is going to retire and that he would do so on or before November 30. In all other respects it is basically the same as the prior local law. Since nobody spoke, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN
LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2014
A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 50 OF
THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN
ESTABLISHING A RETIREMENT INCENTIVE
PROGRAM FOR POLICE LIEUTENANT

Section 1. Chapter 50 of the Code of the Village of Suffern is hereby amended by adding thereto the follows:

§ 50-5 Retirement Incentive for Police Lieutenant.

The Village of Suffern hereby elects to provide to its Police Lieutenant a retirement incentive, subject to the following terms and conditions:

(A) Eligibility. To be eligible to participate in the retirement incentive program authorized pursuant to this Chapter, the Police Lieutenant must have 20 full years or more of active service with the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System ("NYSPPFR") and must be eligible to retire and must retire on or before November 30, 2014.

(B) Effective date. The period in which the eligible Police Lieutenant may elect to participate in the retirement incentive program shall expire and no longer be effective at noon on February 28, 2014 and the Police Lieutenant must submit an irrevocable letter electing to retire pursuant to the terms of this Local Law on or before February 28, 2014 if he desires to participate in such retirement incentive program.

(C) Payment of benefits. The Police Lieutenant who retires pursuant to this Local Law shall be: (i) paid a payment equal to one year base salary (excluding longevity), with such payments to be made in annual installments over a period of two (2) or five (5) years at the retiring Employee's election, with such election made on or before February 28, 2014, and with such installments commencing on

or about January 15, 2015; (ii) permitted to use his unused sick leave or reimbursed for such unused sick leave pursuant to the employment agreement between the Village and Police Lieutenant effective from December 1, 2012 through May 31, 2016 ("Agreement") and (iii) entitled to his accumulated vacation days pursuant to the Agreement.

(D) Additional benefits. This local law does not abridge, terminate or otherwise change any other benefits conferred to the retiring Police Lieutenant pursuant, but not so limited, to the Agreement.

(E) Administration, implementation, and interpretation. The provisions of this section shall be administered, implemented, and interpreted in accordance with the Agreement, the Rockland County Police Act and all applicable laws of the State of New York.

(F) This incentive is available on a one-time basis and shall not constitute precedent for the future. This section sets forth all benefits, payments and remuneration to which the retiring Police Lieutenant is entitled from the Village.

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

A motion to adopt the Local Law amending Chapter 50 of the Code of the Village of Suffern establishing a retirement incentive program for the police lieutenant was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Byrne.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CULTURE AND RECREATION:

A) Update:

Mrs. Cathy Mills said a few things that they have for the month of February is that this Friday night there will be a DARE dance. This is the second to last. We have one in February and we have one in March and that will be at 7 o'clock this Friday at the Community Center. She said they have upcoming at the Community Center the Suffern Fire Department Blood Drive which will be on Wednesday, February 12, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Community Center. They have a Farmer's Market and they had it this past Saturday and then they have one upcoming on February 15 and that is also at the

Community Center and that is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. She said they have a public hearing which they spoke about the other day. It will be Wednesday, February 26. The Mayor said the Village is not having a public hearing. It is a public hearing for the clean-up for the Orange and Rockland property. They are just holding it here in the Village. Mrs. Mills said they have a LEAD event on Friday, February 28 and that will be at 8 o'clock in the Community Center until 11 p.m. And then in the Leo Lydon building AARP will be available and open to the public on Tuesdays at Leo Lydon.

Mrs. Mills said a discussion she would like to talk about this evening is the Village of Suffern would like to participate in Keep Rockland Beautiful and she has chosen a date of April 26 and she was looking to the Board to see if that date was okay. A motion approving the date was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Mrs. Mills said the last thing that she wanted to mention is that on Sunday, February 9, Marcello is having his concert over at the Lafayette Theater. There are two concerts at 2:30 and at 6:30 and hopefully they will have a nice attendance over there.

GRANT WRITER:

Mr. Fred Rella said he had three items tonight. The first one is with Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee's office that he has to - because he spoke to her staff and to Ellen - and he has to get some member items in by Friday. Three are for the fire department and he would like to thank Jeremy and Chief Stark for helping him get this information together in a short period of time. The first one for the fire department is for the Jaws of Life which they discussed at the workshop. The current Jaws of Life that we have does not work on vehicles with the enhanced steel on vehicles that are 2010 or newer and so this new Jaws of Life would help with opening up vehicles that are newer models.

