

Village Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 29, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

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 Robert Morris
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

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

ABSENT: None

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Michael Curley asked that the Board consider for the concerned residents that we open up the meeting for public comment. He asked if someone could make a motion to open it up to the public.

Jim Giannettino said there wasn't an announcement that this was a public hearing. You didn't put it in the newspaper. The Mayor said no, we did not put it in the newspaper but we certainly can take public comment - this is your budget. If the residents feel like they need to speak she certainly would want to hear what they have to say. But that is - are there people who need to make comments on this budget and would like to be heard. If so, let's have a round of applause of some sort that you would like to speak.

The Mayor asked if she had a motion from the Board to open the public comment. She said that the Board does not want to hear from the public? Trustee Morris asked if she could make the motion without the commentary. The Mayor said she was asking a question. Trustee Morris said well make the motion and nobody seconded it did they? The Mayor said to Mr. Morris that there was no need for him to attack her. She was asking a question. Trustee Morris said again - somebody from the audience yelled that you are acting like children. You work for us. Make the motion. The Mayor asked if there was a motion to open public comments with regards to the budget adoption this evening. The Mayor said she will make the motion. She asked if she had a second. Trustee Byrne seconded it.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee Edward Markunas

Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: Trustee Robert Morris

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said okay, so there is a public comment open. If you would like to speak please come up to the microphone, state your name and address and please address the Board.

Scott Brown, CSEA Village of Suffern Unit President said he just got this and looking over it this afternoon, the budget, and some of the items that he has highlighted here and he can't make rhyme or reason out of them. He said as soon as he gets to the page - Mr. Brown said we have a clerk, part time - he said we are on page 19 - under street administration - part time clerk. There is no increase in her salary for this year. He asked if there was a reason for that. He said under their contract she is entitled to a 2.75 increase. This budget reflects none of that. The Mayor said if she is part of the union - Mr. Brown said yes she is - the Mayor said then her raise should have been reflected in this budget. Mr. Brown said so that goes for all the part time employees that don't have increases in this budget - they will be added? The Mayor said if they are part of the bargaining unit they should be added. She said she is only one person but it is her opinion that they should be added in, yes. Mr. Brown asked if that was an agreement with the Board, that they are going to be added? Trustee Byrne said he would ask Terry - is it a contractual obligation. Attorney Rice said yes, he would have to take a look at the contract. His understanding is that the part time employees are covered by the contract. Trustee Byrne said if they are covered by the contract then there would be no other answer to that question. Mr. Brown said okay, then they are covered. He said that settles that so they can leave that one be.

Mr. Brown said now we have a laborer position here that is being eliminated. It is not going to be filled - under the street department - same page - street maintenance. We are just going to eliminate that position? The Mayor said it is not being eliminated. It is just not being funded. Mr. Brown said okay.

He said on the next line - he said these are round numbers. They are not exactly - he just did this fast. The next laborer position is being a \$6000 decrease. He said he doesn't know why there is a \$6000 decrease. The Mayor asked Mr. Brown to tell her where he was. Mr. Brown said right on laborer - the second laborer position on page 19 under street maintenance. The Mayor

said the second one under street maintenance - she sees - oh, she sees what he is saying. It went from \$43,500 to \$37,800. He said he rounded it off to \$6000. The Mayor said it is hard for her to know because she doesn't have names here. She asked Mr. Genito if he could tell her since she doesn't have names unto these positions - she just has the positions. Mr. Genito said sure - he said first of all he wanted to thank Barbara Cottiers for being here because she is our deputy and she does a lot of the payroll work. He said that is a new person that started this year in that position, he believes, from what Barbara is telling him and so it is a lower salary starting. The Mayor said okay. Mr. Brown said okay, that answers the question.

Mr. Brown said the fourth laborer down - one, two, three, four - is going up \$9000. He said he is not only looking at minuses here - he is looking at pluses. So that one is going up \$9000. How is that possible. It is going from \$37,800 - he means \$43,800 - 35,600 to 45,500. The Mayor said right - got that line. Mr. Brown said that is going up \$9000 in round numbers. Ms. Cottiers said something that was inaudible. Mr. Brown said she said it is a change of position. Mr. Brown said but he doesn't understand how that can be - but that is funded under the laborer - the MEO position - not the laborer position. In other words if a laborer becomes an MEOI it goes to that position. He doesn't stay as a laborer at a higher salary. The Mayor said right, it should go to the MEOI position. It shouldn't still be on the laborer line. She understands what he is saying. So that has to be changed to an MEOI instead of a laborer. Trustee Byrne said but it doesn't change the number. The Mayor said but it doesn't change the number. Mr. Brown said okay, like he said - plus or minus - the Mayor said she appreciates that. Mr. Brown said he is just looking at the numbers here. The Mayor thanked him. She appreciates that.

Mr. Brown said last year the total - now if you add the refuse department and the street department for their overtime - it was \$120,000. This year just for the street department it was \$90,000 for overtime - that includes snow removal, snow plowing, weekend standby, parades, you name it - anything - emergencies - any emergency was \$90,000. This year we are going to spend \$60,000 - he said he means -\$30,000. Is that realistic. The Mayor said no, she agrees with him. She doesn't believe that is a realistic number and she thinks that all that is going to do is going to cause a deficit and it is going to cause a problem with not having enough money to afford the services that this Village needs with snow removal and with emergencies and also street fairs and the different events that happen about the Village. So she doesn't believe that is a - she said she doesn't understand

how you can take away positions and also decrease the overtime budget. So she happens to agree with him on that. She doesn't think that is a realistic number and she wouldn't be in favor of that.

Mr. Brown said the other number he gets is a \$42,000 decrease. He said he is not an accountant. He can't figure out how that \$42,000 comes out if you add a couple of thousand and subtract a couple of thousand. He said he doesn't know where the \$12,000 comes from. The Mayor asked where he was. Mr. Brown said right at the bottom - total street maintenance - \$-42,000. The Mayor said that would be in taking out the overtime - Mr. Brown said \$30,000 - the Mayor said and then the various other things that have been reduced. Mr. Brown said okay. That is showing salaries here. It doesn't show anything else to come up with that \$42,000. The Mayor asked Mr. Genito if that was a total number. Mr. Brown said to Mr. Genito from here from 719 to 681. Mr. Genito said okay, you are comparing last year's total to this year's total. Mr. Brown said right, right. Mr. Genito said and these are the totals for each year. Mr. Brown said well last year it was \$719,000 and this year it is going to be \$681,000. That is \$42,000 round numbers. Mr. Genito said there is \$35,000 right here for that one position - laborer position that is out. That is \$35,000 of it and the rest is probably the difference - Mr. Genito said he thinks most of it is the \$35,000 from that one laborer position that is out. Mr. Brown said plus the \$30,000 in the overtime. Mr. Genito said correct.

Mr. Brown said the pool register clerk. She made \$1300 last year registering the residents for the pool. He said we're not going to register the residents for the pool this year? The Mayor said again, she agrees with him. She doesn't know how the residents are going to get registered. This is something that is done in the evening hours to accommodate the residents. She said she doesn't know - this is one of the Trustees recommendations. She said she doesn't know if they have an answer for that. Mr. Brown asked if we had an answer? He said no - anyone? Trustee Markunas said we will take all your questions into consideration Scott and we will have them documented and we will review the budget which we are doing throughout the night. Mr. Brown said okay.

Mr. Brown said now we are on the - again, no raises for the part timers - we settled that. Now we have a part time custodial at the rec center - eliminated her position. We are on page 20. The Mayor said to let her just clarify - Mr. Brown said youth recreation center - the Mayor said to let her just clarify. The position has not been eliminated. It has just not been funded at the request of the Trustees. Again, she doesn't know who will be

cleaning the center as we have DARE dances and a lot of senior citizen functions as well at the center. She said if we do not have a custodian there to clean these events up - she said you will have to ask the Trustees on that as well as to who is going to be cleaning the center. Trustee Markunas said to the Mayor that he believes they spoke about that directly - the Mayor said not with me - we can't have someone who is not cleaning the center. There is no one to clean the center. She said she never spoke to him about that - she is sorry. Trustee Markunas said okay. He begs to differ but we did in your office. He said okay. Mr. Brown said his question is - who is going to clean the center. Is Cathy going up there to do it everyday? Cathy or you - are you going to do it. Cathy said she hopes not. Mr. Brown said he hopes not too. He said seriously - that is a legitimate question here. Who is going to clean the building. Mr. Brown said so we are not going to get an answer there.

He said now we are going on the curbside waste district. He said his salary was not funded. He said now he was assured that that was a typo. Can you assure me that that was a typo? The Mayor said yes Scott. She will assure him that was a typo. Mr. Brown said okay.

He said the maintenance supervisor at the bottom of the page is - \$58,000. The Mayor said for the - Mr. Brown said for the maintenance supervisor - water - the Mayor said water? Mr. Brown said yes. The Mayor said that was the remainder of the salary for Bob Conklin as he has alerted the Village that he is retiring. It does not - he was supposed to retire in August. He has since informed the Village that he will not be retiring in August. It will be a little bit later than that and that number reflects that retirement. Mr. Brown said okay. He said again in that same category - water system mechanic II - there is an increase there of \$3,266 and he is just curious as to what that is. Someone said wastewater. Mr. Brown said no, not wastewater. He said it is water he thinks. The Mayor said that is a promotion. Mr. Brown said and we do know that promotional tests will be posted and - he said okay, alright. The Mayor said yes.

