

**Village Board Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2015 - 7:30 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

SET DATES FOR JUNE MEETINGS:

Mayor Abato welcomed everybody to the Village Board meeting. She said the first item on the agenda will be setting the dates for the June meetings. The workshop will be Monday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. and the Board meeting will also be on Monday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m. She asked everyone to please note the change in date and time for the workshop. Everything will be done on the same evening.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Mayor said next up is the Fire Department and our newly-elected chief, John Salmon.

A) New Members - Hose Company - Jason Bottamedi, Evan Umanski:

Chief Salmon said he would just like to introduce himself. He said his name is John Salmon and he has been a twenty-five year member of the Suffern Fire Department and he is taking over for Mike Stark, who served as Chief for the past three years and did a tremendous job with the Fire Department. Chief Salmon said he looks forward to working with everybody. Chief Salmon said they have two new members who would like to join - Jason Bottamedi and Evan Umanski. A motion approving the members was made by Trustee Markunas, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Chief Salmon said he would like to be excused since they have their department meeting tonight at the fire house. The Mayor said sure and thanked him.

CULTURE & RECREATION:

Mrs. Cathy Mills said a few things that they have coming up are: they have the farmer's market which will kicking off this Saturday,

May 9, in Lot A and it will be open from 8:30 to 4 this week. The Women's Club is having a plant sale so it will be open until 4 o'clock that afternoon. This Friday night, May 8, they have a DARE Dance at the community center from 7 to 9. Next Friday, May 15, there will be a LEAD event over at the community center. There will be a recreation board meeting on May 14. It's a Thursday and it will be in the community room. Mrs. Mills said on May 19 the Lions Club will be having a blood drive over at the community center from 5 to 9. And then on May 25 is Memorial Day and the American Legion will be hosting the Memorial Day Parade. Line up will be at 10:30 at Lot A and the parade is going to be kicking off at 11 o'clock. On Saturday, May 30, there will be a pet adoption event with the Suffern Rotary and that will be from 10 to 2 and right now they are working on the summer calendar to send out to the public. Pool registration - the first date of pool registration is June 2 and the last item, which is something that is new, and she apologizes to them for not having it at the last meeting. She said it is permission to hire the guards so that we can try to get the schedule and the staffing done for 2015. A motion to hire the guards was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Byrne.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

GRANT WRITER:

Mr. Fred Rella said the community development block grant, \$100,000 application they put in for sidewalks, curbs and driveway aprons on Orange Avenue - those announcements are going to be made by the Rockland County Office of Community Development and Ed Day later this month - towards the end of the month. So hopefully we will hear some good news on that. He said the Clifford Theater grant, which was \$2,000, to the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation - the application itself, paperwork, was approved by the department and it is now up in Albany before the finance department just waiting for final approval and the check should be coming any week. Mr. Rella said the \$65,000 well water number 1 modifications which required replacing the pump, new metering, extension of the well casing to help with flooding, soft starter for the controller and new discharge piping - some modifications - all of that we supplied a voluminous amount of paperwork to the Dormitory Authority of New York State along with a number of certifications that the Mayor signed, Charles has signed and hopefully we will have that money in our hand by the end of the month. And also, finally, we have \$3000 for DARE money which was for hockey equipment and supplies. That was through the

Division of Criminal Justice. That initial paperwork is in and they were waiting for the New York State budget to be approved. We are now going to receive - Mr. Rella said the Mayor will receive an e-mail, he will receive an e-mail and the Chief will receive an e-mail simultaneously when we can put in the final paperwork to receive the actual \$3000. Mr. Rella said the very last thing is that at the workshop we mentioned Senator Carlucci was reaching out to us for some capital projects and in particular we had mentioned the rejuvenation of some items within Village Hall here - he said we were talking about and he met with Charles today and they went through those items along with doing a lot of work in parking lot B which is the one across from the post office. So he will be pulling that together and getting it over to Senator Carlucci by the end of the week. The Mayor thanked him.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Clarke Osborn said he had two quick updates - nothing major at all. He said we had a good month last month. We are going to be starting our commercial vehicle enforcement checks within the next week or two weeks. They plan on having several of those. He said they are fortunate. We have a few what they call level 1 inspectors, which are the highest level here in the county, which is a very lot of schooling and we are fortunate that they are going to loan them to us, these officers, for a day to determine which vehicles obviously should be kept on the road and which should be taken off. So we will be having those checks coming up in the very near future. He said he will leave it at that. Chief Osborn said they have four sergeants in state-mandated supervisor school. It is a three-week school that is governed by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. It is mandatory for all new supervisors to go through and they are just about done. Vehicle and traffic activity - most of the complaints that they get on a daily basis - pretty much what he would call quality of life issues - speeding vehicles, aggressive driving vehicles - so they have been targeting that and doing very well on Wayne Avenue. Very good results on Route 202. Bon Aire Circle - starting up there for some complaints. And they are also going after pedestrian and vehicle safety on Lafayette Avenue - including u-turns, distracted driving, and crosswalks. He said they are going to continue that. They had very good results and he thinks the residents appreciate that a lot.

Chief Osborn said their DARE hockey is in week 3. They currently have ten teams - middle and high school - probably 120-130 players. He said they have a much bigger league that they will be registering for which is for the fall league, which is a great league. He said they have their last DARE Dance. He said they got snowed out in March, which doesn't happen a lot in March, but Cathy - he wanted to thank her for everything and to Fred - thank you - for that grant because he will be buying all new helmets - about 300 of them for the amount of players that they have. So he wants

to thank him for that grant. It is a big help to them. Chief Osborn said on June 6, our PBA will be co-sponsoring the Vincent Crotty Memorial Foundation Barbecue Wing Night, which they always have a great turn-out at the Mahwah Elks. So they have a lot of community events coming up and they will be addressing any issues, obviously police calls in between there. But he just wanted them to know with the vehicle and traffic activity that they have been stepping that up and it has been going very well.

Chief Osborn said he knows they are not here but he said they have been working very well with our code enforcement officers and building department. He said he gave them three or four locations over the last month where officers reported to him about overcrowding violations, safety and health violations, and they have acted upon every one and got great results. So he just wanted to thank them. The Mayor thanked him.