The second item is the thermal imaging camera which is used, for example, you can shine it on a wall and it can tell you if there is a fire inside a wall brewing. And it would detect that. And the third item is basically a stabilization kit. If a vehicle is overturned or leaning it is basically a hydraulic stabilization kit bar which would stabilize the vehicle from falling back on someone while you are doing some emergency work. So once again thank you for helping him put this together.

Mr. Rella said the last item that he wants to thank the Mayor for is that at the press conference that they had on NY Rising, a conversation happened between the Mayor and Ellen Jaffee about the two homes that were knocked down on Lonergan Drive and what was going to be happening to that open space and she was gracious enough to say for us to put in a member item for \$5000 for some

trees to be planted within that area. So that will be part of the Friday paperwork that goes in.

Mr. Rella said the next item is basically that the Community Development Block Grant was submitted to the Rockland County Office of Community Development on time and that was for the façade program. And lastly, this Friday, the paperwork for the \$3000 P.A. system for the DARE hockey rink that was installed this past spring - which has already been awarded but the paper will go in to get reimbursed for it.

Trustee Byrne asked Mr. Rella if the member items that he referred to are automatic or are they all subject to eventual budget approval. Mr. Rella said they are not automatic. Trustee Meehan said his understanding from reading the *New York Times* is that member items no longer exist. But somehow they are able to work their way around it or something like that. Mr. Rella said what happens is basically member items for the past three to four years have not been awarded new ones to the varying assembly people or state senators. But they still ask for the applications because what happens is that awards that were done prior to 2009 - a lot of the municipalities don't put in for it. They actually don't put in the paperwork. So then it goes back in the system and someone like Ellen Jaffee or Senator Carlucci is able to go back in and get that reappointed to their own district and then we can utilize it. Hence a good example of that is the \$3000 for the P.A. system because that is actually something which another municipality didn't use it and she reworked it so we could get it. Trustee Meehan said okay. But what he is reminded of is what Shakespeare said and that is "a rose by any other name." So a member item by any other name as long as we get the cash. Mr. Rella said yes.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Terry Rice said the only thing he wanted to talk about tonight is that the Mayor and Charles have had a number of conversations with respect to snow plowers. In particular plowing snow onto the streets and causing a problem. He said we do have provisions in the code presently which prohibit placing snow in the streets or right-of-way but it has been suggested that we license operators so that if they do run afoul of our provisions that their license can be suspended or revoked. So to proceed with that he is drafting a local law and he thinks if the Board wants to go forward with that we should set a public hearing for the March meeting. Trustee Meehan said it sounds like a good idea. A motion to set the public hearing for March 3 at 7:30 p.m. was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

The Mayor said Chief Osborn is not here this evening and he would like three individuals he would like appointed. The first one is to appoint Ann Rizzo as a data operator II and she does appoint her. A motion confirming the appointment was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Mayor said also to appoint Peter Campanelli police radio dispatcher. The appointment was confirmed by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Mayor said also the third is to appoint Douglas DiBlasi as a part-time police radio dispatcher. A motion confirming the appointment was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Mayor said we actually voted on this at the last meeting but in order for us to get reimbursement for the Suburban for the police department Rockland County would like an agreement between the County and ourselves so that is what we are going to pass tonight - to sign the agreement to purchase the Suburban police vehicle and the County will reimburse us in full for the vehicle. And that was from seizure money that they did from drug apprehensions.

RESOLUTION NO. 4, 2014

RESOLVED, authorize the Mayor, Patricia Abato, to sign the County of Rockland agreement to purchase a Chevrolet Suburban police vehicle. The County of Rockland will reimburse the Village \$53,856.

The motion was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

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

ABSTAIN: Trustee Matthew Byrne said just for reasons stated in the workshop - since he was the County employee who prepared that agreement he will abstain from voting.

ABSENT: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

The Mayor said if you would like to speak please come to the podium and state your name and address.

Jonathan Theodore of 2A Interstate Street and Lisa Estrin of 37 Milford Lane said they have some items that they would like to hand

out.

