

**SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009**

A special Village Board meeting was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT: Mayor John B. Keegan  
Trustee Dagan LaCorte, Trustee Andrew Haggerty  
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

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

ABSENT: None

**7:00 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - PROHIBITING PARKING BETWEEN 10:00 A.M. AND 2:00 P.M. WEEKDAYS ALONG WASHINGTON CIRCLE:**

Attorney Rice said very simply that the public hearing is on the proposed local law amending the Vehicle and Traffic chapter in the Village Code. We have had complaints with respect to parking on Washington Circle. At the last Board meeting, as a result of what we understood to be the consensus from the meeting before that, there was a local law that provided for no parking on both sides of Washington Circle from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., which is basically the standard which the Village has used primarily because that makes it difficult for commuters to park and generally that has worked fairly well in keeping people from parking on the streets. The residents at the last Board meeting said they had preferred actually 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. So the local law that is before the Board tonight and on for public hearing would prohibit, only on weekdays, not weekends, but would prohibit parking on both sides of Washington Circle from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Trustee Abato said she would like to make a comment. She said she received an e-mail from Bill Youmans who lives on Washington Circle and he expressed that he was not pleased with us changing the no parking to Washington Circle. She said she doesn't see him here tonight and he had asked her if he did not make it tonight that she express the fact that he feels as though, she guesses his wife is home during the day, and he would need to be parking a vehicle in front of the home and wouldn't be able to do so because there would be no parking on that road. He is the only one she did hear from but she wanted the Board to know his feelings as it is only fair that we hear all the sides of the issue.

The Mayor asked if anyone would like to come up and comment.

Karen Wilson of 13 Washington Circle said that she would just like to thank the Board for adopting this law. She can pretty much say that unfortunately you can't please everybody. But she thinks that this 10 to 2 that most of the neighborhood would agree is the

solution. She said she tried to make everybody happy. She tried to do something that most people would be happy with. She figured the 7 to 9 if you parked in front of your house when you got home at night and you were off the next day who wants to get up at quarter to seven to move the car. Nobody. So they figured 10 to 2 would be good. It would cover everything. Most people work during the day and it wouldn't really affect them but it would be effective in keeping Conserv and Daskal employees from parking in their neighborhood. So she would just like to thank the Board for adopting, hopefully, that new law. And they will work together as a neighborhood. Thank you very much.

Jason Beswick of 25 Washington Circle said that his house is actually in the middle of the block and he just wanted to thank the Board for taking this into consideration. Something had to be done, in his opinion. His house gets blocked daily with three cars in front of it. And not that he is opposed to people making a living and parking the car somewhere but it has really ruined their street there. So he really supports the 10 to 2 no parking rule.

Doug Lawrence of 10 Washington Circle said that this is his second time appearing on this issue. He said he also wants to support that 10 to 2 position that has been laid out. He does know of a vehicle that is parked during the day. It is a school bus. It certainly doesn't offend anyone on the block that it is there and if at a subsequent time you wanted to carry out an exemption for the 10 to 2 law for that school bus to park. Attorney Rice said we cannot do an exemption. It has to be uniform. Mr. Lawrence said then in that case he thinks the 10 to 2 restriction fairly strikes a balance between the needs of the residents and the need for outside parking and we will address the problems that we spoke of earlier. He should say that the parking situation in front of his house lately has been bad and they have had people park at each end of his driveway and directly across the street. He said that his wife drives a station wagon because she loves to garden and she needs the station wagon for all her gardening and she can't hardly back the station wagon out of the driveway. So they now have had to park his jeep and the station wagon on the street which just exacerbates the problem in front of Jason's house. So he does think this is the best approach to take to regulate the issue.

Since nobody else spoke, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee LaCorte. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

A motion to adopt local law amending Section 254-64 prohibiting parking on Washington Circle was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

#### VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2009

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 254-64 OF THE  
CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

PROHIBITING PARKING BETWEEN 10:00 A.M. AND 2:00 P.M.  
ALONG WASHINGTON CIRCLE

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

Section 1. Section 254-64, "Schedule XIV: Parking Prohibited Certain Hours," of the Code of the Village of Suffern is hereby amended by adding after:

[Name of Street]	[Side]	[Hours/Days]	[Location]
Washington Street	East	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	50 feet north of East Maltbie Avenue

the following:

[Name of Street]	[Side]	[Hours/Days]	[Location]
Washington Circle	Both	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Entire length Monday through Friday

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

The Mayor said he hopes this eliminates the problems that they have been having over there.