7:40 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - 15 MINUTE PARKING AT 2 LAFAYETTE AVENUE:

The Mayor said it is now 7:40 and we will have our public hearing on 15 minute parking on Lafayette Avenue. Attorney Rice said briefly there is existing a 15 minute parking limitation for the parking space in front of 2 Lafayette Avenue. This would provide that that 15 minute parking limitation is only available during the daytime and would not be available 5 p.m. to 10 a.m. so it would open up the space for long-term parking for people utilizing the restaurants and so forth. He said he notes there is a typo in there. It says the proposed amendment - 15 minutes - should be except between the hours of 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. The Mayor asked if anyone from the public would like to speak. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2015

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 254-65 OF THE
CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN
REGARDING 15 MINUTE PARKING AT
2 LAFAYETTE AVENUE IN THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

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

Section 1. The following portion of Section 254-65 of the Code of the Village of Suffern, Schedule XV: Time Limit Parking:

Lafayette Avenue North 15 minutes In front of 2

Lafayette Avenue(1 space)

is amended to provide as follows:

Lafayette Avenue	North	15 minutes (except between the hours of 5 pm and 10 am)	In front of 2 Lafayette Avenue (1 space)
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Section 2. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

A motion to adopt the local law with the change the Village Attorney has noted as a typographical error was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Markunas. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Charles Sawicki said he was requesting the Mayor to accept the resignation of street department laborer Thomas J. Strysko effective May 8, 2015. A motion to accept the resignation was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Morris. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

7:45 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDING ZONING LAW AND ZONING MAP TO REZONE PROPERTIES ALONG EAST SIDE OF ORANGE AVENE AND NORTH SIDE OF CHESTNUT STREET:

The Mayor said the Board received a letter today from the applicants and the letter reads:

Mayor Abato,

As a result of discussions had last week we have made significant progress to reaching agreements to move forward on this project. The public hearing on the zone change was continued until this evening by the Village Board. We need a few more days more to iron out necessary details. Therefore we ask the Board to hold a special evening this Thursday evening, May 7, and that the public hearing be continued until that date. We understand that the normal time is 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor said unfortunately we cannot accommodate Thursday evening as we do not have a clerk to take the minutes that evening. Therefore the Trustees and her have come up with Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. So she would need a motion to continue the public hearing to Monday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. A motion to continue the public hearing was made by Trustee Hagen, seconded by Trustee Morris. Upon vote, the motion was carried, with Trustee Byrne abstaining.

VILLAGE CLERK:

A) Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of January 5, 2015:

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner said all she has is the approval of the minutes of January 5, 2015. A motion approving the minutes was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

B) Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting of March 20, 2015:

The Village Clerk said the approval of the Board meeting of March 20, 2015. A motion approving the minutes was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Markunas. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Village Clerk said she had one other thing. She did advertise for the concession stand at the pool and she received no bids this year. The Mayor said okay, can we have that put back out again. The Village Clerk said she will do that. The Mayor thanked her.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

The Mayor said she received an e-mail from Michael Genito. "On April 29 and again on April 30, the Village Board adopted the 2015-2016 curbside solid waste district annual charge to be \$462 per unit. However, on April 30 the Village Board also adopted that an amount of \$8237 for the position of the maintenance mechanic one be reduced to zero. This amendment reduces the required annual service charge from \$462 to \$458 per unit. Based on the above, the Village Board may adopt a resolution resetting the 2015-2016 curbside solid waste district per unit annual charge to \$458."

RESOLUTION NO. 11A, 2015

RESOLVED, that the Village Board adopt a resolution resetting the 2015-2016 curbside solid waste district per unit annual charge to \$458.

A motion adopting the resolution was made by Trustee Hagen, seconded by Trustee Morris.

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

NOES: Mayor Patricia Abato

ABSENT: None

Trustee Hagen asked the Mayor if we are going to have a new budget

next week - in print, in writing. The Mayor said it is printed. It was sent out to the Trustees. Trustee Hagen said he thought it was changed - the Mayor said no, no, no. The only thing that changed was just what we voted on and we couldn't change it until we amended it so you will get a new budget for this.

TRUSTEES:

Trustee Morris said they want to make a motion to reduce an additional stipend that was paid to one of the employees and resume him back to his normal title - civil service title. The Mayor asked what title is that. Trustee Morris said MEO - the Mayor asked him to pull his microphone back - Trustee Morris said they want to make a motion - he wants to make a motion to reduce an additional stipend that was given to a Village employee for performing work outside of his title and return him to his normal duties as an MEO - the Mayor said MEO - Trustee Morris said 2, he believes. Trustee Byrne said may he suggest that maybe we have an executive session at the end to discuss the personnel issue. The Mayor said the only thing - he said we have already had the executive session and she doesn't know if he was there or not - Trustee Byrne said he was. The Mayor said Mr. Morris wishes to take action - she said we cannot do action in executive session. Trustee Byrne said he understands that but wasn't there more information, as he recalls, being sought by county personnel and some others that we didn't have all of our answers in executive session that he recalls. The Mayor said she knows that everything was sent to all of the Trustees. All of the information was sent to the Trustees. The Mayor asked Attorney Rice to explain to Mr. Morris what more - Attorney Rice said he was just saying that there has to be more particularization in the motion. You know what you want to do but the minutes have to reflect exactly what you are doing here. Trustee Morris said we are removing additional stipend that was given to him by a previous Board - Attorney Rice said but you have to say who and the position so that it is clear in the minutes. Trustee Morris said oh, he didn't think you were allowed to say that in a public meeting. Attorney Rice said sure you can. Sure you can. You have to otherwise no one is going to know. Trustee Morris said okay. Trustee Byrne asked if it would be appropriate that we had a written resolution in advance to vote on? Attorney Rice said if you want to you could. Trustee Byrne asked how everybody felt about that. Trustee Morris said yes, that makes sense. Trustee Byrne said he thinks that way they are not - he said they are considering everything that is part of the motion and nothing is unclear. Attorney Rice said if someone wants to give him the particulars as far as exactly what you want to do he will be happy to write up a resolution. The Mayor asked Trustee Morris if he would be agreeable to withdraw his motion so that we can - Trustee Morris said yes, he will withdraw his motion so that we can get a written resolution. The Mayor thanked him.

7:50 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4) ANNUAL REPORT:

The Mayor said it is now 7:50 and we will have a public hearing with regards to storm sewer systems (MS4) annual report. She asked Mr. Sawicki to come up. The Mayor said in addition if there is anyone who would like a copy of the report, they are up on the stage area. Please feel free to take one.