Mr. Brown said then we are on the next page - page 21. Work for the sewer department - it says a negative \$60,000. He said he doesn't know what that is. The Mayor said work by water department - \$60,000? Mr. Genito said traditionally has for many, many years the Village has charged the sewer department for work that is performed by water department employees who go out for instance and dig up lines and so forth. Mr. Brown said then his response to that would be where is the line item for the village street department because as far as he knows they do much more

for the sewer department - and Nick can back him up for that - than the water department does. The Mayor said no, no, no. She thinks he is misunderstanding. So that line would be if in fact - and she asked Mr. Genito to correct her if she was wrong - that line would be if the street department did work for the water department that line would be charged for that work - is she correct? Mr. Genito said no. Mr. Genito said it is between the two departments because they have similar skills - they are working with piping and so forth but this is something that is not new to the budget. It has been in the budget for many years. It is really work that is performed, as he understands it, by water department employees when they go out and do work on sewer lines - the Mayor said so it is between the water and sewer. Mr. Genito said that is correct. The Mayor said okay - so she used a bad example by the street. So it is between water and sewer - the work that is done between water and sewer.

Mr. Brown said now he is going down to the sewer administration - it says wastewater treatment. The third item down - maintenance helper - it went down \$9000. He asked Barbara if that was from Jimmy to Aramis. He said okay, now he understands what that - he said it is a different - one guy left and another guy took the position for less money. He understands that now. Mr. Brown said that is it. He said he has one more thing. It is at the beginning here. He said on page 17 - account clerk is a plus \$7000. The Mayor said where are you? Mr. Brown said page 17 - treasurer - account clerk. Again, he is not just looking at negative numbers here. To be fair he is looking at positive numbers. The Mayor said okay. Go ahead. Mr. Brown said he just wonders what that is. The Mayor said account clerk? Trustee Markunas asked Mr. Genito to explain the account clerk and the salary involved there. Mr. Genito said he believes that was actually - what was in the budget last year didn't reflect a \$5000 stipend that was given for a deputy treasurer position which happened during this fiscal year. Mr. Brown said oh, so the stipend is going into the salary. Trustee Markunas said stipend with the increase - is that right Mike? With the contractual increase. Mr. Genito said that is correct. Mr. Brown said the only other thing he can say with this is that he thought the Village sort of had a plan going forward. He said he was here the other night for the water and sewer rate increase. Nobody likes to pay more taxes but to get this Village out of a hole - and he is not saying raise it 17 or 20% - but something realistic has to be done and everybody pays and nobody likes to pay. He said he pays himself. He said he might not pay here in the Village but he does pay. Because he has heard that. And as far as it has been going around back and forth that the CSEA unit was the reason that none of the unions in the Village would not take a zero this year - that is a flat out lie. Mr.

Brown said when we looked at this budget tentatively he had 49 members in his unit and the raises for this year is around \$67,000. For 49 people. And looking at the budget there was an item in there for \$48,000 for an attorney - another attorney that we don't need. And he just couldn't even bring it to his people. You are going to pay this person \$48,000 and you are going to take from the people that work and put out in this Village and work hard and are lifelong employees - loyal employees - professional employees - and you are going to want to take their raise away to pay a lawyer that we don't need? He said well he just couldn't do that. He thanked them.

Billy Riccaldo, CSEA region president, said he knows they have a tough task ahead of them with this budget. He said a lot of villages and towns are going through the struggles that you are going through. And we hope that we could all get together to work it all out. But he must say if you are going to work this out tonight you sure have a lot of work coming because it is so confusing just looking at this budget the way it was presented. And he will say this. You are getting rid of somebody who is registering at the pool. How much revenue are you going to lose from this. He said he is just wondering - if you are looking at the odds - the A's and the B's here to see how this is all going to balance. He said he can understand the tough times and he can understand the positions aren't full. He said he works for the county. And they saw a 30% raise a few years ago. And now it is coming to light where they are getting where they should be. It has taken them a few years and that is what is going to happen in this Village. But don't forget about the residents of this Village. The services that are provided to them all these years and some of these services are going to be kicked back. This is what is going to happen here. And that is more important than sometimes raising the rate from 6% to 7% to see how it is going to balance out for everybody. It is a tough time. You guys are under a tough task. All he is saying is to try to clean this up so everybody can understand it. And he knows the Treasurer, the last time they were here, gave a really good breakdown of A, B and C on this budget and how to rectify it. But he thinks - like you are saying - nobody to clean the rec center - he thinks it is a big deal and we should really look into it a little deeper - how you could work all this out. And not just take it out - you are going to have to take everything we do on the old Village because that is just the way it is. And like he said you should work together with the Village. You should let the - he said that one of the things that he thinks is a mistake here on the budget is that you should let them have a public hearing so the residents can hear it. So the residents can hear A, B, C in this whole budget. Not just for people speaking. Let the Trustees

speak on the budget on each part of it so they do have a good feeling, or a bad feeling, whatever it is. But at least it is coming from somebody - the Mayor said we did - Mr. Riccaldo said not just saying we are not going to do this. The Mayor said we did have a public hearing on this. Mr. Riccaldo said he knows that. It was a while ago. But now you are going through and there are changes - the Mayor said yes - Mr. Riccaldo said and there are changes - Trustee Markunas said we also did make suggestions - he said he actually did make the suggestion to have a working committee on this budget to get through the process thoroughly and have everybody involved in it as a committee. But it was something that Terry answered as not being as an ad hoc committee. So it was explored and it is very complex to deal with this budget. Mr. Riccaldo said it is. Trustee Markunas said and he agrees. Mr. Riccaldo said it is and he knows they are under a tough thing. But he also has to say, and he can remember why he wanted that attorney for \$48,000. He said he can remember why they wanted to put it in here. He said but you know what - he doesn't think now is the time to do it. \$48,000 will go a long way. Trustee Markunas said the attorney is removed. Mr. Riccaldo said oh, it is. Trustee Markunas said the attorney has been removed. Mr. Riccaldo said okay. Trustee Markunas said the attorney was not pursued - just for the public's information. Mr. Riccaldo said he is just saying - Trustee Markunas said absolutely - we heard you. Mr. Riccaldo said okay, thank you.

Nick Fabbricatore, CSEA unit vice president said he is also the assistant chief operator at the wastewater treatment plant. He said he just wanted to point out something that Scott missed when he spoke about the CSEA being the union that stopped all the other unions from taking the zero, 2.75, 2.75 offer. He said he did want to let everybody know that the CSEA proposed a counter-offer - Scott and himself - he said it wasn't discussed with CSEA management - but they were just trying to help the Village out and they did propose that the unit would take two 0's for two years and then if the Board would increase their contract to May 2020 and then extend that out with the 2.75's after the two years. So he just wanted to point that out. That they did offer to help the Board and help this budget so this way you could reduce the taxes for the next two years until they fiscally had control of the budget.

Al D'Ambrosio of 4 Cross Street said it was good to see all of you - good gentlemen and ladies - and all of you hard working people here who are upset. He said he is drawing reference to the last meeting where we didn't have any real input at the time but this time we are getting a little input which is important and about time. He said he remembers hearing one of the gentlemen or

ladies up at the aisle here draw reference - said, you know, I got that information at the last minute. Something like 11 o'clock at night or something like that. And his concern then - without thinking about it until now - was gee, if they are getting these answers and some of them, and it doesn't mean they are the right answers, at 11 o'clock at night and the meeting is the next day - that's the night of the meeting we had - how the hell could we really expect much constructive conclusions. It is literally impossible. And the next point is dealing with - if we are trying to save money - you're darn right. You can't have new programs, and you can't have additional things. If you are broke, you are broke. Recognize it. He said he doesn't care how many nice things - what you want. You can't have it. That is just one point. The other point is - if you are talking about hiring. Make sure you can afford to hire. If you are talking about people who are here who are loyal and all this and that well make sure they are not getting too much money - up, up, up, up, because then it works against you. That happened to him. He got kicked off. He mentioned that the last time. Nobody gave a damn with AIG when he went. Hey, we have to save money. And he was low on the totem - hourly salary for 30 plus years - and low. But the bottom line was when it was time to kick him off they kicked him off without batting an eye. So he is just saying. These stark truths have to be faced. You are broke. Our nation is broke. And we are trying to fix just our town. That means you can't have a lot of things. If he can't have his pool, then he can't have his pool. If you have to have people who donate their labor or if you have to get it from the penal battalion or something, then get it from the jail. Why? They are willing to get something if they can get a free meal or something better than what they have. Get the help where you can get it. But don't say you can't. Because he knows darn well we all can. So we are in this boat together. You want to go down the cesspool together or do you want to try to make it work. Because tomorrow is up to us. You better think that one over.