**VILLAGE CLERK:**

**A) Presentation of 2009-2010 Village Budget:**

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner presented the 2009-2010 budget to the Mayor and Board.

**B) Set Date for Budget Hearing - April 6, 2009:**

The Village Clerk said that now we have to set the date for the public hearing. The Mayor said we will set the date for the public hearing on the budget. Trustee Meehan said that on the motion. On the date, he will not be able to be here on the 6<sup>th</sup>. He said he tried to get the regular meeting changed. And since our budget, to a certain extent, depends on the State budget, he thinks we might

be well-served to just move it up another week to Monday the 13th because he doubts very much that the State Legislature will adopt on April 1 and they might very well adopt shortly thereafter. That has been their history lately. Sometimes they have taken several months to adopt. The Mayor said he thinks it is an important enough thing that we have our full Village Board here. Trustee Abato said that unfortunately she will be on vacation on the 13<sup>th</sup> - the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> she will be away. Trustee Meehan said if we can make it later in that week. The Village Clerk said no, you have to have the public hearing by April 15. Trustee Meehan said he understands that. The Village Clerk said you can have it on the 15<sup>th</sup> and keep postponing it but you have to have it before the 15<sup>th</sup> or on the 15<sup>th</sup>. It's the law. Trustee Abato said why can't we make it later in that week. Could we do that. Make it Thursday. The Village Clerk said you can make it anytime you want up until the 15<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor said how about Wednesday. Trustee Meehan said he is actually flying in late on the night of the 6<sup>th</sup>. So Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup>, is fine. Trustee LaCorte said that is the first evening of Passover. The regular Board meeting will be held on April 6 at 7:30 p.m. Trustee Abato said she would make the motion to have the public hearing on the budget for April 7 at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Trustee LaCorte. Trustee Haggerty said that hopefully people will get here but he thinks that is still too early for people that are working and might want to come. Upon vote, the motion was carried, with Trustee Haggerty voting no.

A motion to add Esther Gitlow to the agenda was made by Trustee LaCorte, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried. Attorney Rice said we are just adding this to the agenda.

Attorney Rice said he was told yesterday that they are hoping to occupy the building on Friday. One of the outstanding issues, of course, is the wall that collapsed. Esther Gitlow provided an estimate of 7,000 somewhat dollars to repair just that portion of the wall - not the entire wall - which their architect at one point had said that they need to repair the whole wall eventually because it is not structural to be weight bearing with the earth behind it. This is for the part that has collapsed. Dennis Rocks apparently has told John Layne, the Building Inspector, that that sounds more or less correct. Attorney Rice said he thinks the number that we were talking about, and they were willing to post as a letter of credit or a check that Virginia would deposit into a special account, was \$10,000 to take care of that issue. We had been talking about this for a couple of months with the Building Department and tried to get all the issues resolved. He said he believes Adam brought the latest set of plans to Dennis Rocks today so he can't tell them as they sit here tonight that there are no issues other than the wall because we haven't heard back from Dennis yet. But he thinks that if the Board wants to handle it this way, you can authorize a temporary certificate of occupancy, obviously for a period not to exceed 90 days because that is all the law allows, subject to them posting a letter of credit or a check in the amount of \$10,000 to cover the cost of the repairs and also subject to Dennis Rocks certifying before the temporary

certificate of occupancy is issued that there are no other outstanding issues. If there are any outstanding issues, a temporary certificate of occupancy will not be issued. Trustee Abato asked Adam if he knew of any issues. She said her only concern, to be perfectly honest here, and we have granted temporary c.o.'s for many different reasons and certainly we would like our seniors to have some housing so she would love to see that happen. 90 days. Because it can only be for 90 days. If something should come up, we would have how many senior citizens that have no place to live.