Mr. Charles Sawicki said the MS4 is the municipal separate storm sewer system regulated by the NYS DEC. He said an annual report is submitted to the NYS DEC on June 1 of each year. The MS4 storm water program has six elements called minimum control measures that result in reduction of pollutants discharged into water bodies. The first element is public education outreach. The second is public involvement, participation. The third is illicit discharge, detection and elimination. The fourth is construction sites, stormwater runoff control measures. Five is post-construction stormwater management. Six is stormwater management for municipal operations.

Mr. Sawicki said the Village of Suffern is a member of the stormwater consortium of Rockland County. The stormwater consortium has partnered with Cornell Cooperative Extension for education outreach requirements such as radio programs discussing various PSA topic and educational classes.

The Mayor thanked him and asked if anyone from the public would like to speak regarding the MS4 report. She said when you are coming to the microphone, please state your name and address for the record.

Roy Tschudy of Lonergan Drive thanked the Mayor and Board for letting him have a few minutes regarding this. He said he would just like to give them a few handouts that you can look at as he goes along. He said he has a few questions that he would like for clarification purposes regarding the MS4. The Mayor asked Mr. Tschudy to give one to Mr. Sawicki since he is the one answering the questions - Mr. Tschudy said absolutely.

Mr. Tschudy said as Mr. Sawicki noted, the MS4 Compliance Certification form is filled out and again it is for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. He said to be clear on a few points of interest he believes that the duly authorized representative, the local stormwater public contact, the stormwater management program coordinator and the report preparer is Mr. Charles Sawicki who is the Director of Public Works. He asked if that was correct. The Mayor said correct. Mr. Tschudy said Suffern Mayor Patricia Abato is the Principal Executive Chief Elected Officer. Mr. Tschudy said he did a FOIL request on April 16 of 2014 for a review of the MS4 Annual Report submitted along with the Outfall Reconnaissance

Inventory Sample Collection Sheets. Mr. Tschudy said again, as he said, he would like to have some clarifications, if you don't mind, on that. He said the MS4 annual report form period ending March 9, 2014 on minimum control measure 3, illicit discharge detection and elimination - if you see number 2 it says how many of these outfalls have been screened for dry weather discharges during this reporting period. And it says zero. So he would like to know why because the EPA states studies indicate that dry weather discharges contribute significant pollutants to receiving waters. The detection and elimination of illicit discharges is important to protect and restore urban waterways. In addition, it is mandated to develop and implement a program to detect and address non-stormwater discharges including illegal dumping to the MS4. So he would just like a clarification on what - is there a reason why they don't do any dry weather testing?

Mr. Sawicki said just to answer Mr. Tschudy's question. He said that last year they did not do any inspections and the reason for that is the two or three years prior we did 100% of the inspections - we had 29 outfalls. The DEC requires you to do on an average of 20% per year. So the years prior to 2014 we did do 100%. So we had it covered. Again, what the goal of the DEC is such that once every five years you have completed all your inspections of all your outfalls. So last year they didn't have any. But the prior years they had 100%. Trustee Markunas said so it is not an annual inspection. Mr. Sawicki said it doesn't have to be an annual inspection - Trustee Markunas said okay - Mr. Sawicki said because it does - again it is based on having all the outfalls inspected within a five year period. Mr. Tschudy asked if any of those were dry weather. In those years did they do any at all - any dry weather - Mr. Sawicki said the previous years? Mr. Tschudy said any years - going back to 2010. Mr. Sawicki said he can speak of say 2013. He said he knows we did all 29 of them. Dry weather means that it is done within - there is no rainfall within at least 48 hours - 48 to 72 hours prior to the inspection. So that is how they characterize dry. So that there isn't any - so essentially what it is if it is dry during that period there is no - there is really very limited things - a limited action of what you need to do because it is dry. If you did have a wet outfall then you would take it further and see if it may be a suspect discharge such as an oily, sudsy, an odor, color - that type of thing. If it is not suspect then you don't really need to take any additional investigative action. Mr. Tschudy said and that is determined by the investigator who is doing the checking of the outfalls. Mr. Sawicki said yes. That is correct. For example we changed some personnel over this last year. We had them retrained so they are trained to again identify suspect outfall discharge. Mr. Tschudy thanked him.

Trustee Markunas asked if he could ask Charles something. He said that last year he conducted the inspections of all 29 outfalls. Mr.

Sawicki said no, last year we did none. We did zero last year. Trustee Markunas said okay. This year you did 29. Mr. Sawicki said no, this year he thinks they did 14 for the 2015 report.

Mr. Tschudy said if you will turn the page please and you go to minimum control measure 1 page 44 and it says please see B. The answer given is periodic inspections revealing miscellaneous debris in the Village basins followed by C which is blank. And that would be how many times were these observations measured or evaluated in this reporting period. But it says under the MS4 guidelines stormwater management plan is a required timeline and paragraph 3 states permit contains a schedule of compliance that specifies completion dates of specific tasks instead of periodic. Mr. Sawicki said again on this particular item again it is periodic. He said how else do you really characterize it - that it is done - he said there is a schedule to it and again it is periodic and again that is the way they characterize it. He said he doesn't know if it is just a matter of splitting hairs or what but that is how we characterize it in the report. Trustee Markunas asked if this information is entered into a log. Do you carry a log or do you just fill out forms - Mr. Sawicki what they do - part of this also is catch basin cleaning, street sweeping, because for our pollutant - essentially the pollutant that we have to address is essentially debris and litter. It is the primary pollutant for the Village of Suffern. So in terms of the business district on a weekend it could generate more litter in the business district. The sweeping, the catch basin cleaning - that is really the main purpose of the catch basins - to collect debris either on the top of the grate - sometimes they will make it into the basin itself. You will not only have to clean the top but then get inside and clean the inside of the basin as well.