Mr. Theodore said tonight they would like to present some things to the Village. He said they work with an organization called Metro Industrial Areas Foundation which is a network of citizens organizations with a long track record of public victories. It is available on the website which talks about some of their victories in the past. Today they would like to talk about a campaign to reduce gun violence in America. Based on these three numbers - 30,000, and that is roughly the number of Americans who, if trends continue, will be shot to death this year. Roughly one third of these deaths will likely be homicides and two thirds suicides. And this is a greater loss of life per year than in any war since World War II. Chapter 19, verse 16 - that is the passage in Leviticus says do not stand idly by while your neighbors blood is shed. And that calls us to act. We believe all of us with the power to act have the obligation to do so. And the people with the most power to make a difference are the executives and investors who run the world's major gun manufacturers. And 40%. And that's their third number tonight. And that is the percentage of guns in America that are purchased by government. Roughly 25% of the guns sold each year are purchased by the military and roughly 15% by police and law enforcement agencies giving taxpayers and the public sector significant power in the firearms marketplace.

Mr. Theodore said that citizens in ten states are asking their local governments to join the "Do Not Stand Idly By" campaign to use their purchasing power to bring about greater responsibility among gun manufacturers. They ask that the Village of Suffern join them in this campaign. They know that by themselves they have limited purchasing power. They don't buy a lot of firearms. But by adding their purchasing power to that of dozens of other municipalities and agencies in the public sector they believe they can persuade at least some of the leading gun manufacturers to make gun safety a higher priority. And to make responsible distribution a higher priority as well.

He said they are asking that the council initiate this process by adopting the proposed council resolution that is included in the packets that they have which outlines the goals of this campaign and authorizes the Mayor and the executive branch of our government here, of our Village government, to take the necessary steps to move forward with it.

Ms. Estrin said to please understand. They are not asking you to act alone. This is a campaign that is going on with all the municipalities up here in this area - Bergen County and Rockland County, Oakland, and she can name all of the different municipalities that they are going to the town councils for as well as New York City and the state of Illinois. This is going on in 10 states right now. They are talking about the firearms market. She

said we have the purchasing power so they are asking that the firearms market take the lead in this effort. They are not asking any government entity to change their gun purchasing before there has been a market analysis of the capabilities and practices of all the manufacturers in the market place. Once that analysis is done they believe cities and towns across the country will be better able to evaluate which manufacturers are most committed to public safety. What they are asking these towns to do by joining this campaign is to begin to ask a different set of questions of gun manufacturers. Questions about whether the manufacturer is bringing smart gun technologies to market, what standards the manufacturer enforces across its dealer network, which is also really talking about do the gun manufacturers sell only to licensed dealers as opposed to non-licensed dealers getting into the hands of criminals. And whether the manufacturer is fully cooperating with law enforcement in their efforts to reduce gun trafficking. Without the customers asking these questions there is no reason to think that gun manufacturers would ever take these issues seriously. And when they think about something like Newtown or what happened in Tucson, which is very dear to her with Congresswoman Gifford - that is her families Safeway, that is her parents Congresswoman and she had been standing in that parking lot two weeks before that. She said she also had one of her best friends who was murdered in Brooklyn Family Court in 1993 and just recently - she is a psychotherapist - she worked with a man who thought about killing himself with a gun. And this was in Mahwah. And they got the gun to the Mahwah police for them to hold until he is stabilized. She said that we are so lucky in this town that violence is not part of our everyday lives. But we don't know if this is going to happen or not. So really what they are asking in that packet that they gave the Board - the very top sheet is really what they are asking for right now. To just look and fill out this form. And they have already met with Clarke Osborn a couple of months ago and explained all this and he was very interested in what they were talking about. But to fill out this form - just looking at our purchasing and how we purchase firearms and who we purchase from. Just filling out this form by March 2. That is what they are asking for tonight. On the very bottom of the packet is the resolution that is just a generic resolution that was made up that Jonathan talked about and what he was speaking about and that is more of an end result for them. But for right now what they are asking this Board to do is to look at the gun purchasing of our Village and filling out this form.