John Mallon the president of the Suffern PBA said he is here to let the Board and the residents know that the Village of Suffern has achieved the distinction of being the 87th safest community in the United States. It was noted in this report that Suffern has 95% less crime than the average community in the United States. He said that Chief Osborn's efforts in community policing was a major factor in this ranking but he also thinks that the residents we serve with their cooperation has a major effect on this making this community a great place to live, work and raise a family. He said he is asking the Board to seriously consider that any cuts that they will make and how it will impact the Village services. If this budget is not thoughtful and prudent it

may have a domino effect. He said he also wants to mention that today our K9 officer, Lou Venturini and Patriot, they did a major role in capturing - somebody was wanted for sexual assault - a kidnaping - they abducted somebody and K9 Patriot found him - was able to find him and bring him to justice.

Cathy Mills said she is a Village resident as well as a Village employee. She said when she looked at the budget today online she was very shocked to look at the recreation department and to see that you cut two positions from a staff of five. To see that the recreation assistant - a custodian in the community was cut - she said she doesn't know if they realize that over at the community center in one week 17 hours to work with one person is going to cut a lot of the recreation programs that we have and the gentleman here mentioned if we don't have it and you - we need to suffer from it. She said the residents in this Village deserve what we are paying our taxes for. The community center alone is being used for youth programs, for senior programs, for programs for all of our residents. She said we do that because we want to give back to the residents. The other position that she was shocked by was the pool registration clerk. If anyone in this Village has been a resident here before this year and has signed up for the pool - you know that it is in the evenings. Her question to the Board is when do you think, when do you factor in that we are going to be registering residents for the pool. She said she doesn't know if anyone can answer that or if it is something to think about. She said again, it is done for the ease of the residents. The registration is done in the evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 and it is done on Saturday's and Sunday's. The staff that we currently have is all part timers. They work Monday through Friday. Only Monday, Wednesday and Friday for one person in the office. Tuesday and Thursday for the other one. She said they are stretched thin as it is. The summer is coming and she can't fathom how without this person doing the pool registration we are going to be able to do that for the residents. She said she can't imagine that we are going to ask them to come in between 8 and 4 to register for the pool. The Mayor said she just wanted to commend Cathy. She said she just wanted the residents to know that Cathy Mills has gotten her budget down this year by 24.9%. The Mayor said well, she shouldn't say 24.9%. That is with the additions from the Trustees - she said she thinks she had about 20% on her own. Mrs. Mills said something like that. The Mayor said so Cathy has given back quite a bit from recreation to help with the budget. The Trustees have proposed these additional cuts in the budget and the Mayor said to Cathy that she wanted to thank her because she really knows that she put her pencil to the paper and did her best to cut back as much as she could. So she agrees with her - these extra cuts to the budget really are

probably not effective for the programs. Mrs. Mills thanked her. She said just as another comment to that - the recreation department has been commended for doing all of our events which we do twelve months a year in the amount of time that we are allotted. We don't go overtime - very rarely will recreation go overtime. So we are that department that you can't say that we are going way over our budget. That hasn't happened and will continue not to happen but again - she was very surprised to see the positions were put off today.

She said the other part to this - she noticed that she will not be getting a raise. She is not complaining. She said she would like her department to stay as is. She would even forego her raise. But her question to the Board members - if your wife or husband worked at a job with about 150 people and they came home to you at night and said 150 people I work with I was one of the 5 or 10 that did not get a raise. How do you think that will make you feel. Her husband, when she goes home and tells him that she did not get a raise and everybody else in the Village is getting a raise - how do we explain that. Again, she would rather not take her raise for the positions that are getting knocked in recreation. And that is her comment. She thanked them.

Michael Curley of 84 Orange Avenue said the budget process has been going through for a little while. When it originally started it started at 22.8%. He said he thinks the Mayor, on all recommendations, brought it down to about 17% or 17 and change or somewhere around there. He thinks then the other four Trustees brought another percent or maybe up to 25 - or somewhere around there unless there are some magical things happening tonight. He said we are here because as you know the state came down and rated us and they gave us a very bad rating. So his concern is not just that New York State is going to come and give us another bad rating because the ratings that we are getting are from prior years so this one won't come for another year or two. But he is concerned about the outside communities that are giving us a bad rating. He said he is concerned about who from the outside is looking at us and what he calls shopping. He said he doesn't see it as - unfortunately - he said he has a commercial building so his tax increase, because what its value is, is higher than anyone else's here and he doesn't want it but he has some personal knowledge where he knows there are outside people looking in this community. They came to him and through his attorney made him an offer - approximately 1.4 million dollars. He said there was a confidential agreement signed with his attorney. He said as he discovered more and more who and what was making a deal with him - the only reason he can speak right now is because he is turning down that deal. And you know what - he

needs that money. He is in trouble. He said he works everyday. He struggles every day. But he recognizes in Suffern we have a choice. We are going to go up or we are going down. Because everyday people are looking. He said he doesn't want this tax increase as much as anyone does. But unfortunately we have to have it. We have to have it. As you see they went through all the services they cut. It is minimal when you go. We don't have this bloated Village. You may think we do but we don't. They went to the police department - the police department cut two police cars, they cut dispatchers - there is a list of things that they cut. The DPW is taking cuts. But if you want to let the Village go that way you can. But then don't complain as the Village goes down. Don't complain when you see certain things. And he understands that it has to stop. That is why he has been saying sell the water. He said he knows now they are in negotiations with United Water and next year hopefully we get a couple of hundred thousand in our budget. For years there has been a fight - do we do Orange Avenue or don't do Orange Avenue. He said he thinks there is more of an understanding that it is a good thing and we need Orange Avenue. If you are planning on moving this year or next year he is not the guy for him. Don't listen to him. If you are planning on staying here you will listen to him. Because if you are moving out - if you're house is for sale right now or going to be for sale next year and the taxes look a little higher - it ain't right for you. The guy buying it isn't going to like it. But if you are going to be around - because he made a choice to stay around. And he is telling you he needed that money. He has a lot of bills and a lot of different things he went through. 1.4 looked good to him. But he chose not to take it. And he turned it down. Because he decided to stay. He decided to stay and take a 17% tax increase. He decided to stay not with the 87th safest community - the number one safest community in this country. That is what he decided. Because his father brought him here when he was a little kid from Queens, New York.

He said he mentioned the Orange Avenue thing. And our budget isn't. So we have to consolidate. We have to sell our services to other municipalities here so that our per dollar cost comes down on us. But even if they take all their fixes and this and that it is not coming down much. And he is not saying they are not trying. He is not here to insult nobody. It just isn't going to come down much. But if you stick with it and you stick with the plan you were given by your treasurer you have a shot at making it. Because he doesn't want the state to put us in the New York Post saying that we are the worst - we are the safest community but yet we are the worst here. Because we can fix it. It sucks. But we can fix it.

He said one more thing. The water and sewer. He understands. He said just recognize and the state is going to recognize this too by what we did with the water and sewer the other night. And again he gets hit more than anyone here. He has rooms upstairs. He's got Bruce who takes three showers a day. He kills him. But what we chose to do here - remember, we took the can, we put it on the train and we kicked the can down the street. You have a choice. You have a chance to say no. Now, when new contracts come up they seem like they are workable guys. Maybe we have to do things where we don't hire as many full - we go with a little part time. We negotiate with the guys. They see it. They will work with us. If you look at the different cuts they did you will see that people did cuts. But he chose to stay. He thanked them.

Jim Giannettino of 2 Memorial Drive said he had no intention of speaking but after that eloquent speech of Mike's. He said you know we are all saying kick the can down the road. The can has been kicked down the road for seven years. It is time to pay the piper. Every year a deficit. Every year the deficit got bigger and bigger and bigger and bigger. So if we get a 17% tax increase - what holds for next year. We are going to borrow another five million dollars to pay off our deficits and we are going to tax everybody 17% on top of it. Does that sound fair to everybody sitting out here? Nobody likes to see cuts. It is time to bite the bullet.

Terry Adwar of 16 Stockbridge Avenue said at a public budget meeting Trustee Morris stated that Deputy Mayor Markunas, Trustee Hagen and himself have been meeting with outside accountants to solicit advice regarding the budget to prepare their adjustments. These questions remained unanswered to the residents whose life will be affected by this budget. We as residents have a right to know the answers to these questions before you pass this budget. Who are the accountants? Can any of the Trustees answer this. No? You must know who you met with. Where are your figures coming from. Who did you meet with? Were the accountants paid for their services? How can you pass this budget with a 5% or whatever it is without answering these questions. It makes no sense whatsoever. He asked Mr. Morris if he had anything? Who were the accountants. Trustee Morris said a number of people. Mr. Adwar said who were - Trustee Morris said he is not at liberty - Mr. Adwar said we as residents have a right to know. Trustee Morris said no you don't Mr. Adwar said oh yes we do. Oh yes we do. Trustee Morris said the Village wasn't charged for any consultation that they had. The audience said we can't hear you. Trustee Morris said the Village wasn't charged for any consultations that they had with anybody. They spoke to probably fifteen people - various forms of accountants - Mr. Adwar said

tell us some names. Tell us who - Trustee Morris said there is no point - Mr. Adwar said there is a point. Isn't there a point. Trustee Morris said next question. Mr. Adwar said he thinks the securities and exchange commission would want us to know - Trustee Morris said the U.S. Attorney's office. Go and file a complaint. Mr. Adwar said excuse him? Trustee Morris said the U.S. Attorney's office is available - if you think that we violated the law. Mr. Adwar said he does personally. Trustee Morris said file a complaint. Mr. Adwar said why don't you just tell us the names of your outside consultants and accountants. Trustee Morris said we are not going to. Mr. Adwar said excuse me? Trustee Morris said we are not. Mr. Adwar said this is what you voted for people.