Adam Tekel said that he spoke with their architect today and their engineer and the landscape architect and apparently there is a general consensus that everything looks okay and they don't see anything. And if they are the experts and they don't see any problems, as long as Dennis Rocks certifies that everything has been met, John Layne, he spoke with him today and he is very happy and Mr. Tekel said that Frank Wilson is happy and these seniors desperately need that place. So he would be willing to take that on the 90 day. Attorney Rice said you don't have any choice. 90 days is the only thing the law allows. Mr. Tekel said right. Attorney Rice said so you are going to have to accomplish the wall within the 90 day period. But the real hang-up is because this is developing very quickly you just came to see him yesterday and if Dennis Rocks has any other outstanding issues, the temporary c.o. will not be issued. Mr. Tekel said that is fair. Trustee Abato said okay, she will make the motion for the temporary c.o. contingent upon Dennis Rocks, John Layne and Frank Wilson all agreeing that there are no issues that would preclude them from, except the wall, in 90 days in having everything resolved. Attorney Rice said the motion would be to authorize the issuance of a temporary c.o. conditioned upon posting a letter of credit or cash in the amount of \$10,000 to reflect the cost of repairs of the wall for a period not to exceed 90 days. And also subject to Dennis Rocks and all other inspectors agreeing that there are no outstanding issues. Trustee Abato said that is her motion, seconded by Trustee LaCorte. Upon vote, the motion was carried. Mr. Tekel thanked the Board. The Mayor said good luck.

The Mayor said this concludes most of the agenda. They are going to have a short meeting. Trustee LaCorte said he was going to make a motion to put the discussion about the fire truck back on the agenda, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Glen Wilson said that the reason that they asked for the meeting was that they have had several meetings with them in reference to replacing the ladder truck - the Seagrave ladder truck. It has been going back and forth for a while now. He said they had a meeting with Mr. Haggerty and Mr. Meehan a couple of weeks ago in reference to the truck. Mr. Meehan asked them to write a letter to the Village Board, which he is sure everybody got. He gave everybody a copy of it, which in turn turned into this meeting tonight. Basically what they are looking for is the okay to continue to

replace this truck and the okay to finish their specs so that they can turn them over to the Village Board to get this done. They feel it is very important for the Village to have this truck especially with the fact of all the new building that is going to be taking place here, especially with the new building at Ross Towers. This truck has been in the Village for many years. A lot of buildings in this Village were built by the specs of knowing that these two trucks were here. They would like to continue. They feel as a fire department and as this committee that this truck is very important to the Village. With its maneuverability and the way it can operate. He said they had a meeting one night with the Mayor and Mr. Meehan one night in reference to this truck with what was going on. The fact that they know it is very expensive and they understand that. And they have done everything in their committee to bottom line it. They are buying this thing basically stripped as much as possible so they can get this thing. There has been a lot of talk about a lot of things. They have been told there are people against it, there are people for it. They are the fire department. They know what is best for the Village and they are the ones that operate it and they believe it should be replaced. They are asking permission so they can finish this and get it to the Village. He said he understands that money is tight. They understand that. They have to wait until the money loosens up and they understand that. He said they need permission from them to say yes you are going to replace this truck and they can finish it. He said they can answer any questions they may have. They are just at that point where they need to finish this.

The Mayor asked how many people showed up to review the 99. Mr. Wilson said that day it was just Mr. Haggerty and Mr. Meehan. He said they offered that. And that offer still stands. Anybody up there that doesn't realize how this truck operates and what it can do and what it can't do, they will take them anyplace they want to go and show them. When you leave this meeting and you want some kind of a reference in your mind as to why we need this truck, drive around behind the apartment building on Chestnut Street. Drive around the back and look straight up. The new building that was built on Cross Street - the back of it is straight up. Anybody that is stuck in that building when that burns and that catches has to come out through the back of those buildings, that truck is going to be essential. That truck should have been here the night Conserv burned. It should have been there that night. It would have been up the side alley. There is nobody in the world that can tell you whether or not we would have put that fire out faster or would it have burned as bad. But where that truck should have been was up that side alley and it wasn't here because we can't use it. If we had had the call in another truck, by the time we had gotten the hose laid, we had gotten everything laid out, we can't get another truck that size anywhere near a building in a fire such as that. You are talking the new high rise on Orange Avenue which is going to be a problem. You can go outside right now and look at these buildings and you think to yourself, well, that's not a problem. Come back when there is five feet of snow and everybody is home at night and we have to get in and around these vehicles and these