The Mayor thanked the both of them and said we really appreciate their concern and the proactive participation in a really hard situation that our country is in. Ms. Estrin said absolutely. If you ever drive into Suffern High School like she does constantly you see a big, big police truck sitting in front and all you can think is how horrific that that needs to be there.

Jim Giannettino of 2 Memorial Drive said he had a couple of questions on a few things that you have already dealt with. He said this police vehicle, this Suburban, were we required to buy this particular vehicle. The Mayor said the Chief is not here tonight but this is what the Chief has identified as a need for the police department. Mr. Giannettino said that is a huge - the Mayor said the only thing that we could use the money for yes is a vehicle. Mr. Giannettino said he understands that. He was thinking that you might be able to get almost two patrol cars out of that kind of money instead of a huge Suburban which he doesn't know what they are going to do with. The Mayor said she would urge him to check with Clarke and he can give you all of his reasons for it but that money was for a vehicle and she knows that this is what he has chosen for his needs for the police department so she urges him to stop down and have a chat with him. Mr. Giannettino said okay, he will.

He said the second thing is the fire truck. And he had addressed this to Mike after the workshop. In lieu of the fact that we are supposedly going to get the crossover on Orange Avenue - the need for these specially built fire trucks will not longer exist. The reason we paid \$500,000, 750,000 and almost a million dollars for our trucks is because of the height restrictions under the Chestnut Street bridge and the Ramapo Avenue bridge.

The Mayor said that is not her understanding. She asked Chief Stark to talk about that. Chief Stark said he and Jim did have a discussion out in the lobby after the workshop meeting and to be honest he doesn't remember talking to him about a height restriction but maybe it was. Mr. Giannettino said that was always the problem. Chief Stark said he doesn't know if that is quite accurate. This is the first he is hearing that we paid more for our vehicles because we have a height restriction. So he doesn't know if that is 100% accurate. The Mayor said she doesn't believe that she read any special specifications as far as the height of the truck being - Chief Stark said we tell - typically what we do is we tell the vendor any height restrictions we might have and it just so happens that the Chestnut Street underpass is about the same height as our bay. So it is not really a concern for them. Mr. Giannettino said all he can tell them is that his recollection is, and he bought a couple of fire trucks when he was Mayor - there was always special specs on these trucks because of the height restrictions. And he would suggest that he go back to his team, because he knows there is always a team that sits down and writes these specs, and find out because the difference in price could be quite a bit of money. He asked Attorney Rice if that was correct - if he remembered. Attorney Rice said he doesn't specifically remember that. He said he remembers one point when they became aware of specifically designing a custom fire truck we could more or less get a stock one and he thought that is the direction that they had gone in recently. But he couldn't tell you with each

individual truck. Mr. Giannettino said because he knows the city, and he doesn't want them to get what the city has. The Mayor said her understanding from Jeremy was, like Mike said, it just so happens that the specifications as far as the underpasses go is the same as the fire department so that there was no need for any adjustments in any of the height restrictions or specs for the height of the truck. Chief Stark said that is correct. Also, this vehicle was one of their stock chassis and there was no modifications made to it. Mr. Giannettino said it could be on this vehicle but years ago it was always a concern - the height of the bridges.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

A) Application for Payment:

Mr. Charles Sawicki asked for payment authorization for application of payment no. 1 for the abatement portion of the demolition of residential housing project to Par Environmental Corporation. This payment is in the amount of \$45,000. A motion authorizing the payment was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Byrne.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Sawicki asked for payment authorization for application of payment no. 2 for the electrical portion of the WWTP Dewatering System Upgrade project to Fanshawe Inc. This payment is in the amount of \$31,410. A motion approving the payment was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization for application of payment no. 3 for the general construction portion of the WWTP Dewatering System Upgrade project to Northeast Remsco Construction. This payment is in the amount of \$21,375. A motion approving the payment was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

B) Training:

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization to attend the New York State Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association Conference and Workshop on March 25 through 27, 2014. This conference is located in Poughkeepsie, New York at a cost of \$400. Mr. Sawicki said he would be commuting back and forth each day. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

C) Snow and Ice Municipal Agreement:

Mr. Sawicki requested a Board resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the 2013-2014 Snow and Ice Agreement with the NYS Department of Transportation.

RESOLUTION NO. 3, 2014

RESOLVED, authorize Mayor Patricia Abato to sign the 2013-2014 Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement Extension.