Trustee Byrne said he presumes that you do keep some kind of log then because the 14 report has no number next to it and this year it has 12. So there must be some way. Mr. Sawicki said he thinks that was an error. Quite honestly typically what they try to do and historically it has been once a month that they do this and again somehow it may have been missed. And he will be quite honest - this form as you can see you kind of get cross-eyed looking at this thing after a while because of the amount of dots and so on and so forth. So that apparently was missed but - Trustee Byrne said it should have been 12 also. Mr. Sawicki said yes. Trustee Morris said just one more question. We have 29 outfall pipes. Is that what - Mr. Sawicki said yes, they are outfalls. They are characterized as outfalls. Trustee Morris said and we inspected 14 of those. Mr. Sawicki said this year - as the last reported year which was 14. That is correct. Trustee Morris said why would we not inspect them all during the course of the year. He said he assumes you are inspecting them to make sure that they are not blocked where water wouldn't flow through them and back up. Mr. Sawicki said the requirement from the DEC is to do all of them within that five year

period so essentially again it is 20%. And that is just what the DEC requires. Trustee Morris said oh they only require 20%. Mr. Sawicki said 20% per year or all the outfalls within a five year period. Trustee Morris said but given our flooding problem do you think it maybe makes more sense to inspect all 29? He said he doesn't know - Mr. Sawicki said we have in the past. We have done all of them. And we will try to do all of them if we can. He said what happens is it is difficult because you have that dry weather period so if it rained yesterday you can't do it tomorrow. You need to wait that 48 hours or 72 hours so it is a matter of - sometimes it is difficult to schedule to get out there and inspect it because you need that dry period. Trustee Morris said these are the same pipes that he thinks were proposed to put grates on? Mr. Sawicki said that was some discussion. But any type of device that you put on these outfalls will reduce the flow and that does have a potential to cause problems upstream - flooding and other issues. He said there are other remedies. He said he knows that the one outfall that Mr. Tschudy had a concern with - he is not sure if it was six or seven - it comes from up in James Street and Woodland - high elevated area. One possible other remedy would be to try to incorporate some type of green infrastructure if we can find the real estate to do that. So essentially we would be able to take that stormwater volume out of - kind of stop it upstream so it won't be able to flow down into the pipe down and then discharge into the Mahwah. So it would be reducing the amount of stormwater that would actual get into the pipe if we could do it upstream. Trustee Morris said do you know why he says that - he was over in motor vehicle over in Haverstraw and they have a huge flooding problem with a huge outfall pipe - he said it is probably six foot or seven foot - and they have a screen on it and they also have erected a basin of stone and concrete and talking to the guy from DPW he said they did that because it stops the sediment from kicking up and getting carried in. Mr. Sawicki said there are different situations obviously and different techniques to do certain things.

Mr. Tschudy said when that stormwater does come down through those outfalls it comes out with such force directly into the Mahwah River it exacerbates an already flooding condition. It also leads to erosion of the river bed and river banks. When you have erosion to the river banks the trees along the side of the river banks lose their anchoring system for their rooting so then it makes it susceptible to an accident-prone condition where it can fall on a home or God forbid cause injury. So he would look in and request that the Village look into purchasing these sprinkler systems through grants or any other way. He said he realizes the Village is a little strapped right now but via grants that might be able to be accomplished. That is regarding that.

Mr. Tschudy said on page 6 on page 3 of 3 he would just like to know - it says briefly summarize the observations that are

indicated for the overall effectiveness and the Village has continued to inspect, clean and repair catch basins throughout the Village ensuring proper drainage. He said he would like to know how the education for the employees is accomplished. What kind of education is provided. And again for documentation does the Village maintain a log containing dates, times and names of that education? Mr. Sawicki said to answer that question - as he mentioned earlier - the Village of Suffern is a member of the Stormwater Consortium. They did partner with Cornell Cooperative and they primarily provide us with the education requirements for the DEC. The DEC does require specific information in regards what the course was, who attended it, what the timing - number of hours, let's say - so that all is documented. He said we did recently have an audit back in January and we did receive a satisfactory. And all that is documented. And there is quite a bit of - overall there is quite a bit of documentation that is required as part of this program. Mr. Tschudy said okay, that is good. Thank you.

Mr. Tschudy said he thinks what we have here is on the MCC page 4 that it says please note the absence of a required signature as prescribed along without a date. He said he doesn't know if the Mayor was even given this but as of - on this date of 2014 ending March there was no signature on that which is a requirement. So he doesn't know if she was even given that. Mr. Sawicki asked him if he got it off the website. Mr. Tschudy said he FOILED it. Mr. Sawicki said okay. He said that the report that went into the state the Mayor did sign. And again he is not sure - Mr. Tschudy said that went in June he assumes. Mr. Sawicki said the requirement is June 1 and he believes the Mayor signed it just prior to that - the last few days in May. Mr. Tschudy said okay. That was FOILED in April. He said okay, that is great.

Mr. Tschudy said if we can turnover and go to the outfall reconnaissance inventory sample collection field sheet, if you note the date is 6/18/2010, the investigator was Dan Haglund - the Mayor said to Mr. Tschudy that we really can't go into those years. She said none of us, especially Charles, doesn't have the benefit of any of those records or if he was here or not at that time. But for those years - for this year she understands - but for those years if you could make an appointment with Charles and go over any questions you have with regards to that to give him the time - Mr. Tschudy said who was in Charles position in 2010 - the Mayor said she doesn't know - Mr. Sawicki said he was here in 2010. The Mayor said okay, right. But he doesn't have - you are talking about five years ago. Mr. Tschudy said he is aware of that. The Mayor said if you could make an appointment to sit with him that would be fine. Mr. Tschudy said that would be fine but he would like to have a few questions and he thinks the public would like to know about reports that may not be in compliance. The Mayor said okay, but that was from 2010 - Mr. Tschudy said he realizes - the Mayor said we have actually asked the DEC if they had any problem with these. Charles

has been in touch with them. There are no problems to our knowledge. She said you also made your complaints. They also wrote back to us and said they were happy with the report that they saw. Mr. Tschudy said that is fine. The Mayor said so if you have any additional questions we are in compliance. Mr. Tschudy said that is fine because he spoke with them also and then he asked these gentlemen at the DEC if they in turn inspect every single outfall sheet that they get looking for any errors. And they said no, they don't have the manpower to do it. So he as a citizen did so. And he did a comparative study on the reports. And he thinks he would like to just get a clarification on some of these reports. The Mayor said okay. But that is something you can do with Charles at a meeting with you and Charles so that he has that information. You are asking him to give you information from 2010 with no documentation - Mr. Tschudy said he has the information. He has the copy you have. The Mayor said she understands that but he doesn't have his reports. He doesn't have any of his notes in front of him. Mr. Tschudy said the reports that he has are the reports that you have, Madam Mayor. The Mayor said she understands. They are partial reports though. He has not had a chance to go over them. If you would like to bring it to the next meeting - Mr. Tschudy said these are the outfall reconnaissance sheets. The Mayor said she understands what he is saying - Mr. Tschudy said Madam Mayor are you telling him that he is not allowed to go further now? The Mayor said she is saying to him to please allow Mr. Sawicki to look these over so that he can have the proper information in front of him to answer his questions. Mr. Tschudy said he is not going to argue. He said he disagrees - the Mayor said and at the next Board meeting we would be happy to discuss them - Mr. Tschudy said he respectfully disagrees and he should have the right to go through them - the Mayor said you absolutely do. And if you come back at the next Board meeting if you don't want to meet with him personally that would be fine.