parked cars and these snow banks and that is the truck that can do it. Trustee Meehan said the current truck can't do it. Mr. Wilson said the current truck they have now has its job. Like Main Street. You can run that truck down Main Street - right in the middle of Main Street - and put it up and that is what that is good for. But if you need to get in the back and go up the alley way, that is what the other truck does. When they built Good Samaritan Hospital, he was chief. When they built the addition and they came to a point in the front. The fire department fought that something terrible. But they made them put roads underground so that that truck can be brought in, jack-knifed and put into a certain position to get to windows in that hospital. Ross Towers was built. The same thing. There is a road behind Ross Towers underground that is made for that. The tower will pull up, the tower can go up to the front windows and do what it has to do. That truck is supposed to go down in the back, jack-knife whenever it has to and go up and be put up that way. You are talking possibly another building at Ross Towers that may go up. You are talking about a building on Orange Avenue that has to go up. This truck is essential here. You can't rely on mutual aid. That was one of the things that was brought up in this so called, that we picked apart. He said they just had a fire in Ramsey. They called our truck. They called Mahwah's truck. Tallman's ladder truck was out of service, which is a lot. The next ladder truck that we had to get to come here to standby to make sure that the coverage was here in the Village was Nyack. They had to come all the way here from Nyack. If there is a flooding situation like we had a couple of years ago, Mahwah can't come over here. They can't get underneath the bridge. Tallman's aerial ladder can't go underneath Chestnut Street or the Mahwah bridge. It is too big. He said we tried to get a truck, and this committee has gone through everything they can possibly go through, to find a different truck, a better truck. We have height requirements which is the underpasses, the way downtown is built, the way certain buildings that are built here. This is the truck that should be utilized for the safety of people in the Village of Suffern. We have cut it. We have taken everything off it that is possible. Right now, according to the Village's survey, we are supposed to be replacing our EQ. We can put that on the back burner for a couple of years. That truck is in decent shape. We don't need to replace that right now. This truck needs to be replaced. We can't even ride on it anymore. It is not OSHA safe. It is not UL safe. There are so many requirements in fire service today. You can't ride on the outside of it. You have to be inside. You have to be strapped in. That truck isn't an enclosed truck. It has no place for anybody to ride.

Trustee Abato said that she had a question. She said the EQ - when is that due to be replaced. Mr. Wilson said right now. Trustee Abato said this year. Mr. Wilson said right now, which is what we are putting off. Trustee Abato asked what the next truck is. Mr. Wilson said he thinks another pumper. He said right now our EQ is in pretty good shape and we can live with that EQ for a while. He said he can also do with that EQ for a while depending on, and the truck committee has discussed, putting in one of the main things

that our EQ uses - the jaws, the hearst tools, for accidents and stuff. He said he has already decided to put outputs on this new ladder truck so that they can put those jaws on that. Right now those jaws can't be run on anything but that truck. We can run those over on the ladder truck. So when it does come time to buy the new EQ, it's possible we don't need to get such a big EQ. So we can save money that way. We have also discussed on their committee not to replace the ladders that they have now, which is a big substantial savings. They are in good shape. So if we buy a ladder truck and we don't put the ladders on and we utilize the ladders that we have now, we can save a lot of money, which is what they are trying to do.