A motion approving Resolution No. 3 was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

VILLAGE CLERK:

A) Live Entertainment Request - Ole, Ole:

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner said she only had one item and that is Ole, Ole, and they had forgotten to put their days down, but they want it for Thursday, Friday and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The Mayor said the Village ordinance will not allow for 1 a.m. on Thursday. That is 11 o'clock. Attorney Rice said subject to the usual conditions regarding the decibel limit, the right to revoke or suspend if they violate the permit and cause a

disturbance and the permit is not effective until they sign the letter acknowledging the conditions. The Mayor asked if this was for a DJ. Attorney Rice said they didn't specify. The Village Clerk said they have a DJ. The Mayor said a permit for live music. She said they are going to need more clarification for the live music for that. And she guesses we could approve it subject to the Attorney approving it. A motion to approve it was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Trustee Byrne asked if this was a renewal? The Mayor said yes. He asked if there have been any issues with the police at all or neighbors. The Village Clerk said she checked with Clarke and gave him the application and he checked it out and told her everything was all right. There were no disturbances. Trustee Byrne said okay. Attorney Rice asked if you wanted to put a condition that a live band not exceed five members or do you want to get more clarification. The Mayor said she thinks we need to have more clarification just because of problems in the past. Not at Ole, Ole. Just in general. So subject to Attorney Rice's approval on that that it conforms to all the uses that we have. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Mayor said she just got word that Ramapo Central School District will be closed tomorrow - just to let everybody know that the announcement just came through.

Trustee Hagen said at one time we brought up about an installment plan for the taxes. The Mayor said yes, she did speak to Tom on that. He is researching it. It is a little late for this year, obviously. But for next year he is going to look into it and hopes to make a presentation to the Board for next year. Trustee Byrne said to the Treasurer that when he has a chance when budget time is done or whenever he is prepared to he would love to talk to him about it.

MAYOR:

A) Adjourn Orange Avenue Associates:

The Mayor said we did have a public hearing set tonight for the Orange Avenue Associates. The developer is not ready for a presentation to us. He is still working on our comments and concerns therefore he would like it adjourned to the April meeting - April 7. So we will set it for 7:40 on April 7. We will adjourn it until that time. A motion to adjourn it was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried. Trustee Byrne said just for reasons mentioned earlier and with his firm's representation of a party involved in the transaction, he will abstain from this vote.

B) Grant - New York Rising:

The Mayor said as they all know, and she is sure they have read in

the papers, our Village was granted 3 million dollars for the NY Rising campaign through Governor Cuomo's office. Laurie DeBoer contacted her today and she will be meeting with her the week of February 17 to begin the process. She has told the Mayor that it will be an eight month process and she will be coming in to discuss all the uses for the monies and what we can propose as projects for our Village where we can identify where we have our most need. So that will begin - we will begin the process of assigning a committee and chairs to the committee the week of February 17.

Trustee Meehan said that usually we apply for a grant and we specify what types of funding we want. The Mayor said this is not something that we applied for. Trustee Meehan said oh, that is right. The Mayor said we didn't apply for this. This was a gift. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said it was a completely different thing. It is a totally different run project. The Mayor said it is a wonderful gift. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said actually the first phase was in Stony Point and we are actually Phase II so one of the first people that ever got awarded this in our area was Stony Point. And they are just finalizing their process. Trustee Meehan asked if there was a possibility - he said he really wants to get that emergency entrance to the west ward. The Mayor said we have to as a Board identify different projects that we can put in to be considered for the monies to be used for. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said and then how she understands it is the committee - the Mayor said the committee picks the project. We have nothing to say about it. Trustee Meehan said that would be on the top of his list and he doesn't know how the rest of the Board feels but we are not going to have any opportunity to meet before the 17th. The Mayor said her plan is after she speaks to Laurie and finds out what the parameters are she will get that information to each one of the Board members and she will ask for your individual input on projects that you might like to see. And she already knows what his project is. And then she will get the input from all of them as well as our department heads, police department, building department. We will identify all of the needs of the Village. We will then submit those proposals to the board. We have no say in what gets picked. The Mayor said she is on the board as a non-voting person. She cannot vote on the end result of the project and the Board members are not involved in the process at all. This is the way NY Rising sets it up. So the two chairs and the committee run the show. She is just there to basically give them information of the needs of the Village. Trustee Meehan asked about the two chairs. Who appoints the chairs? The Mayor said NY Rising will appoint them. She said we can suggest who we think would be good fits for that but the ultimate decision will be up to NY Rising. Trustee Meehan said okay. The Mayor said again she will describe what different people should be on the board and then we will give suggestions as to who we believe would be appropriate to fill that spot on the board.