The Mayor asked if anybody else would like to speak with regard to the MS4 report.

Alfred D'Ambrosio of 4 Cross Street said if he heard what he thought he heard he heard one gentleman ask questions, say to all of us that he submitted the same data that he was dealing with questions and that the answers were, and he assumes he is interpreting this right, were contained in the documentation that our Mayor has and maybe everyone else up there has and the gentleman has and the person who he was querying to get answers also has. If the information is there then we should get it tonight, not another day. If it is not there that is another story. So he thinks that actually warrants the person who was just up here to confirm that that information and the answers are contained in those documents that you just gave to the Mayor and others as well as the gentleman who was answering you. Mr. D'Ambrosio said he doesn't know that answer yet. There just seems to be a lot of

bandying but if those answers are available tonight we should get them. The Mayor said to Mr. D'Ambrosio just to confirm what he is asking - Mr. Sawicki does not have the benefit of his own notes in front of him tonight. If he would have been notified that the gentleman wanted to have this information he could have prepared himself. But in addition to that, this is a public hearing on this MS4 report. She thanked him.

Carolyn Varano of Suffern said she just had a couple of questions. She said she understands that there was a billion dollars involved in a pure water program with Governor Cuomo and it basically is most of it going not to pure water to drink but to storm drainage and sewerage. She asked if anybody knows anything about it. She said she doesn't have access to research but is there some kind of grant or program where maybe we could get some money to help us with our system. And could somebody look into it. The Mayor thanked her.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Markunas, seconded by Trustee Morris. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

The Mayor said if you would like to speak please come up to the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

Jim Giannettino of 2 Memorial Drive said he had a couple of suggestions for the Board which he hopes they consider and he has a couple of questions. He said since most of the State Comptroller's audits since the 2010 audit have identified the following problems: not having realistic revenue and expense projections and not, more importantly, not monitoring expenses and overtime used by the Board to achieve a balanced budget. He said his suggestion is that every monthly Board meeting the Treasurer present a report of revenue received, expenses paid as to budget relativity, overtime relative to budget by each department so that immediate, necessary and corrective actions can be taken by the Board, Department Heads and Supervisors. He said another thing we have raised taxes double digit, we have raised fees in recreation for the pool and for the use of our facilities - he said he would like to propose that you consider raising building permits, demolition permits and fire inspection fees. He said we have four projects that have been put on the budget he said he doesn't know - three or four years as far as income on building permits. He said he is hoping that some of them are going to come on this year and next year and after that there are not too many properties that are going to do any building in this Village on any large scale. So he would recommend that we consider a raise in those fees. Since we are raising the fees on the residents he thinks the developers could afford to pay a little bit more too.

Mr. Giannettino said this is a disturbing question that he has. He ran into Jonathan Turco at the baseball field on Sunday and he came over to him very upset and told him that he is not going to be allowed to take care of Point Park. Mr. Giannettino said now if he remembers correctly the Board unanimously voted to allow that to happen. Why the change in policy. The Mayor said not to her knowledge. She said we have not formally sent anything to him and to her knowledge that there is any reason that he shouldn't be doing it. Mr. Giannettino said well he would appreciate it if you would call him and let him know because he was very upset. The Mayor asked if he has notified anybody on the Board? Trustee Morris said he also spoke to John Turco and he spoke to Charles today about it and evidently there is a requirement for them to supply a certificate of insurance. Mr. Giannettino said that goes without saying - anything that is done for the Village. Trustee Morris said his understanding is that is what the delay is. Mr. Giannettino said he didn't mention that - he just told him - he said he doesn't know who told him but that is what he told him. Trustee Morris said he told him the same thing and he went to Charles today with it and that is what Charles told him. So tomorrow he will talk to John to see what happened. The Mayor said okay. That explains that.

Mr. Giannettino said also he heard that we had another meeting the day after the 29th meeting - a Board meeting? The Mayor said she didn't understand the question. Mr. Giannettino said after the meeting on the 29th, the next day you had another Board meeting. The Mayor said that is correct. Mr. Giannettino asked if that was advertised. The Mayor said yes - it was an emergency Board meeting at the request of the Treasurer. Mr. Giannettino asked where it was advertised because he couldn't find it. The Mayor said it was an emergency Board meeting. Mr. Giannettino said that doesn't absolve you from the Sunshine Law. Because that was brought up at the last meeting with regards to something else. The Mayor said the Village Clerk did call the *Journal News*. Mr. Giannettino said yes, but obviously they didn't get it in before the meeting. The Mayor said unfortunately it was an emergency meeting that the Board needed to have immediately with regards to the budget so that we could have the budget prepared and sent in on time. Mr. Giannettino asked what was the outcome of that meeting? Did it change the increase, decrease in the budget? The Mayor said yes it did. Mr. Giannettino said can we hear what they were? The Mayor said sure. She said there was a wastewater treatment position that the Trustees had originally taken out of the budget and that was put back in. There was also a recreation custodial position that they had taken out of the budget and they rethought that and as well that was put back in. Mr. Giannettino said those were the only two items? The Mayor said yes. Mr. Giannettino said any idea what the cost of the wastewater treatment position was? The Mayor said she believes it was \$11,000 - she said she doesn't have her - Mr. Giannettino said round numbers. He is not asking for exact numbers. The Mayor said about \$11,000. Mr. Giannettino said he just wanted to see how much

it increased the budget increase. The Mayor said she just said it tonight. We just voted on it. She said the water rates changed by - oh, she is sorry. No it wasn't. It was solid waste. Mr. Giannettino said that was solid waste. The Mayor said right, that went down. Mr. Giannettino said so the other two we don't know. Thanks.