Trustee LaCorte said in terms of mutual aid who has these trucks around. Mr. Wilson said Nyack has one, Haverstraw has one. Trustee LaCorte asked about Mahwah. Mr. Wilson said no, Mahwah has two straight jobs and one doesn't fit underneath both bridges - no, they both don't fit underneath one bridge. They have a rear mounting. Trustee Abato said that there is nothing on this side of this county that is readily available. Mr. Wilson said not of that type of truck. Tallman has a straight job but that will not go under any underpass that we have here. It cannot be utilized in the west ward. It is too high. Trustee LaCorte asked if it would be needed in the west ward. Mr. Wilson said hopefully not. He said that if we only had one aerial ladder and for some reason that aerial ladder goes down and we did have to call mutual aid, we couldn't rely on Tallman to go over to the west ward for a structure fire. Trustee LaCorte said that Mahwah could come up on that side, yes. Trustee Abato said that in our mutual aid, the only one that has this truck is Nyack. Mr. Wilson said Nyack or Haverstraw. Trustee Haggerty asked how long it takes for a backup to get here. Bill Barish said ½ hour from Nyack. Trustee Haggerty said that if we had our fire truck in service, it would have helped us even though that wasn't a high rise fire down on Washington Avenue. Mr. Wilson said definitely. It is not only just the aerial ladder itself. It carries their ground ladders as well which also affects the Village as far as insurance goes. Right now we have so many ladders and we have two aerial ladders. If one goes, the Village insurance rates are going to raise. Trustee Abato said the new Esther Gitlow building you would need it definitely. Our truck wouldn't even be able to help them on that, right? Mr. Wilson said yes, in the front. Trustee Abato said just in the front. Mr. Wilson said if we had to go around the back, no. Trustee Abato said just the way it is situated we would have to depend on Nyack to get here. Mr. Wilson said in the winter time, right now, Chestnut Gardens in the back, our 100 foot aerial ladder couldn't get around back with the snow and the cars. That truck is maneuverable to do that. Mr. Wilson said we can take that truck down the middle of main street and make a complete u-turn without stopping and go back out the other way. You can't do that with anything else.

Trustee LaCorte said currently in the Village there are buildings that can't be serviced. Like you said the back of Chestnut Gardens, the back of the property on Cross Street and the back of the new

Gitlow Tower. So currently buildings that you would need mutual aid if there was a fire. Mr. Wilson said we would have to call probably Nyack. Trustee LaCorte said the question of backup or something. Trustee Abato said they would need that truck. Mr. Wilson said the bad part about that is that, as you said, it took them ½ hour to get here. If that was to happen, God forbid, nobody wants that to happen, and we did get a fire such as Conserve where anybody that was there saw that place. The hose, everything was down so bad that if they did have to get here by the time it got here it would never be able to get anywhere near the building. Because the hoses would be laid out and everybody would be set up already and they would not be able to maneuver it in there. Regardless of whether it was a tiller or - a tiller they may be able to sneak it closer. But when you have to wait for it to come and you have a fire that bad, once you drop 5 inch hose, and you drop everything else, you are not bringing another truck in. It is not happening. You have to be ready and available.

Trustee Abato asked if there was not another, she just had this thought in the back of her mind - there is not one of these trucks in the Town of Ramapo thus far, is that correct? Mr. Wilson said not a tiller, no. Trustee Abato said that is something. Mr. Wilson said that it has been called mutual aid to plenty of places. Trustee LaCorte said that obviously the mutual aid they coordinate. Do they coordinate when looking at what to purchase. Mr. Wilson said yes. Trustee LaCorte asked if that was something that goes on. Mr. Wilson said yes. Trustee LaCorte said then if Suffern buys this truck, then is there something else that you can put together the few departments and say well. Mr. Wilson said yes. Trustee LaCorte said with Tallman, it wouldn't make sense for them. Obviously, yes, he understands. You want everything. You want all the equipment. But realistically we are in a tough financial time and it is going to be like this for a while. And everyone works together. So if Suffern buys it, and Tallman buys one next year, is there something better that they are going to go okay, you now have this so there is another need that may be number one on our list but because you have it, there is something that is number two on both our lists that maybe we should buy.

Mr. Wilson said that he thinks a lot of that is taken into consideration. He said they look at different equipment in different places, yes. He said did we sit down and we wouldn't buy something identical to what they have and he doesn't think they would buy something identical to what we have. But when you also look at Tallman, they don't have the high rise buildings that we have. Whether they get them in the near future or not, he doesn't know. But they don't have them. And it is not just so much the high rises that we need this truck for. It is the maneuverability. Where it can go compared to other trucks. Like he said, to make a u-turn on Lafayette Avenue and not even stop and go the other way. You can't do that with somebody else. Where you could turn around and say in one of these - 49 E. Maltbie - the one they are just rebuilding now - E. Maple. That we used it there that day. The night that that building burned. And that was because we brought it

up. We were able to jackknife it and we snuck it through all the wires and right up to the top of the building. We could not have done that with a regular aerial ladder. It is too stiff. We would not have been able to get around the wires. But because we can jackknife it, we can maneuver it, we can snake it in somewhere, we can get places where we couldn't get before. It is important. It really is.