Isabel Haggerty of 4 Parkside Drive said when she came in she had some questions that she wanted to ask. And she found this out - almost the same questions that she was going to ask. But the main thing it says at a public budget meeting Trustee Morris stated that the Deputy Mayor Markunas and Trustee Hagen and himself had been meeting with outside help. She said that is more than three people. She said did you people know about the Sunshine Law? You are not allowed to have a meeting to discuss anything unless you have a notice - unless a notice is sent out to the public so that they can be at that meeting. Maybe you guys didn't know about that but she happens to know about it. She said your meetings were illegal whatever you accomplished with them. In cutting so many different departments did you consider what you were doing with the services that we taxpayers are entitled to. By cutting services and employees you will only be encouraging and causing over time to those employees who are left. And she said she also wanted to say that this budget problem did not happen overnight. It took several years to get to this point. Our Mayor was the one to bring the situation to a head. As hurtful as it is the actions taken this year will hopefully bring us around.

Dan Loparco of 5 Foxwood Avenue said his Aunt and Uncle eloped at the Suffern Hotel 65 years ago. He said 65 years ago. Imagine that. He said this is not easy. He said he went through this budget and looking at the percentages of the budget the majority of the budget is the employee benefits and the state mandates for the police department - which we have no control over. He said he is trying to understand how are we going to keep these escalating health care costs down and these benefits down. He said we can probably deal with the other issues. It is no ones fault that we are in this situation. It just snowballed. It just took on a life of its own over the years. And there were no checks and balances. It just freewheeled. It just blew into this big, what he calls, pie in the sky - this chart. And when he reviews this chart he

just looks at it and he just says we just can't sustain this. Looking at the percentages he is looking at - even with a 22% tax increase he doesn't see how we can come out of this without drastic measures. It is not easy to do. It is not easy to say. No one wants to see anybody lose their job. Everyone is doing a great job. But the reality of it is we can't afford a lot of these things. It is very difficult to do. He said he is a union employee. He is a seasoned member. He hasn't had a raise in four years. He said he is on a different level. He hasn't had a raise in four years. And he thinks about the employees behind him and the impact of the things that are taking place now. The state is on a tremendous spending spree which we don't even comprehend here. It is unbelievable what they are doing at the state level. It is just all going to trickle down to us in a very drastic way. And we are faced with just a very difficult task at hand. He said he would like to get into a few of these items here. He said just bear with him for a minute.

Mr. Loparco said the cost of operating the curbside solid waste district to rise \$60,000 from \$905,000 to \$965,000. He said he knows we went through this and we approved that budget. That is fine. We need water. What goes in it has to go out. So we need the water and we need the sewer. But why did we have that type of an increase. That particular line item. He said he doesn't understand where the increase came from. Things do go up. And of course everyone's job is important to them. The next guy works harder than the other guy. He said you hand him a report. He is the most important guy around. You hand somebody else a report - they are the most important person around. So everybody has their own little report that they are going to bring to you and tell you they are the most important person. But we have to take it collectively and somebody has to make a management decision with those reports and that information that they got from the department heads. And if you are not comfortable with making those decisions then this is not the right job for you. He said he is not here to knock people down. We are all here as a community together. The police department, public works, the water - we are all here together. We all want to be successful. We want a very strong, stable community. But in order to do that we need to step back and reevaluate our position - our bond rating, our stress, our fiscal stress that we have been designated by the comptroller's office. Number one. At least we are number one in something right now.

The Mayor said to Mr. Loparco that before he goes on she would like to make a comment. She said she just wants to let the public know that in going over the budget and trying to find ways to reduce the increase she did meet with each one of the department

heads and she asked them to please look over their budgets again and cut back their budgets 10% and she just wanted to commend each and every one of them because they certainly sat down and went through their budgets to make cuts. So you will also notice that she did work with each one of them. There are no surprises to them. You can ask any one of the department heads in this room that any one of her cuts she discussed with them. She asked what the effects would be and how we could combat anything that would be a direct effect on one of her cuts. So she thinks that is very important to work with the department heads, to work with the treasurer - as these are the people who do these jobs every single day and she is not down at the sewer plant every day and she wants to be at the sewer plant every day but these are the people who can make us understand how these operations work. That if we don't comply with D.E.C. orders that it is \$38,000 a day fines to the Village. With every thing that you do there is an effect to it. Mr. Loparco said with all due respect - the Mayor said so we have to do it responsibly - Mr. Loparco said with all due respect. It depends on who at the state level you are communicating with. They are flexible. The Mayor said she was sorry? Mr. Loparco said they are flexible - the Mayor said oh, no, no, no. It is not that they are not flexible. They have been working with us. The fact of the matter is that at some point you have to take care of this. It is not something that you can keep putting off. You have a plan for that. And Mike Genito has done an excellent job. She has put all her faith into him. He has done an excellent job. Mr. Loparco said there is no denying that. He has - the Mayor said but Mr. Loparco if you don't take his advice and you go outside of his plan the plan will not work. Mr. Loparco said Mike has put the numbers out there. Employee benefits increased \$658,000 - approximately \$367,000 of this amount is related to an extra payment we will have to make in 2015-2016 to New York State Retirement System. He said that is beyond our control. The Mayor said beyond our control. Mr. Loparco that is beyond our control.

Mr. Loparco said this won't work. There is more here. We have the 2014-2015 adopted budget assumed that we would pay the minimum required payment - \$1,361,000 and amortized the remainder \$420,000 over a ten year period. Cash was unavailable to pay the retirement bill in the timeframe allowed us. The option amortized so we will have to make up the difference in 2015. How did we not catch that. Why are we making it up now. What happened that that lag - that is where he is lost. These things that have just fallen through - Trustee Markunas said that payment you are referencing is the \$1,128,000. Mr. Loparco said yes. Yes. Trustee Markunas said okay. He just wanted to make sure that we are aware of the payment.

Mr. Loparco said how do we address these payments to the retirement system? Did it just come out of the thin air. The Mayor said no. She believes that our treasurer did explain - she said she didn't know that maybe Mr. Loparco wasn't at that meeting. But he did explain about those payments. She asked Mr. Genito if he would like to explain again. Mr. Genito said that in the budget that was prepared for 2014-2015 it was anticipated that the retirement payments would be made at the minimum level. He said you are allowed to pay a minimum level and then amortize a piece of that over a ten year period and that is what was apparently planned to be done in 2014-2015 when the budget was adopted. As the year went on the Village itself came into a severe cash flow deficit for a number of reasons that has built up over the years and as such the Village didn't have the money to make the payment by the deadline to allow us to amortize. So that is why the additional payment has to be made.

Somebody from the audience made a comment. Mr. Genito said the question here, or the statement here, was that the pension in New York State - the actual costs have gone done. Mr. Genito said yes the rate has gone down. That is true. But once again if you plan to pay the minimum balance and because of a cash flow issue you cannot pay the minimum balance you then have to pay the higher amount. Trustee Markunas said so the Village was not able to meet that payment last year. Mr. Genito said that is correct. Trustee Markunas said right.

Mr. Genito said to let him correct something about the 2% cap. First of all everybody should understand - it is 2% or the lower of inflation rate that the State Comptroller has set. The Village did not meet the 2% cap in 2014-2015. One of the things that he was alerted to by the State in November was that the Village had never filed the budget. They never filed the constitutional tax limit. And as such he went about filing those two documents. When you go on line and file them - he had to get a special password and everything to be able to do this - you then have what they call applications you can look at. He said he went to see what else was not filed and lo and behold the tax levy cap form was not filed. And when that was completed it turned out we were \$70,000 over the cap. Somebody said does that mean we really screwed up big time? The Mayor said that means the previous treasurer did not do his job. Somebody said under whose watch. Mr. Loparco said whose watch - that is gone. Right now we are talking about here and now. What do we do to address this now. He said he doesn't want a tax increase because he is paying enough already. He said he has friends in the neighborhood - and he lives on Foxwood and he has friends on Crestwood. Some people are paying \$17,000 a year. Do you realize how much all of us are

paying - that is just our tax. Forget about commuting to New York City everyday. Or taking the train everyday. He said we are talking about a lot of money. This is going to have a tremendous impact on people's lives - seniors on fixed incomes. People are going to have to suck it up and let the chips fall where they may. He said we failed to plan. So now we have a big problem on our hands. He says no to a tax increase of this magnitude. No. That is his response to this increase. No.

