

**Village Board Meeting
Monday, June 11, 2007**

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

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

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

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said that he would like to say that we have a couple of employees that are out. One is the result of a heart operation, Tom Young, and we have a police officer out that had an accident on a ladder this past week and broke a couple of shoulders. He said we wish both of them a speedy recovery. The police officer is Jon DiRoma.

The Mayor said we have a few certificates to hand out. He said that as everyone knows, the last few meetings were hectic. We had a lot of public hearings and we didn't have a lot of time so we held them off until tonight. The Mayor said that he wanted to read a quick statement. He said that on Sunday, April 15, he declared a flood emergency in the Village of Suffern. He said there were a group of people that reported to the Command Center and worked as a team to assure the safety of our residents. Some worked two days or more without sleep. He then presented certificates to Deputy Mayor Dagan LaCorte, Trustee Patricia Abato, Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Lt. Brian Nugent, P.O. Ed Alvarez, P.O. John Bonkoski, P.O. Dave Tarantino, Fire Chief John Dawson, Fire Chief Dan McInerney, Fire Chief Mike Stark, Supervisor of Public Works Dan Haglund, Street Department employee Steve Ruther, Dan Greeley of the County Training Center, Legislator Pat Withers, and for helping out at the Community Center Recreation Director Gail Curtin, Elaine Accocella, Nancy Christopher. He also said that two of our employees received honors from the Suffern High School Alumni Association. Gail Curtin was named the 2007 Suffern High School Honorary Alumnus of the Year and Clarke Osborn as the 2007 Suffern High School Alumnus of the Year.

Set Dates for July Meetings:

The Mayor said the workshop will be held on Thursday, July 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. and the Board meeting will be held on Monday, July 9, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

A) Report:

Chief John Dawson said that the Fire Department has three new members all for the Hose Company. He said that two of them have already been voted in and one is pending a vote. One is Bob Malgieri and Mike Nazionale who have been voted in and Aaron Juritsc is a pending vote for insurance. A motion approving the new members was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

B) Permission to Attend Conference - June 14, 15, 16 in Lake George - \$1992:

The Fire Department would like permission to attend the annual New York State Fire Chief's Association Conference up in Lake George at a cost of \$1992. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee LaCorte, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

AYES: Mayor John Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Fire Chief said that he had one last thing. He said that he can't take the only credit for all the work that the Fire Department did during the flood of April 2007. He said that 30 guys on their day off spent about 6 hours, especially up in the Berkeley Square area where there was two feet of water in the basement. He said that 40 people would have had to be evacuated but their effort kept the water line below the boilers and the electric panel and he would like to say thanks to those guys who are not here tonight.

The Mayor said they did a tremendous job. Trustee Meehan asked the Mayor that perhaps Chief Dawson could give us the list of names and we could prepare certificates for those fire fighters.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

A) Report:

Code Enforcement Officer John Loniewski said the Board has his written report. He said there were 75 violations issued in the month of May. He said that is up a little bit. We are picking up the pace. He said their busy months come in the summer where they average about 100 a month. He said the numbers are pretty close to last year, which was a record year. And again occupancy limitations, overcrowding, is pretty close to a third of the tickets we write and that is pretty much what this Board promised two years ago when you took over. He said that lastly, they obviously in the Building Department support the proposed "Sidewalk Law" which you will either vote on tonight or have a public hearing on. He said that is going to making keeping downtown a lot easier

because we now have a portion of the code written specifically to that. Attorney Rice did a really nice job with input from the Building Department.

7:45 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - BELGIAN BLOCK CURBING:

The Mayor said that at this time we are going to have a public hearing on the Belgian block curbing in the Stonegate area. The Mayor asked Carl Rossi to come up and give a quick description of what we are going to do up there. Mr. Rossi said that presently the Village of Suffern is planning to do a road improvement project for the following roads: Burlington Avenue, Stockbridge Avenue, Chelsea Court, Yorkshire Drive, Millbury and Sunderland Place. Included in this project is the construction of new curbs. He said that presently the curbs on those roads consist of Belgian block that were originally installed horizontally instead of vertically which is the proper construction. New curb is needed on those roads. He said we will be putting a new road with properly constructed curbs. He said this is basically it. He said that newly installed Belgian block curb runs about \$30 a linear foot. The reuse of existing Belgian block curb will cost \$28 a linear foot and installation of new concrete curb is \$24 a linear foot. So the cost to the homeowners will be approximately \$4 and \$6. Mr. Rossi said that one of the questions that came up was Verizon coming in and putting in their FIOS system. He said he called Verizon as soon as we found out about this. He said they have no plans on doing any work up there this year. They don't have the budget for next year. He advised Mr. Rossi that they don't have any immediate plans for doing anything up there but any work that would be done would be between the curb and the property line, not in the road. The only work that will be done, if it goes into the road, is at the intersections, they may cross the intersection. And any work that is done in the road will have to get approval from the Village Board.