Mr. Wilson said that not too long ago we had a fire in Bon Aire during a snowstorm, a bad snowstorm, and the ladder truck was able to get into the parking lot, it snuck in, we got it jackknifed over the top and we did take two people off the balcony with it. Had we not been there, we would have had a heck of a time getting them off of there. It is just the maneuverability of this truck. He said believe them, they understand money wise and everything and they have sat down and because of different things going on where they were told yes they could, no they couldn't with this truck, they have sat down and they have chopped it. They have done everything possible to make this thing the cheapest way they can. They are not looking to go out and buy this Cadillac-truck just so they have this beautiful thing to ride up and down the street with. It is just not what they are doing. Those days are long gone. He believes they just bought a pumper. He said he is almost positive that the Hose Company had cut that down to whatever they had to to get that through. And they are in the same boat. And they realize that. He said they are looking for the okay from them to say yes, we are going to do this. We are almost done with the specs. We stopped when everything went down. We were asked to stop. We just need to finish the specs so they can get them to the Board and get it done the way it has to go. But they just need the okay.

Trustee Haggerty said that he has spoken to a lot of people in the Village and we all know that times are tough. But they are not that tough. And then none of them are ever opposed to giving you guys equipment to help us, which is what that is, and to help you also. So based on the people that he has spoken to, based on his own opinion, he thinks that we should get the truck. Because it is not just high rises, it can be anything - a regular house. If you want to plug the roof or something for some reason. Mr. Wilson said jot it down. We are just starting to get a lot of young kids coming into the fire service. It is a plus all the way around. The loss of it right now - someday it is going to backfire on somebody. Trustee Abato said that she respects the fact that they are willing to hold onto the EQ for a couple of years and she thinks the message that they are sending to the Board that for the safety of our residents, this is something that is really imperative. So she doesn't think that there is a taxpayer that is going to argue with the fact that - she doesn't think that anybody in this Village argues with police or fire. We are taking care of lives. But her question is cost wise - how close are we to putting a number to this truck. Mr. Wilson said very close. We had a number back in the beginning when this started. And then everything stopped and a lot of new rules and regulations have gone into OSHA that raised the price of metal, motors and stuff like that. He said he couldn't even sit here and

try to give them a number in the ballpark. It has gone up from the last time that they sent a letter and gave a price which was somewhere between \$700,000 and \$875,000 and he is sure it has gone up since then. After the first of the year, everything was going up.

Trustee Meehan said that in the last paragraph of the letter, you said the response only covers some of the most obvious flaws in this report. He asked if they could tell him about any of the other flaws. He said that he thinks that one of the things that was in the report that was not that many times that the truck had rolled. Mr. Wilson said that is true. The truck has not rolled in the last couple of years. It hasn't. It has been out of service. In order to roll that truck, you have to have a certain amount of guys to ride on that truck. We can't do that anymore. We don't have an enclosed cab. So all we can do with that truck is go somewhere with a driver and a tiller. It has been out of service for a long period of time. We have guys that are waiting that are waiting to become tillermen and we have been reluctant to teach them because we don't know where it is going with it. Trustee Abato asked how much training is involved with this new truck. Mr. Wilson asked how much training is involved? Trustee Abato said yes. Mr. Wilson said driving it - mostly driving it because this truck doesn't have a pump. To save money, we aren't putting a pump on it. Trustee Abato said that it is no more than - Mr. Wilson said it is easier because the truck we have now is a 73. Trustee Abato said that is what she wanted to know. Mr. Wilson said it has no power steering. It has no nothing. Trustee Abato said that is what she wanted to know. Mr. Wilson said it will become a lot easier for these guys to drive this truck. The back of it is now power steering. You have seen the one we have now. It is wide open. It has no roof. Has no heat. Has nothing. Trustee Abato said you are probably spending a lot of money on repairs. Mr. Wilson said that is one of the biggest reasons that we ran into. We can't even find anybody to work on it anymore. It is just getting worse and worse. Mr. Wilson said that for anybody who doesn't know. You know myself and you know that my son is a New York City fireman. Mike Stark is one of the chiefs. Jeremy is captain. Billy is an ex-officer. Bubba is an ex-officer - captain. He himself is an ex-chief. Harold Dawson is an ex-chief. Danny Moran who couldn't be here tonight because he is also one of the county coordinators. He is at a meeting with the county coordinators. So the knowledge that is on this committee to replace it. They are not just a bunch of people who decided that they need to replace the fire truck. He said they understand how important it is because they have all been there. They have all done it. He has over 35 years in this department. Harold Dawson had 50 years last Tuesday. You will be getting an invitation to that ceremony shortly. It is just knowledge that they have. They are not just a bunch of people who walked in here and decided that they were going to do this. They were very upset about that survey that was done through whatever outfit came here and did it because it was horrendous what was written in there and how it was written. This man made references to the Village and obviously he looked at google earth. Because what he was talking to you about - the