Michael Curley of 84 Orange Avenue said that now that the Trustees hired the other position back for the - he thinks the next day you came in and took back one of your cuts and put it back in. He said he thinks it was Mr. Markunas. Where you hired the person back in recreation. Trustee Markunas asked if he was asking him the question. Mr. Curley said yes - but he guesses he will make a statement. Trustee Markunas said yes. He said the next day - you hired which was fine, which was great and it probably should have been done in the first place. But he would like to bring it back to the VFW building. He said the intention was for the Village to buy the VFW with the intention to help out the veterans. And at the same time, and he just saw this, there was a flyer that went around - he said he had nothing to do with, and he didn't give any input to it unless they got from his comments that he may have made - but as you know that building - the VFW building is worth much more than the \$150,000 that they were selling it to the Village of Suffern. He said on a layman's guess from \$250,000 to \$500,000. He said he wants to be safe. The reason they were selling it to the Village was that they could have tenancy rights because a lot of those veterans are older now and they ask for our help more or less. In the meantime then some of the Board members here, Mr. Morris, came with a separate buyer to buy that property - who your son happens to be the vice president of the company. Mr. Curley said he had suggested that it was purchased but stick to the word that this Village gave to those veterans. Because it wouldn't have hurt us. Because as we all know or should know by now there are \$13,000, \$14,000 according to that letter more parking fees that are generated from that which the Village can have and pay against that payment. The payment on that building would come to about \$600-\$700 monthly and we are taking in over \$1200 month. Now since you brought back that employee on the tax rolls let's use that employee to help us make money as he had originally suggested - whether it is a Bingo night, whether it is not. But it is already there for us to buy. You would have to say now don't buy. Mr. Curley said he is very concerned - Frank Hagen and your vote to even to be considered to vote on this. He said to Frank you are vice commander up in the American Legion, which he is in with him, and also on the board in some form. You had voted prior, and he is fine with it, to do something for the American Legion yet you are going to do something against the VFW. Your contention well, maybe we can turn it into something, maybe we can't. And he understands that. But he doesn't think that that should have been brought in by Mr. Morris's family to make money off of. And he doesn't think that Frank Hagen should have went and presented that paperwork to the

VFW on the sly. They have a law firm that represents them, the VFW. He said he doesn't know if he is aware of that. It happens to be Matt Byrne's law firm that represents the VFW so it wasn't hard to figure it out. That's how it should have been done. It is a little bit cagey. Maybe a little simple. Maybe innocence. So you can take whichever path you want on that. But he is telling them now that since you just hired back that employee you can use that employee to help us make money and use it for the good of the Village. You can keep it in case there is flooding down there in that area. We know we still have flooding. He said he is sure Mr. Tschudy can tell you about that on the other side. He said he knows he usually talks about Squires Gate but they also have it going into the West Ward area and we have an obligation to protect that as much as we have a right to protect Squires Gate. Or Memorial Drive where Mr. Giannettino lives. So he thinks you have to back up on this one and rethink it. But more importantly Mr. Markunas and Mr. Hagen - he thinks you should really consider even voting on this issue. He said he thinks you should just consider it just for the appearance of impropriety. He said to Mr. Morris that he has to use his own conscience if you vote on this anymore. He said he thinks he went over the line. He said you can call it innocence and you can come with the excuse that we get ratables that way but the value of that property was never \$150,000. It was much more. The purpose of it was to help the veterans and also to help that community and also at the same time you could make more money on it. He said he is not here to accuse anyone of any criminal activity. He said he is not here to accuse anyone. He is going to say it was innocence and mistakes but he totally disagrees with it because just the value of the property is much more. But onto other issues.

Trustee Markunas said to let him speak on that issue briefly. To speak about the veterans - he said he fully supports every veteran in this country - as he is a veteran. And to think about it in another fashion maybe you should think about it this way is that the Village is offering, or the Village was offered, to purchase the property at \$150,000. To him, that might be almost taking advantage of the veteran when the property is well worth more than \$150,000. The Mayor said she would like to interrupt Mr. Markunas. She said she is sorry. He must not be aware. Unfortunately that is not the case at all although she is sure he wishes it was. The veterans came to us. Trustee Markunas said that is what he stated. The Mayor said and put the price on the building themselves. Trustee Markunas said that is what he said. The Mayor said right. The Village did not say the price. They asked if we could please just give them enough money to be able to satisfy a mortgage that they had with respect to an addition that they put on the building and they just wanted to keep their home. They were not offering it as that is their asking price. They were saying for the Village this is what we want to do. So it was not the Village taking advantage of them. Trustee Markunas said no, no, no. He said - the Mayor said but to even twist that - to think that the Village was

taking advantage of providing a home for our veterans that they have had for so many years is absolutely disgraceful. Trustee Markunas said we were giving them tenancy rights to stay there. He said he would like to see them get more money. Mr. Curley said that is fine. If you want to spend more of the Village taxpayers you go right ahead. They wanted tenancy rights. So what he did was he came up on his own and he suggested that you take another non-profit, to put the non-profit there, and so he could save their tenancy rights. So he suggested the Crotty Foundation. So in turn then the Crotty Foundation talked to the legal firm. So be it. The legal channels. They didn't go directly. Mr. Morris didn't hand a letter - they didn't hand a letter to Morris who handed it to Hagen who handed it to a guy in the VFW. They went to what he would consider proper channels. And God bless them for that. He said he doesn't want to fault here, he doesn't want to sit and blame. He said the VFW is the one who wanted this deal because they wanted the tenancy rights and the Village was going to let them still have their meetings there. There are about 100 and something members and only a few active members because they are old. So because they are older you have to fight harder and work harder to protect them. He said he is sorry but that is what he believes. But he has other issues here.

Mr. Curley said his big concern here is the Novartis project coming up. He thinks we as a Village, whatever you are, whatever you believe in, he said we have to even set up our own group or committee. Whether you call it a Blue Ribbon Commission we don't need Ramapo to do this. Suffern owns more than 90% of the property with a certain amount being owned by the Village of Montebello. So it is up to Suffern to save us. We have already gotten letters from Novartis saying they are going to cut half our water. But what he would like to do is he would like to think out of the box. He said he would like to propose that maybe we even, with our great planning board, and all the educated people we have in this Village to come up with a plan where we even say to ourselves can we even do different plans where we subdivide that property. Subdivide it. So you have three or four or five different companies that come in there because by doing that you will end up getting more taxation than you get now. Anyone that comes in there is going to ask for some sort of tax abatement or tax refunds. Any big company. You had Brooklyn Brewery, you had different groups of people come. You had medical companies come. And maybe they have the buyer soon. And he is just saying - we can't impose this upon Novartis. We can only ask them to be good neighbors and we can say to them hey listen, we are thinking of other ways here where we can all do a little better so that we don't get banged with a big tax increase at another point. We can't just look right here. We have to look there. But that there is coming to us quickly.