The Mayor said to Mr. Loparco that she just wanted to respond to him. She said that Mr. Genito did in fact start this year as our recovery year and has used this year to begin a plan of recovery for the Village so that the Village will not have to feel this large increase in one shot like this going forward. The problem is that already the water and sewer funds - budgets - he set forth a plan for them and they were not accepted by the Trustees. Therefore his plan now for the recovery of this Village has a very big problem. Mr. Loparco said you were asking for - he believes it was 14 and - the Mayor said and 12 - 12. He said that is huge. He said that is what he means by the magnitude of the problem here. The Mayor said right. The Mayor said did you see what the actual numbers are to the homeowner? Did you get that? Mr. Loparco said probably - no he did not. He said it probably is not a very large number. The Mayor said it is not. Mr. Loparco said in reality it probably is not a very large number but it is the principal. The Mayor said the principal she thinks should be is that you have to start somewhere. Mr. Loparco said yes. And those are very tough choices to make. As big management decisions have to be made. The Mayor said right. And this is one of them. Mr. Loparco said you take a lot of lumps but they have to be made. The Mayor said yes they have to be. Unfortunately it has to start somewhere. Mr. Loparco said at work they know him as no. They know him as no. Trustee Markunas said those increases can be large to some individuals. Mr. Loparco said oh yes they can. Trustee Markunas said extremely large to some individuals. Senior citizens, fixed incomes, people without jobs. The increase is large. We cannot deny that. Some people can afford it. A lot of people cannot. We need to learn to do more with less. We have all heard that saying. So we are here to try to do that. The Mayor said responsibly we should do that. Trustee Markunas said responsibly. Correct. The Mayor said responsibly. Mr. Loparco thanked them for their time. He said you have a very good man here on the budget.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak.

Patsy Wooters of 19 Mansfield Place said she wasn't going to speak but she wants to say something about paying taxes. She said

she is on a fixed income. She has a public pension for which she is very grateful. Her pension fund is 71% funded. That's because the New York City teachers loaned - the pension fund loaned money to the city of New York and saved the city and you know what - they paid. They never did the amortization or missing payments. So they are in good shape. She said she wishes that was the case for all of public pensions. She believes that public workers are generally speaking underpaid and they deserve the pensions that they get. She said she wants to say something about how come we are paying so much for pensions now. She said we are paying so much for pensions now because the market tanked. The market is not giving us 10% on an ongoing basis any longer. And that is what we counted on getting. And the other thing is where the turn against public pensions. Public sentiment was not protecting them. And the people who managed them handed them over to people who took huge fees and sucked them dry and made poor investments. And the taxpayers of the Village are suffering as a result. It is nobody's fault that sits in this room except if we say that we don't want to pay taxes. Now for the last - since about 1980 there has been a current in this country. Taxes are bad. We shouldn't be paying taxes. Her question is if you have a helicopter and you don't need to worry about potholes that works for you. But she drives a car in the road. Suffern has a lot of potholes. We need to fix those potholes. What fixes potholes? Taxes. If you are a grown up you pay for the costs. She said she already said this about water and sewer but let her just say something about the sewer and the consent order. And again no excursions on anybody in this room. But the Village of Suffern has a consent order with New York State D.E.C. What that means is that the Village and the State have negotiated an agreement for the Village to bring its system up to par for the Clean Water Act guys. That is a law that Nixon signed. We are going to violate that? Are we going to go stint on our sewer district? No. If you are a grown up you pay for it. You poop and you pay. Right? Okay? That is what an adult does. If you believe in the tooth fairy you think I don't have to pay taxes and everything will be fine. It will go to New Jersey anyway. Nah. It doesn't work that way. We need to stand up and be responsible. She feels very badly for people who have lost their positions. It seems always unfair to her that it is the little guy that takes the heat - if it's in business or if it's in government it is the little guy that takes the hit and that is not fair. She said she doesn't have any magic answers. The state and the federal government have backed away from their responsibility. Sewer used to be funded by the federal government. And then we all decided that we didn't like paying taxes. So you know what? Now it is on us. And she said before. If you want to leave the sewer system to go to the point where it fails there is a solution. We sell it to United Water and they

turn around and charge us 4 times as much. Do you know what percentage that is? 400%. How do you like them apples. That is the future if we don't take care of it.

Marty Andreas of Wayne Avenue said he just wanted to mention. He said he worked in a financial services industry all his life. He said he dealt with budgets as big as the Village of Suffern. He said he understands what we are dealing with. And he understands that this budget does not rise and fall on the issues of someone to register the Suffern pool people or to clean the rec center. But his concern is - no one answered those two questions. They were asked several times. And no one answered. So he is making an assumption that you don't have an answer. That maybe a mistake was made and someone was cut from the rec center and you hadn't thought about who is going to clean it and you hadn't thought about who is going to get all that revenue from the pool money. And he just wanted to say if that is the case - please it cast his doubt on the whole budget. What other mistakes and omissions might have been made. So please just take a careful look and make sure - he said he knows that cuts have to be made. But the worst thing that a lot of managers do is they make the wrong cuts. And they make cuts to things that are (a) going to bring them money or really hurt them. So that is all he has to say. Just look closely and make sure a mistake wasn't made.

Patricia Sanford of 10 Interstate Street said she actually wasn't going to talk tonight but now she just has so much to say. She said okay. A few questions. She said one of the guys from the DPW said that you suggested to them going to - extending the contract to 2020, was it? And you guys didn't take them up on that. Is that because in the back of your mind you are planning on eliminating them? Is that because you are still thinking about doing consolidation and maybe getting rid of our DPW. So why wouldn't you take that into consideration. That kind of just raised the flag to her. First of all. Second of all. She said she wants to get back to the outside accountant thing. She said she thinks it is clear that Mr. Morris and Mr. Markunas aren't going to give us any answers. That much we got already. But she wants to go a different route and maybe ask Trustee Byrne and Trustee Hagen if you guys are concerned about this. If you guys have an issue. Tonight Mr. Morris said he talked to 15 outside accountants. She said she means he must be the guy that you just wish would stop talking. Because he just keeps making it worse. So she is just asking. Trustee Byrne - do you have an issue if in fact they have spoken to 15 outside accountants regarding our budget. Trustee Byrne said all he can say is that he didn't speak to any outside accountants himself. He said he does not know who they did or didn't speak with. And that is his answer. Ms.

Sanford asked if he found it problematic that they are doing so. Trustee Byrne said he thinks whatever help we can get from both our treasurer, who is very accomplished and very able and others that we trust to give advice he doesn't generally have a problem with that. That is why we have public hearings. So we can hear from you. And some of you are experts - financial experts and other kinds of experts. So as a general theory he doesn't have a problem with it. 15 people - he said he didn't speak to any outside accountants. That is all he can say. Ms. Sanford asked Attorney Rice if it was legal for them to be meeting with outside accountants regarding our budget? Attorney Rice said as Mr. Byrne said - it is good to get help from anybody you can get help from. The treasurer did however make the Board aware of some regulations under the Securities and Exchange Act as far as people who give advice to municipalities as far as bonding and so forth being registered. So that is the only issue that is hanging out there. Ms. Sanford said so it might be illegal. Attorney Rice said he doesn't know all the facts so he can't say it is or isn't. He is just saying that the treasurer raised the issue of the Securities and Exchange Act. Ms. Sanford asked if he thought we should have an investigation into this? She said and listen. She said she doesn't want people to think that she must be some liberal Democrat. She said trust her. It is not a Republican/Democrat thing. She is neither one. But sometimes she feels like in this Village that it is so cut and dry with the Republicans and the Democrats. And sometimes she feels like just because you are Republican you have to stick together. And if she was Republican she wouldn't want a couple of these people representing her. She said she would want different honest Republicans. That is the way she feels. And she just wants to say to Mr. Genito that if she were him she would tell them all go scratch. She said you are trying to do your job. They are not letting you do it. Every time the guy talks he makes so much sense. He seems like he just knows his stuff and we are just screwing it up. She said she thinks we have to bite the bullet. She really does. She said she doesn't want to see our services cut. She doesn't want to see people lose their jobs. And she said by the way - she just wanted to say here that if this craziness goes through she will volunteer to do the pool registration. She will help them. Someone asked if she would clean up the community center too. Ms. Sanford said absolutely - after the DARE dances. They are disgusting. They smell. And she is hoping that Mr. Markunas will volunteer with her to do the pool registration.

The Mayor said she just wanted to make a comment to one of her comments. She said she personally am not now or ever will be looking to lay off positions in our DPW. They do a superb job. And that is why our Village looks the way it does. And these guys

go above and beyond and she can tell them that these guys spend a lot of their time volunteering at events and she, as the Mayor of this Village, is very proud of that.