building for Ross Towers doesn't even show up yet on the map. And he has no clue what we have here and what we don't. He never came here. How can you give an opinion like that when you don't even step foot in the Village. And one of the references that you are making, as far as he is concerned, is the wooded area and there is a seven story building built there right now. Same thing on Cross Street.

Trustee Abato asked if there was anyway that - we have a schedule of replacing the truck. She said she was just thinking if maybe we need to look at all of our trucks again and see if. Obviously this is going to benefit both the Hook and Ladder and the Hose Company. It is not going to be just something that is going to benefit one or the other. But she is thinking that maybe if there is any way that we can push our schedule back. Mr. Wilson said that basically what we would be doing as far as the EQ goes. Trustee Abato said right, but the problem would be the next truck. Mr. Wilson said that by pushing back the EQ, the chiefs elections are next month and maybe the Village Board can sit down with the three chiefs and get somebody to come in or the guy that came in and did the last one. Maybe he could come back and do it. Trustee Abato said that is what she thinks we should do. Mr. Wilson said that he thinks that Mike and Danny should sit down. Maybe you are right. Maybe you do have to come back with another replacement plan. Trustee Abato said that is what she thinks should be done. She said it is a good idea at some point for us to look at it again. She said she thinks this is important. She believes in what they are saying and she believes this is something that the Village definitely needs. Mr. Wilson said he has the plan here. He can tell them when it was done last. Trustee Abato asked if we could do that right after the election. If we could set something up. She would be willing to sit down and just look - not that she knows anything about fire trucks - but at least be an ear to look at them again and to see the replacement and to see where everybody thinks these trucks are in their lifespan. Just to see if we can redo that plan a little bit to kind of offset this. That could maybe help us more long term than in the short. She said that she thinks it is time that we sit down and redo that and look at that for those reasons and to try to work this truck out. Trustee Abato asked if we could send a letter to Dan McInerney after the elections are done requesting a meeting so that we can look through the truck. The Mayor said absolutely.

Trustee Haggerty said that we have a program of replacement made several years ago and unfortunately we haven't kept up with it. Trustee Abato said that is what she is asking. Trustee Haggerty said that both the Hose Company and the Ladder. Mr. Wilson said that what we are discussing now. Trustee Haggerty said that is what he is talking about - all of the vehicles. Because we have two vehicles at the Hose Company at one time and both were undersize and we had some problems with it and it threw the rotation off. So we decided to get together to meet - the Board and the Fire Department - on when we should take a look at replacing these particular units. It hasn't happened. Mr. Wilson said that he thinks when you sit down and do that, he thinks we will be in good

shape once we get these straightened out. But it is definitely something we have to have. He agrees with them. He said they were really good with the plan for a while. And he understands that with these replacement programs the problem is that sometimes it comes down to replace the new pumper that they got ten years from now and it is really in good shape and it is like we really don't need to replace that. Now that throws everything off again. Or that is what happened with the ladder truck. When it came time to replace it, money was tight. Let's get it refurbished. We will try that. That kind of worked for a while. But it just threw everything off. It should have probably been replaced then. Nobody up there was there then, he believes, and that is how it gets thrown off. So their basic thing now is, and he doesn't want to cut short, and he understands that they want to go home, but they just need the okay to do this truck. That is what they are looking for from them now. As far as the chiefs go, and getting this replacement plan, he thinks that is a great idea and it should definitely be done. But they need the okay to do this.