Susan Golden of Stockbridge Avenue said she is really, really concerned about some of the things about what she just heard in

regards to the VFW. Let's start by saying that before all these Village meetings we all stand up and have a moment of silence for the men and women in uniform who serve this country. And now we have the VFW who has been there forever and they came to the Village and there was a contract and Mr. Morris apparently made a motion to breach the contract and then soon after a similar proposal was made for what she gathers is the same price by Mr. Hagen for a purchaser whose vice president is Mr. Morris's son. And the VFW is represented by Mr. Byrne. Does anyone else see a conflict of interest here? She said she really thinks the public deserves an explanation for this so let's start with Mr. Morris.

Trustee Morris said you are right. So let him clarify this for her. He said first of all when we talk about integrity there is nobody in this room, bar none, you, Curley or anybody else that can match his integrity. He said to let him get that clear now. Number two, he said we talked to people at the VFW and one of our solutions was actually that he made a suggestion to was for the American Legion to sell their property because theirs is worth quite a bit more money. Buy the VFW building and they would share the building. That was one suggestion where both of them would wind up with substantial amounts of money in their pockets for any future uses that they wanted to do. Number three - when you say yes, his son is a real estate broker and he said the VFW is interested in probably selling the place and he sent an offer to them. An offer for whatever the asking price was at this place - which was \$150,000. And he knows that you and Mr. Curley and some of the others would naturally have turned around and said well let me offer a half a million dollars or three quarters of a million dollars. Ms. Golden said that is not what she is saying. She said what she is saying is it is a conflict of interest. Trustee Morris said you asked for an explanation then let's hear it. He said so he is sure that you would have offered them five times what they asked for for the place. Ms. Golden said that is not her question. Her question is about a conflict of interest. You made a motion to breach that contract and your son came forward with a proposal. Trustee Morris said and he would have recused himself from any vote. He is a real estate broker. Matt is an attorney. When an issue comes up he recuses himself from certain issues. Any of us would recuse ourselves from certain issues. He said to look at the motion and look when the letter was offered. Maybe that would help you. Ms. Golden asked Trustee Hagen where he comes into all of this. Trustee Morris said let him answer that for him. Ms. Golden said no, no. Mr. Hagen. Trustee Morris said he asked him to deliver the letter for him. Ms. Golden said Mr. Hagen is an elected official. Mr. Hagen can answer for himself. Trustee Hagen said he delivered a letter that Mr. Morris asked him to deliver. Is that illegal? Is that illegal? Is that illegal? He asked if he needed a lawyer to deliver a letter? Trustee Hagen said to Attorney Rice as a lawyer can you answer him. Attorney Rice said he doesn't know the facts here. Trustee Hagen said thank you. Ms. Golden said

and Mr. Byrne? Where are you in all of this? Trustee Byrne said he is not participating in any vote regarding the VFW. Ms. Golden said okay. Fair enough. She said this is obviously very, very important. Not fifteen minutes ago former Mayor Giannettino was speaking about the Sunshine Law and she agrees with him wholeheartedly. All of this should be out in the open and all of this should be expressed to the public so that they know. Because she thinks the public has a right to know whose interest you are representing - theirs or yours. And while we are here there is still open issues regarding the accountants and financial advisors that you have been meeting with. Who are they? Who paid for them? Were they paid? Was the Mayor advised? Was the Village accountant or treasurer or whatever title Mr. Genito has? And what right do you have to do that behind the back of the Village Board. Mr. Curley said answer the question. Trustee Morris said if you paid your taxes we would all be better off too. Mr. Curley said answer the question. Trustee Morris said hit a soft spot didn't he. Mr. Curley said answer the question. Trustee Morris said hit a soft spot. The Mayor said to Trustee Morris that is very unprofessional. She said you are a Board member. Trustee Morris said he sees. Trustee Morris said but when Mr. Curley casts dispersions you don't have a problem. The Mayor said you are representing this Village. Mr. Curley is not. Trustee Morris said you are right. You are absolutely right. The Mayor thanked him.

Trustee Morris said we spoke to, he spoke to several professionals and he is not going to divulge their names. Ms. Golden said why not. Trustee Morris said because he doesn't feel it is necessary and they asked him not to. Trustee Morris said to someone in the audience you can snicker all you want. Ms. Golden asked if they were paid. Mr. Curley started shouting from the audience. Trustee Morris said you are hard pressed to talk about - as the owner of Muggs, you have integrity. Trustee Morris said there is no point in talking. He said whatever else you have to say go ahead. Ms. Golden asked if they were paid. Trustee Morris said no. Ms. Golden said you did not pay them. They were not paid. Trustee Morris said that is right. Ms. Golden said okay. She asked if anyone knows who these people are other than you, obviously? Trustee Morris said he spoke to them. Ms. Golden said so no one else on the Board knows who they are. Trustee Morris said he just said he spoke to them. Ms. Golden said alright. And you have no intention of telling anyone who they are and what was discussed. Trustee Morris said no. Ms. Golden said okay. The Mayor said she just wanted to let her know that she was in no way informed of any of the discussions, when they were held, when - Ms. Golden said she doesn't doubt that. Mr. Morris said he didn't tell anyone and she takes that at face value. That no one else on this Board knows who they are and what he did. The Mayor said and she also would like to let her know, she doesn't know if she was here for the meetings, but the treasurer was also not included in any of those meetings. Ms. Golden said that Mr. Giannettino himself said the Sunshine Law.