Andrea Klein of Hillside Avenue said she would like some clarification as to how you are calculating this tax increase. Because are you calculating it based on the assessed value of the house? The Mayor said correct. Ms. Klein said by her calculations a \$40,000 assessed value would equal \$6,800 in increased taxes. The Mayor said no. An increase in your taxes? No. Ms. Klein said so how are you calculating the taxes and what would her tax increase be based on that amount. The Mayor said the tax increase for - are you talking about the water and sewer or are you talking about the general. Ms. Klein said no - the water and sewer are decided. She said she doesn't want to deal with water and sewer at this meeting. The Mayor said okay. If you have a home assessed at \$41,700. The annual increase to your taxes will be \$439.52. Ms. Klein said how are you getting that. You are talking about increasing this budget - the Mayor said you take the tax rate - you take the original tax rate. You multiply that by .17 and that brings you to \$10.54. Ms. Klein said so you are doing it based on the tax rate not based on the assessed value. The Mayor said correct. That is what you have to - you have to use the tax rate and the increase. Ms. Klein said so we are talking about an increase in the tax rate for the assessed value of the house. The Mayor said correct. Ms. Klein said okay. She said she just has one comment and that is that we as citizens elected you as Mayor, as Trustees, to represent us as the citizens that live here and appreciate the Village and enjoy living in the Village. She said she would hope that you would take a hard look at the budget. She said she thinks we have all gone through times. None of us is living high on the hog by any means. We have all had to tighten our belts and tighten our budgets and she would hope that they would go and look at this budget and do so throughout the departments and do the best job you can. She said she thinks that we are all of the ilk that we need to increase the taxes. It is the amount of the tax increase that she thinks we are all having a reaction to. To have a double digit increase in water, in sewer and property taxes in one year is a lot for one person to take. And you have to consider your constituency when deciding these things. She thanked them.

Andrew Zavosky of 3 Center Street said he lost his job about 7 years ago. He was one of 5,000 people to be eliminated from the corporation. People do fail. Corporations do fail. And sometimes people have to pay the price. He said he would hope that this Board here makes some really tough decisions and has to eliminate positions to get the budget in shape. It is unfortunate. If you

think about recreation. Okay. Yes. It is a nice thing to have. But it is not an essential service. The police department is a very essential service that we need and he thanks our chief over here for doing an excellent job with the police department in keeping us very safe. But we have to start thinking about the person who is on a fixed income. And he is just sorry to say that he is struggling right now. His family is struggling right now. But as he said before - if you have to eliminate these positions that is what you have to do. If he was sitting on that Board he would be at the Suffern Fire Department getting a big ax and taking it to the budget. You have to think about the people on fixed incomes. You cannot keep taking these increases every time we turn around. It's unfair.

Scott Brown, CSEA president here in the Village of Suffern said his one question - the two layoffs - or the two non-funded positions - just off the top of his head - it is around \$19,000. The Mayor said the vacant positions you are talking about? Mr. Brown said no, the two that aren't going to be funded - in the recreation department. It's about \$19,000? The Mayor said \$17,000 and \$1300. Mr. Brown said so you are talking \$18,000 - well, whatever it is. We will use \$19,000. What percentage is that. He said he means to put two people out of work. He said he means are we really, really saving - that's going to break the budget? These two salaries of \$19,000? The Mayor said not when you look at the revenue that comes in from the pool passes. Mr. Brown said he just doesn't understand it. He asked Mr. Genito if he could tell us what percentage the \$19,000 has an effect on this budget? Mr. Brown said it can't be much. Mr. Genito said about every \$9600 is a .1%. So probably about .2% or so. Mr. Brown said .2%. Mr. Genito said .2%, yes. Mr. Brown thanked him.

Josh Brooks of 72 E. Maple Avenue said that ironically this is his first time in a Village meeting so this has been a nice little take on our Village politics. He said he wanted to address the elephant in the room and the glaring silence that most of our Board members have had tonight. This is again - a glaring - a real strange first encounter with Village politics. He said to Mr. Morris that he knows he has been speaking. He said to Mr. Hagen that we haven't heard your voice. He said he doesn't know what he sounds like. To the Board members - he said he really wants some answers to these questions. The gentleman before who was handing the flyers out brought up very good points. The woman sitting behind him - Mr. Rice you were out of the room at the time - brought up the Sunshine Law referring to the fact of three or more people from the Village Board meeting with outside accountants - he said he is not sure of the exact specifics. He said he wants to know what the legality is on that for as far as

he is concerned he heard an illegal action from our elected representatives. But he understands the silence behind it all because that is what we have been getting all night. He said now he wants them to understand something. He said he moved to this Village when he was 6 years old with his parents in 1998. He went through the school system here. He was in R.P. Connor. His DARE officer is the Chief of our Police system right here. He said he went to the Middle School, went to the High School. He was taught a very valuable lesson about respect and when people ask you a question you give them an answer.

Al D'Ambrosio said this has been a good meeting. A lot of good audience. A lot of good people up front scratching their heads. Trying to figure answers out. Not easy. He said he knows that we talk about oh, I'm on fixed income. Alright. He was on fixed income as of 2010 when he was dropped off from his job. He was earning \$40,000 and anything he earned beyond that was strictly on overtime. And that meant he worked overnight many a night and had a limo when the company was doing good to come home. But that is how he was able to pay for his home. Otherwise he couldn't have afforded it. Because \$40,000 is nothing. You have a teacher - she's got her income. And he can guarantee you that it is probably double or triple his. And those people who talk about the heavy taxes that they have. Oh, yes. But they are making damn good money too. And he did what he had to do earning crap in order to make it work. So two, three in the morning yes he would be coming home by a limo. But that meant he didn't have his family and that meant he suffered for God, country, family and home. Now of course we are dealing with what we have. We have very little here. And that is what keeps coming back to you and you have to face it. If you have very little you can't have the luxuries. If you have a school and you want an additional attachment to it, you can't have it. If you want a special thing for your kids who have a problem, sorry, you can't have it. You think you can? You're going to go down the tubes with him. You can't have it. He can't have it. You can't have it. He is paying. Anything he does on his limited, limited income. So, we are all in the same boat. We talk about hey, we have to pay something we inherited because people didn't register something. They didn't file something. Oh, but let's not say whose administration it was. Alright, we have it now. But poor management, past, present, maybe or whatever for the future is haunting us. Now you have to bite the bullet. You do have to bite it. You are all going to go down the same damn tubes. And you may pretend you're not, but you will. If it's going to hurt him it's going to hurt you too. The country is in big trouble. And if you don't know that, you are dumb. The state is in big trouble and we are in big trouble. So you have to start - no luxuries. We can't have it. Do you think

having a pool and everything is great - fine - then you have volunteers. You have a problem getting people to do work. You get people from the jails to do work. You get the boy scouts to do it. You do anything you can to do it. But you don't spend money. He thanked them.

Jim Giannettino said he was just coming back up because he never got an answer to his question. He said he asked the question. We are going to face a 17, 18 whatever percent increase it is. We are going to borrow 5 million dollars to pay off our deficits. What are we looking at next year. Do we have a five year plan and if we do share it with us. The Mayor said well Jim the treasurer did have a five year plan and unfortunately the Trustees chose not to go with the five year plan. Trustee Markunas said the plan was never presented to the Trustees and that is what they have been searching for also. He said the big concern of theirs is the five year plan that they have been hearing about. The Mayor asked Mr. Genito if he would like to speak with regards to the conversations that you had. Mr. Giannettino said he asked the Mayor the question. She is the chief officer. Trustee Markunas asked the Mayor if she had it to share. The Mayor said this is our chief financial officer and he is the one - Mr. Giannettino said no he's not - you are the chief financial officer. The Mayor said no she is not. She is the chief executive officer but thank you. You would have thought that being Mayor you would know that. But you were the chief executive officer.

The Mayor said he is saying that I am the chief financial officer. Attorney Rice said the Mayor is the chief executive officer. The treasurer is the chief financial officer. The Mayor is the chief budget officer when it comes to presenting the tentative budget. Mr. Giannettino said excuse him. Budget officer. Attorney Rice said the chief financial officer is the treasurer. Mr. Giannettino said he made a mistake. The Mayor asked Mr. Genito if he would like to speak on that.

Mr. Genito said he has had several discussions with the Board - the Mayor and the Board - about our plans going forward in order to address these deficits. Part of that plan involves that long-term deficit financing which we have been discussing with our bond counsel and our financial advisors - financial advisors being people that - capital market associates and our bond counsel from Hawkins Delafield. He said at any rate in addition to our auditors - our current auditors. As such, he has discussed those plans with the Board and while we haven't laid out a formal document it's partly because we have discussed these issues. He presented to the Board a projection of where some of these areas may be going with the water, the sewer and the general fund. And

where that deficit financing might fall into place. Part of the plan of course is dealing with the revenue anticipation notes we have currently outstanding and the budget note as well as the deficiency note. These are all notes borrowed for cash flow purposes. And part of that deficit amount - the financing is based upon what we need to pay those back and then get back on track. So while we haven't developed the formal document - the white paper, if you will - we certainly have had many discussions and he knows several of them individually with Board members here. No more than three at a time. He said he wants to say that because the Board members, all of them, have been very good, as well as the Mayor, in meeting with him on several occasions exchanging in addition to that e-mails, phone calls at all times of the day or night. And he welcomes that. Because that shows him that they are very interested in making sure that we do something about this issue. So we don't have the white paper per se. We will be developing that. We have actually information out to our auditors at the moment on how to develop some of the parts of that plan. So we don't have a formal document at the moment. But we do certainly have the framework for that plan in place and that framework was based upon advice, as he said, from our bond counsel, financial advisors, auditors and so forth.