Trustee Meehan said that he really thinks that along the lines that Trish was making is that we had the evaluation in 2000 and ten years goes by and things change and it is probably time for another complete evaluation. He thinks that we want to probably get a better handle on the price of this truck. So his feeling is to go ahead and he senses that the Board would want to go ahead and at least get to the point where we have a better idea of what the price is. And you are not that far away from that. Mr. Wilson said that he can get the rest of their specs put together and get their price together and when they turn the price into them, that will be the price. The problem is that in order to get a price on how much this truck is going to cost, they have to finish their specs. If it was to get delayed for any reason, that price is no longer any good anymore. So he can't sit here and tell them that it is going to cost this much money because by the time they get done what they are doing and if something else happens, or somebody comes out with another regulation, then the price is not what it is already. Trustee Abato said that the problem for her is that the year has changed so there is going to be a significant change at this point. But if we can get a number. She said she would be prepared tonight to say definitely go ahead and get the specs and get a number for them. But she doesn't think at this point, unfortunately, it would be responsible for any of them to say go ahead Glenn, get it, we are going to go forward. Because we don't really know where the money is going to come from, how much the truck is, and we couldn't do anything at this point. Trustee Abato said that what she would say is that definitely go ahead and get them a number because even if it is two months or three months that we kind of play around with it and discuss it and meet the chiefs, the change in the number is going to be so minor. It is not going to be the big change that it is from year to year. Mr. Wilson said that what they need is the okay to go ahead, finish their specs, get it altogether and they will give it to the Board. Trustee Abato said she would be willing to go ahead. Attorney Rice said you don't need to have a motion. You are not doing anything legally binding at this point.

Mark Rooney said that he is a 22 year member and the prices are not going to go down. In fact, they are predicted to go up. Because in January, 2010, NFPA will come out with another regulation mandating stricter emissions controls, and he doesn't know if they are aware, but last January they enacted a law that the manufacturer of diesel engines are only allowed to emit a certain amount of ppm particulate emissions. Detroit Diesel, the largest maker of diesel engines in the country, has decided to get out of the fire service business because they can't compete with the NFPA requirements for emissions. So they have told the fire service industry that we are not just making fire engines. So there is less competition. Prices are going to go up next year. Trustee Abato said we are just talking about months. We are not talking about years. Trustee LaCorte said he was just wondering. Mr. Rooney said with all due respect, they have been doing this five years. Trustee Abato said she understands. Mr. Rooney said for five years they have been planning this truck. Trustee Abato said she understands that. We can't do anything without a number. Mr. Wilson said in order for them to get the number, they would have to finish their specs. That is what they are looking for. Trustee Abato said they can do that anyway. Trustee LaCorte said why don't we make a motion. Trustee Abato said you don't need our. Mr. Wilson said the reason we are here is that they were told to stop. Trustee Abato asked who told them that. Mr. Wilson said the chief. Trustee Abato said who told the chief that. Mr. Wilson said that after that survey was brought up and it was talked about what they had to do they were told to stop. They weren't getting that truck. That was the end. So they stopped. That is why they are here. Trustee Abato said she doesn't understand whose decision that was. It never came to her or them as a Board. Mr. Wilson said they also had a meeting with the Mayor and Mr. Meehan that night in reference to this where they were going to sit down and he was going to come back and speak to you, which he did, and Mr. Meehan contacted. Mr. Meehan said this has been a long time in coming and he has been trying to get it going. Mr. Wilson said they were told to stop and that is why they stopped. Trustee Abato said definitely get the specs and let's see what we are dealing with. Mr. Wilson said they were under the impression that they were to stop. That it was dead in the water. That it wasn't going anywhere. That is why they have been writing letters back and forth to meet with you and to explain all that. Because they were under the impression that this thing was dead. But if you are telling us now that it is okay, he will get a hold of Seagrave and they will finish this and they will go from there. Mr. Wilson said he realizes that you have to see specs and the Village has to have a meeting to decide what they are going to do. He said they know that. They know how it works. They have been at it a long time. But they just want the okay to finish what they started.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee LaCorte. Upon vote, the motion was carried.