The Mayor said she had a public meeting, not a public hearing, a public meeting, regarding the closing of Novartis. She said she will continue to have those meetings to bring the latest updated information. Right now, our last meeting was a round table at the Town of Ramapo with the Rockland County Economic Development with the Mayor of Montebello, with Assemblywoman Jaffee, Scott Shedler was there. What we are doing now is collaboratively putting ourselves together to work with Novartis to make the property as desirable as possible. Working with Governor Cuomo's office to identify the incentives for people who would like to come in to be interested in the property. Creating a packet for that. She met with Mike Deltulo today from the Rockland County Economic Development who is putting together a wonderful package. An overall of the property - pictures. Really making it something of great interest to all interested parties and it would be really nice to see and it gives all the details about the property. She said she is very optimistic about the property. Deputy Mayor Corrigan and she have attended all of the meetings with the Senators, with the Assemblywoman, Congresswoman Lowey was here visiting Village Hall for a press conference. She is very excited to help us to go forward to try to find interested parties to try to get that property filled again and Jo and she will continue to attend all of these meetings and work very, very hard to make sure that we do not lose any tax ratables from Novartis leaving. So she will keep them updated periodically and she will probably hold another public meeting in a few months to update them with the newest information that they have. She thanked Jo for working with her on that.

D) Downtown Committee:

The Mayor said we have begun to talk about the downtown committee that we are putting together for some identifying on why our stores are empty in the downtown area and what we can do to make our downtown more desirable to businesses coming into the Village. If you are interested, we are still taking names. We have gotten about twelve people so far interested. We have gotten some architects, we have some marketing people, we have some attorneys who have all offered to volunteer their time. We have planners who have all offered to donate their time to help the downtown so she thinks that really says a lot about our Village. So please, if you are interested, contact Cathy Mills and shortly Jack and she will be meeting with the different volunteers to formulate the committee.

E) Village Website:

The Mayor said the Village website - she is looking over a different contract here for the Village. She said she placed a packet in their folders tonight. She said she had Rich Gandon who is very good to our Village. He volunteers at every corner for us at our events. He came to her and thought we were paying an awful lot of money for our website and for our server. So he asked if he

could look it over and give her recommendations for the website and the hosting of the website. And he said to her that we are paying way too much money. He said he can probably save us about 3500 to 4000 a year for our website. In addition to that he can also - he basically will be the one who will put all the events on the website. He will redesign the website to make it more user friendly. We will also save about - it will cost us about \$495 a month for the new hosting that he is able to get for us which is far less than what we are paying now. And he will also take care of our messaging system, the domain names and also he will do the Google calendar for us which will help our residents as well as our Board members to be in touch with the events of the Village. So he has proposed a really wonderful package. It can save us a lot of money. She thinks it is a wonderful idea and she has also talked to Chief Osborn who also expressed to her that his website really needs some help being more user friendly and also with keeping our residents updated with different information. So she would like to propose, since we are not in a contract with our present web person, and it seems as though that they have not really been very on top of our websites in keeping it up to date that we change over to Interwork Media for the proposal that they have before them.

Trustee Meehan said he just saw this today and he really would like to look into it more and he would like to see if we could just table this a month. The Mayor said she really wasn't looking for a vote tonight. But she just wanted them to know and talk to them about what we discussed and definitely not until next month.

Trustee Byrne asked if there was a summary somewhere of what we currently have similar to what he has. The Mayor said if you ask Tom he can get that for you. In his recommendations he kind of tells you what we have and what he is recommending but Tom also could give you exactly what we are supposed to be getting at this point. Trustee Byrne said he is also for tabling this for a month.

A motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 8:17 p.m. was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Byrne. Upon vote, the motion was carried.