Paul Gerard of 2 Cross Street said picking up on that topic because he did miss the budget meeting because of some business travel that he had but he has been watching them and catching up - he said it was mentioned by the Mayor that she voted no on the reductions on the sewer and water because of these outside consultant accountants that recommended those reductions. Mr. Gerard said to the Mayor that she mentioned that some laws may have been broken depending on whom those folks were. He asked if anyone has determined if a law has been broken because, and his second part of that is why would the Board go ahead and pass those adjustments to the tax rate if we didn't know the answer to the question at the time. So he doesn't know if one of the Board can take that. Any of you? Has a law been broken. The Mayor said she guesses no one is going to speak so she will speak. She said if in fact there were meetings which some of the Trustees have admitted to and there was advice given to formulate their budget then in fact if those accountants or whomever they were were not registered with the SEC that is in direct violation of SEC law. The unfortunate part of it is that they will not disclose who these people are nor have they given our treasurer, who disagrees with a lot of what they put forth, the opportunity to speak with these accountants and that's her reservations. She said she has not had an opportunity to speak to these people to find out (a) if they were registered and (b) how they came to the conclusions of what they were advising some of the Board members to do. So that is why she in good conscience and responsibly could not go forward with that. She said she has a very, very wonderful reputable treasurer right here in the Village of Suffern who gave her a lot of wonderful advice. He used our financial advisers, bond counsel, etc. to formulate what he felt was good for the budget for this year. For anyone to come forth and totally disregard that with no explanation she would never, ever vote yes for a budget like that. So she will answer him.

Trustee Morris said he thinks the Mayor is being disingenuous. During the course of this budget preparation, they were in constant contact with the treasurer. He said they exchanged e-mails on a daily basis, on a daily basis. He said as far as Mr. Genito, they exchanged daily e-mails, sometimes six, seven e-mails back and forth on a daily basis while they were formulating the budget. He said the one area that they disagreed on, and you can bring Mr. Genito here to verify it, was simply a difference in philosophy of how to attack the long-term debt and whether to roll over a BAN into a short-time revenue getter - he said again it is something that has probably past all of them in fully understanding. But in all their conversations with Mr. Genito this was the only bon of contention and for the Mayor to sit there and say Mr. Genito wasn't advised or was kept in the dark is an out and out fabrication. He said he can produce the e-mails that went back and forth between them - Mr. Gerard said but that is really not the issue. That is not the question. The question is has a law been broken here and he guesses - he said you don't have to necessarily have to tell us who

these people are but were they registered with the SEC or not? Do you even know that answer? Trustee Morris said he is not going to answer that. He said number one, he doesn't know. Number two, if a law was broken then he suggests that the Mayor report it to the proper authorities if she staunchly feels that way. The Mayor said she has already done so, thank you. Trustee Morris said good. He said is this similar to the federal gag order that you told us was in place with the previous treasurer? Or that didn't exist either, he's sorry. The Mayor said sorry? Trustee Morris said the gag order that was sent by the U.S. Attorney - you don't remember that conversation with us do you? He said no, I see. The Mayor said she never said the U.S. Attorney had gave a gag order. The Mayor said to Mr. Morris that he really needs to get his facts straight. Trustee Morris said no, no. You have to get the truth straight. The Mayor said no, you need to get your facts straight. Mr. Gerard said he is just very concerned that we voted on this and we don't even know if the advisers had any authority, any legal authority, to be advising you. It is very concerning. Especially when we are bringing up the issue of integrity.

Mr. Gerard said he had another question. He said he is not completely familiar with the timelines of these budgets but he knows that we started at over 22%. He said his understanding was that we passed something and getting through all the youtube of the last meeting on Wednesday night but his understanding is that we passed something in the 16% range. He asked if that was accurate. The Mayor said correct. Mr. Gerard asked what is the rush. Is there a deadline that we are trying to make here? The Mayor said yes. Mr. Gerard said because it sounds like we had an awful lot of ground to cover and the newest members of this Board have been highly critical of past Board's being fiscally irresponsible and rushing to judgment and making some decisions and here we put out this budget in the middle of March and we have to wrap it up by, he guesses, the end of April. The Mayor said yes - April 30. There is a timeline. Mr. Gerard said he guesses that we already know that we have got a difficult road ahead of us with Novartis leaving soon, we don't have any money in the budget for the roads in this town, which are an abomination so he knows that we have to eventually spend some money there. He said so we have a few years here where we have to make some tough choices. He said he would like to recommend that maybe we put the budget together a little bit sooner so we have a little bit more time, rather than just taking a knife to it and then put things back. He said we are just haphazardly making some reactionary decisions and we have to turn around and put things back. It just doesn't sound like we are approaching this very rationally or with a plan. The Mayor said you are absolutely right. And Mr. Genito and she actually had a discussion about that. She said it felt very rushed to her because there was a lot of things that came up that she thought needed a little more time to kind of iron out especially with new Trustees on board. But the problem was that when Mr. Genito came in and replaced the past

treasurer it took him about nine to ten months to actually get the treasurer's office back into organization. So that she thinks was what kind of pushed things back a little bit more than we probably would have liked to have but you are right - for next year she agrees with him. We should definitely start a little earlier. She thanked him.

Trustee Markunas said he would like to add to that. It is a very good point, a valid point, that you brought up and that is why that they requested the NYS Comptroller to come in and do a full budget review. And unfortunately, we still haven't received a report back from him. He said we were hoping to have that report back before the budget deadline of May 1. Trustee Markunas said he didn't know. He asked the Mayor if we have received any communication. The Mayor said no, we have not. They just requested some information from us. They are having a little bit of a difficult time because we tried to get the water and sewer rate and the 2% tax cap passed through. Unfortunately, it was not so the NYS Comptroller's office had to go on old information and new information so they are still requesting some information from the treasurer's office because that made it very difficult. She said she thinks the plan, and what we really wanted to happen, was to have it before we passed the budget. Unfortunately, because of those delays they weren't able to prepare it and have it ready before. Trustee Markunas said that is a critical report to go forward and we were unable to get it. The Mayor said right. So the good thing we will have it hopefully - Trustee Markunas said for next year. The Mayor said for next year, yes.

Trustee Byrne said in the past, because he was he guesses you would say a department head here for a number of years - the Mayor said yes - Trustee Byrne said during the budget process - prior Mayors - he said he remembers Mayor Haggerty and Mayor Parness and others and other Board's - had budget hearings all throughout the month of, he guesses the months of February and March he guesses - Board meetings where the department heads came in and literally they sifted through the budget page by page. He said he knows that has been gotten away from and not necessarily, and this is not pointing fingers at anybody, but he thinks maybe next year in the process we might think of revamping that and actually having departmental meetings, open to the public as well, to come and sit and sift through the proposed budgets, get through it line by line, all of us as a Board. The Mayor said she agrees with him. And that's - it was a little later in the process but when she realized there was such confusion that is why she did have that working workshop meeting with the department heads present. That was her goal. Unfortunately it didn't go that way. Trustee Byrne said food for thought. The Mayor said she agrees with him - it is a good idea.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Markunas. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