Trustee Markunas thanked Mr. Genito for the great explanation. He said he thinks the audience was also looking for a five year plan. Trustee Markunas said on Mr. Genito's behalf, they did discuss it at length at numerous times. Trustee Markunas said also he believes the five year plan should include something that is developed that will fundamentally change the structuring of the Village or the financial - other than the financial plan of the Village to build on and to move ahead and not continue to kick the can down the road. Understandable that we have the financial plan - the long-term deficit - the five million dollar loan that we need to take to pay off our deficits. This is a continuing situation that we are in and we need to develop a full five year plan and have it. People have been asking us where is your plan. What is your plan. Other than the financial end of it. Which we need to strategize with the Mayor. Mr. Genito said yes and as you know we have also been working on many things since - over the last six to nine months in terms of developing better controls and procedures in the Village so that as the budget starts approaching an area - a line in the budget starts to approach an area where it may go over that we stop that process and we investigate it more fully. Everyone is using purchase orders for very small amounts of money. He said believe him. He gets calls from the people in the sewer and water department about buying a \$25 item. He said he gets a call like that at 10 o'clock in the morning. We need a \$25 item. Can we buy it. And he

appreciates that. And he likes that. Because they are all interested. And that is one thing he has to say. This entire Village - all of the employees who are working for the Village - they are all working very hard to solve this problem. And they are all very patient and understanding about it. And he hasn't seen resistance or anger or a reluctance to try to work with this issue. So he thinks we are going to get there. It is just a matter of all of us working together on it and these things - as you said, the plan has to be more than financial. It has to talk about the processes we follow. The philosophies we have and to follow the best practices that are out there. There are plenty of good examples across the country. And we can emulate those. Suffern, as he said many times, is a great place. And will continue to be a great place. It's not only the safety with great kudos to our police department and Chief Osborn but as well as the fire department and the great work it does, our public works - he said he knows that - he doesn't currently live in the Village. His sister lives here. He was born and raised in this Village. He still owns a two-family house in this Village. So in many ways he pays twice as much as most people for some things. But the fact of the matter is it is a great Village and he knows one thing. If you have an issue with your public works - meaning whether it is garbage pick-up or a street issue - they get right on it. If you need something for recreation, Cathy Mills is the first one to call you up and say what can I do to help you out. So all of these departments that are out there and he hopes he is not missing anybody - the Village Clerk's office - Virginia has been here for 100 years - and he gets calls from Virginia. Today - it was her concern about making sure that everything is just right in this Village and that residents that want things get them. He said we get FOIL requests in and he gets phone calls about that and our position on FOILs is unless it's really a confidential matter it should be released immediately. And as we grow with things and improve our website and so forth we will have a lot more information out there for the public to just be able to download and look at it. At any rate he won't go on about that. The Mayor thanked him. The Mayor said she also wanted to mention - Mike and she have spoken about and they have started to formulate a five year plan for maintenance of the Village and replacement in the Village. So that would include buildings - needs of the buildings, replacement of vehicles, maintenance for vehicles. So there never really has been a plan to prepare for the future and she thinks that is a lot of where the problem lies in this Village. If there is no plan going forward. We also had buying in this Village in every department to every different place you could think of. It was Staples, it was W. Mason. Now we are going to have a procurement. Where we are going to go to state bid for all of our supplies. We are going to have a central

supply. So we are really doing things to move forward and to cut back. It is just going to take some time. We have to get back on track. If we follow Mr. Genito's plan and he has worked very hard within the financial experts of this Village she knows that we can come out of this. She hates when she hears that this Village is broke or bankrupt. If we lose our spirit we will be. But she believes this Village has a lot of spirit and a lot of good employees that are not going to let that happen.

Mr. Loparco said he is just trying to understand this - \$13,492,600. What is that? Is that our total budget? Mr. Genito said that the number that Mr. Loparco is referring to is in the tentative budget without any adjustments to it. And that is the amount that - the total budget for the general fund of \$13,492,000. And obviously that number has changed, not officially, but has changed due to all of the proposed amendments by the Mayor and the Board. Trustee Markunas asked and what would that be - the totally amended changes so he is aware. Mr. Genito said the totally amended changes comes out to almost \$600,000. The Mayor said \$670,797. Trustee Markunas said correct. And what is the total appropriations. Mr. Genito said the revised total appropriations are now \$12,925,088. Trustee Markunas said okay. Thank you.

A motion to close the public session was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Trustee Markunas said he would just like to explain a little further, or maybe Mr. Genito will be able to, or the Mayor. Did we ever receive a response from the Comptroller's office that conducted the review on this current or the tentative budget that was proposed. Mr. Genito said no, as a matter of fact he had a conversation with the gentleman - the auditor from the State Comptroller's office earlier this week and he did not have his report ready yet. He is still working on it. The Mayor said he was still collecting information, as a matter of fact. Mr. Genito said he thinks he has gathered all the information that he needs but it takes some time to go back to the office. He has other assignments - the Mayor said as late as of this week we were still sending him information. Mr. Genito said right. But as of yesterday he believes he has collected everything. Mr. Genito said this is probably an update for her as well. But it normally takes a few days once they gather it all and go back to the office and proof it. Trustee Markunas said right. That is his understanding. He just wants to make the Village residents aware that we have not received the report from the Comptroller's office as of today, as Mr. Genito indicated.

The Mayor asked is anybody else from the Board would like to speak. Trustee Byrne said to Mr. Genito you can stay seated. You don't have to get up. The Mayor said no, he has to get up, he has to speak into the mic. Trustee Byrne said you can maybe nod because he is not sure it is going to take a long answer. Mr. Genito said if it isn't you it is Jim Giannettino. Trustee Byrne said there is at least one issue here for him that is a no brainer and that is the issue of the pool registration clerk. \$1300. We are not talking about a huge change to the budget. His question would be that they would like to adopt a budget tonight. If he moved to amend - he said he doesn't know what support there is and he hasn't talked to anyone about this but he would be prepared to make a motion to amend the tentative budget to include the \$1300 for the pool registration clerk. Can that simply be done and will they still be able to affect - Mr. Genito said he believes so. He doesn't think - it wouldn't impact the tax rate. It is so small. Trustee Byrne said okay. Thank you. That is his question.

The Mayor asked if the Board was prepared to do the amendments and vote on the budget. We should go forward. There is no tabling. There is no til tomorrow or anything. Trustee Byrne said we want to do it tonight. The Mayor asked Trustee Markunas if he was fine with that. If he was ready. Trustee Markunas said yes he was good. The Mayor asked Trustee Morris if he was ready and Trustee Hagen.

The Mayor said so in fact there are a lot of amendments. She said to Mike she doesn't believe that the amendments that she proposed that there were any objection to. So if you want to group them and do them first. And then we can go down the other ones since there are going to be some changes such as the pool registration assistant. So can we get those out of the way first. Would that be okay? Mr. Genito said certainly. Trustee Markunas said excuse him for one second. He said he would like to hear all of the amendments that were - the Mayor said yes, but you have to do each one. Trustee Markunas said yes, okay, correct. The Mayor said if we could do the first instead of doing them one by one. We will read them. They will be read. But we will just group them and approve them in a group instead of doing one by one. So she doesn't have to do a motion and a second for each one of them. She said we will read them all and then she will ask for a motion and a second and we can approve that portion. Trustee Markunas said if you don't approve one part of the portion what would you like to do. The Mayor said then we can't do it. Trustee Markunas said to separate them out. The Mayor said these, she doesn't believe anybody - the top portion of them - she doesn't believe anyone had a problem with. She said to let her read them off.

She said so we have eliminated all non-union raises, reduced various salaries and benefits by \$104,943, eliminating two new police officer positions, reduce police salaries \$67,694, reduce Village Board contractual \$48,000 by deleting outside counsel, reduce fire department contractual by \$9,150, reduce vacant street maintenance laborer position \$35,029, reduce street maintenance contractual by \$57,000 and reduce snow removal contractual by \$11,000. She asked if anyone had any objections to those. Trustee Byrne said just to be clear. Those are already in the tentative revised - Mr. Genito said they are in this tentative revised - the budget that you have in front of you tonight. The Mayor said the amendments have to be adopted. She asked if there was a motion. Trustee Markunas asked if that reflects the Trustee portion? The Mayor said no, we are going to have to do those one by one - Trustee Markunas said okay - the Mayor said because we can't group them because of the recreation assistant. So she will read those next. So can we have a motion for these that she just read. Attorney Rice said a motion to amend the tentative budget - the Mayor said to reflect these changes. A motion to amend was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Morris.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said the first one - we will have to do these separately. She said reduce Village Board's salaries of \$4,250. The Mayor asked if she had a motion. Trustee Byrne said and that, just for clarification, is the reduction of salary for Mayor and Trustees? The Mayor said no. Trustees first. A motion approving the reduction was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Morris.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said reduce Village Board contractual \$10,500. A motion approving the reduction was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said reduce Mayor's salary of \$3,000. A motion to reduce the salary was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: Mayor Patricia Abato who said that she is presently at a salary of \$30,000 at a part-time position. She said she had another part-time job when she came in as Mayor. She has not taken a raise in all of the years that she has served this Village. This job is not a part-time job and in order to find all of the problems financially with this Village you need a full-time Mayor here. She said she gave up her job, her part-time job, and dedicated herself to this Village at salary of \$30,000. She did not take a car. She did not take a cell phone. She uses her own personal car. She pays her own insurance and she does her own repairs on her car. She has given back all that she can to this Village already and now she is being asked to take another \$3,000 off the top of her salary. She works here 24 hours a day. She is on call. She comes in at 3 o'clock in the morning. She is here at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. She is here at 6 o'clock in the morning. She dedicates herself to this Village. She has given back a lot. So for the Trustees to propose for her to take another \$3,000 cut in her salary as her only sole source of salary and also have to pay all of her expenses to do this job she thinks is unfair. She votes no. Trustee Markunas said to the Mayor that you don't pay all of your expenses. The Mayor said she does get mileage. She is very sorry. She does take mileage. Trustee Markunas said and your contractual expense is worth \$4500 to your salary. The Mayor said that doesn't mean that she will be taking all of that. Trustee

Markunas said okay. That is fine. But he just wanted - the Mayor said she just took \$2700 last year. Trustee Markunas said he wants the Village residents to know that we are trying to make a concerted effort here amongst the Board also to take these reductions. The Mayor said none of you have given up already things. You are just taking a thousand dollar cut in your salary. None of you have given up anything else. And none of you are here full-time. She said she is here twelve months out of the year with the exception of maybe a week. Trustee Hagen said he is here twelve months a year. He said he gave up 10% of his salary. We asked you to give up 10% of yours in good faith to help the Village. He said he doesn't understand why she has a problem with it. The Mayor said she thinks she just mentioned why she did. Trustee Hagen said he doesn't understand. The Mayor said I know you don't.

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said remove two police dispatchers at \$21,481 each. A motion to remove was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: Mayor Patricia Abato said she would like to explain. In speaking with the Chief he has alerted her that these two part-time police dispatchers, which totals an amount of \$21,481, are two part-timers that he used instead of hiring a full-timer with benefits. If he was to lose these two part-time dispatchers there may be occasion with vacations, people going out sick that he will have to put police officers on the desk. It is a very big expense to this Village. So she will therefore vote no. And she will support the Chief in his recommendation to keep these two part-time dispatchers on to save this Village money. Trustee Morris said just a note on that. He said we talked about this in discussions and a simple changing of their chart system would solve this problem. The Mayor said the Chief didn't agree. She did consult with him.

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said to reduce police overtime \$60,000 from \$240,000 to \$180,000. A motion to reduce police overtime was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: Mayor Patricia Abato said she did speak to the Chief and consulted him on this. Already before we took the two police officer positions out of his budget he has gone over already this year on his overtime budget. She said she does not feel with the winter that we have had a repeat performance or one emergency in this Village we are responsibly funding the overtime of this Village. Whether we like it or not the police are vital here and if there is an emergency and we have a rough winter we need to have our police officers there. So she will vote no under the advice of the Police Chief that is not funded by this.

The Mayor said the next one is reduce street maintenance overtime \$35,000. A motion to reduce the overtime was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: The Mayor said again she will vote no. In speaking with the DPW supervisor and our department head they tell her that they did, as Mr. Brown stated, go over on their overtime already. We are reducing something we already know is a possibility in this Village. She said she will not be irresponsible in reducing that number and causing there not to be snow plows out on the street. Trustee Markunas said we need to do more with less. That is what we need to do. The Mayor said well you can't control Mother Nature. Trustee Markunas said you are correct. But we need to do more with less. We need to get the finances in control. We need to get the spending in control - that ranges from overtime, that ranges from salaries, that ranges throughout the Village. The Mayor said okay. Trustee Markunas said please, you must understand this. The Mayor said she doesn't understand when we have already gone over on it this year with the winter that we have had how you can expect that if we have a winter like that again that we are going to stay. 90% of that overtime went to those snow events.

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said eliminate recreation pool registration recreation assistant. She asked if she had a motion. There was no motion so the position will remain.

The Mayor said reduce playground and rec equipment \$11,800. A motion to reduce the equipment was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said eliminate recreation community center part-time custodian \$19,211. A motion to eliminate the position was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas

NOES: Trustee Matthew Byrne
Mayor Patricia Abato

ABSENT: None

The motion was carried.

The Mayor said add \$10,000, which is part of the reduction in the Village Board contractual of \$10,500. Add \$10,000 to the planning. A motion to approve was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne, who
said you are essentially just moving this from one line to
another

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said reduce parking department salaries \$65,670 and increase contractual - she asked Mr. Genito if we should do that in two separate or is that okay on both? The Mayor said the last one, the very last one. Reduce parking department salaries \$65,670 and increase contractual \$12,000. Mr. Genito said right. That contractual increase on discussions with Mr. Shedler - that is a person - the Mayor asked if it was okay with Mr. Genito to do it together. She asked if there was any objection by the Board to do it together. She asked if she had a motion. A motion was made by Trustee Morris. Trustee Markunas said he had an objection. He said just to be clear. On the amount was it \$65,708? The Mayor said 670. Trustee Markunas said 670, excuse him. The Mayor said and the increase contractual is \$12,000. Trustee Markunas said okay. The Mayor said she has a motion. She asked if there was a second. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Genito said just one minor thing. As was brought to our attention earlier, the part-time people that are covered under the CSEA contract that the increases were not in here - it appears that the total amount for that is about \$2,098. That should not make a difference either in the tax rate. So you can keep the same rate. A motion to amend the budget to reflect the above was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Trustee Markunas said he would also like the Village residents to know the non-contractual increases - who they pertain to - can we itemize them? Mr. Genito said non-contractual? The Mayor said you can do the positions, sure. Trustee Markunas said right. Mr. Genito said there are only certain people who are full-time individuals who are not covered by a collective bargaining unit in the CSEA. Their position titles which he believes is the DPW

Director, the Village Attorney, the Recreation Coordinator, the Deputy Village Attorney, the Assessor. The Mayor said and the Village Clerk. Mr. Genito said and the Clerk but hers wasn't increased in the budget anyway. Trustee Markunas said the Clerk didn't have an increase. The Mayor said but that is who it would pertain to. Mr. Genito said she wants to stay 101 years. Trustee Markunas said we would like to make the Village aware that those raises were declined.

The Mayor said we are going to need a motion to adopt the 2015-2016 budget with the amendments that were just approved. A motion was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: Mayor Patricia Abato said she will not vote on this budget. She will not be a part of the fact that there may be some unlawful advice given to the Trustees to formulate this budget. She will not be a part of that. They will not disclose to this Village, herself or the treasurer. They will not discuss what they discussed with these outside accountants with our treasurer to make sure that the advice that they have gotten is in full knowledge of the whole picture of the Village. So she just can't vote yes for those reasons.

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said the 2015-2016 budget is passed.

Trustee Markunas said he is sorry, excuse him. He is sorry. He said we just voted on the amendments to the budget. The Mayor said no, you just voted on the budget - the adoption of the budget. She said she made it very clear. Trustee Markunas said okay, in that instance he would like to retract his vote and vote no. The Mayor said you can't do that. Trustee Markunas asked Attorney Rice if he could amend his vote. The Mayor said it doesn't really matter. Trustee Markunas said no, it does matter. The Mayor said it doesn't - that is not what she meant. She meant it doesn't really matter because you have three yes votes. Trustee Markunas said he would like to put on the record that he votes no for the 2015-2016 budget. He said he is appalled at the rate that these Village residents are going to be - take this burden on.

Mayor Abato said okay. So let it reflect that Trustee Markunas voted no. But the budget still does pass. It is three to two.

Mr. Genito said he just had a question perhaps for Terry. He said we voted on the general fund budget. Is there a requirement to vote on the water fund budget, the sewer fund budget, or the debt service fund budget. Attorney Rice said yes, you should do that as well. The Mayor said okay. Do you want to do them one at a time? Mr. Genito said well you can do them one at a time but we already discussed the water and sewer rates which are actually funding those budgets so hopefully there are no changes to the budgets of the water and the sewer fund. The Mayor told Mr. Genito he can propose them altogether. Mr. Genito said so if you would - Mr. Genito said there was a question on whether the budgets were voted on the other night. No, the rates were voted on. But not the budgets. Attorney Rice said only the rates were. You didn't adopt the budgets. Mr. Genito said the budgets before you as amended for the water fund, the sewer fund and the debt service fund - those are the ones that are before you that you can vote on and according to Mr. Rice we can vote on all three of them at once. Attorney Rice said unless anybody has an objection. Trustee Hagen asked Mr. Genito if all the changes that they made are in them. Mr. Genito said yes they are and the rates in the water and the sewer reflect the rates you adopted that support those budgets. A motion to adopt the water, sewer and debt service budgets was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Morris.

AYES: Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: Mayor Patricia Abato said she votes no and she is not going to give them the reasons again. She said you have heard them all before. But the motion is carried.

ABSENT: None

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Markunas. Upon vote, the motion was carried.