The Mayor said he would like to get that in writing. Trustee Abato said that she did have a question. She said that if they did do the work at the intersections then they would be ripped up in the roadways, correct? Mr. Rossi said correct. A small trench would be coming across the road but he doesn't know when their plans are for doing the road. They don't have any immediate plans to do it. So we could tell them that they can't go out there and do the work for five or six years. Trustee Abato asked if there was any way that we could get them to at least try to work with us by doing that work first. Maybe they could change the work schedule around. Mr. Rossi said definitely. Trustee Abato said that we don't want to spend the money on the roads and have them ripping them up. Mr. Rossi said that right now they don't have anything budgeted for it this year. Attorney Rice said that we will be meeting again with Verizon. In prior meetings, we tried to speed up the schedule and the only thing they would commit to is that they would finish the work within five years. They wouldn't give us anything at the time more certain than that. But giving the pending construction, we will have to see what we can do as far as getting some kind of better

commitment. Trustee Abato said she thinks it is at least worth a conversation with them to see if there is anything that we can possibly work out with them. Because we don't want to be doing all these roads. They say now that they are just going to do intersections and later on down the road, they will be ripping our roads up. Mr. Rossi said but they won't be allowed to come into the Village and rip up our roads without our approval. Trustee Abato said right, but you also have the resident who wants to have this in their home and says, hey, how come we can't have this too. So it is kind of a double edge sword. So she is just hoping that we can sit down with them and try to work something out. Attorney Rice asked if it is possible to go under the road. He said that is more expensive construction. Mr. Rossi said it could be a possibility and he could talk to them about it. But that is only in certain intersections where they need to cross the road.

Trustee Meehan asked if we could put some type of tube so that the wires could be just fed from either side of the road. Mr. Rossi said that is the whole thing. When they put in the conduit so they can put the wires through. Trustee Meehan asked if we could do it when we are doing the road. Mr. Rossi said he can ask them to look into that. Trustee Meehan said he would think that we could do it ourselves and tell them in the future that the conduits are there. Mr. Rossi said but it depends on where they want them. Trustee Abato said wouldn't it be a savings for them if we have the roads open. Isn't it easier for them to do it when we have them open. She thinks they would at least be willing to talk about something like that. Mr. Rossi said he can give them a call. The Mayor said we need to be assured by them that they are not going to dig up our new roads. Trustee Haggerty asked if we had an agreement with Verizon. Attorney Rice said no, not as yet. They have a draft agreement which he will give to the Board in the upcoming week. Trustee Haggerty said he would be interested in seeing what benefit it would be to the Village of Suffern. The Mayor said we are going to set a public hearing for next month on the franchise agreement. Trustee Haggerty said good. Hopefully we will have some information by then.

The Mayor said he would open up the floor at this time. He asked the people to state their name and address. Nick Ritriivi said he resides at 26 Yorkshire Drive. He said he received the letter with regard to the Belgian block upgrading or whatever you want to call it. The question he has is that he noticed that Lancaster and Sagamore are not included on this list for repaving. He asked why? The Mayor said his understanding is that it has already been done recently. Mr. Ritriivi said that they have Belgian block. Did they pay for the Belgian block? The Mayor asked if the Belgian block was redone on Sagamore. Trustee LaCorte said no. Mr. Ritriivi said the Belgian block exists on Lancaster and Sagamore. The streets have been repaved. The Mayor said the problem is the Belgian block, and he doesn't know if Mr. Ritriivi knows it or not, but it was put in wrong in the first place. It's laid down sort of horizontally and it should have been put in six inches into the ground. And that is why when the snow plows hit it, it tears up. Mr. Ritriivi said he

understands what the Mayor is saying but the point of the fact is that he has been living on Yorkshire Drive for 38 years and he heard that they were put in wrong. He said the Street Department, they do a great job so don't get him wrong, but they are the ones that rip it up when they plow the street. He said that they hit the blocks. He said he also spoke to Mr. DeGraw when he was working and he called him on several occasions and he asked him why when they plow they can't be a little more careful. He said to Mr. Ritrivi that we have to plow from curb to curb. Mr. Ritrivi said to leave six inches on each side. When you hit these Belgian blocks, and he doesn't care if you lay them horizontally or vertically, if you hit them with a snow plow coming down the street doing 35 or 40 miles an hour, they are going to knock them out. And if we say alright, you are going to charge us \$5 a linear foot and you put the Belgian blocks in and you knock them out again, who is going to pay for it. He said he thinks the Village should be paying for these blocks. He said we pay enough taxes. You shouldn't have to come to homeowners for it.

Trustee LaCorte said that the Village is willing to put in regular curbing at no additional cost. So that would be what the Village is willing to do. It would be no additional fee to the taxpayer. He said that he lives in the area. And regardless, they were put in incorrectly. And they are not in the ground. They are just secured to each other. So the purpose of this hearing is to determine if you want the standard curbing, then that will be the end of it and the standard curbing will be put in. But if people want something that has an additional cost over what would be standard in other parts of the Village that are going to have their roads redone also this year, then we have to treat people equitably. Mr. Ritrivi said that you are changing what is existing. You live in Bon Aire. That is a condo. They are responsible for their blocks, just as Stonegate Condos are responsible for their Belgian blocks. We live in the Village. We pay the Village's tax. The point of the fact is that this has been existing for 40 years and now you want to change it and say if you don't want to change it, charge the homeowners. He said he thinks that is wrong. He said he doesn't think it is equitable. He said if you didn't charge the people on Lancaster and Sagamore. Trustee LaCorte said they weren't replaced. Mr. Ritrivi said the point is that they still have Belgian blocks in the same development. Trustee LaCorte said that he jogs the area every day. And if you go down Lancaster, you see blocks all over the place, in the streets, and it is a problem. Mr. Ritrivi said he begs to differ with him. The blocks are all in place. He drove it today. Trustee LaCorte said he doesn't think that is the case. He has seen them out of place all over the place. Mr. Ritrivi said you see them out of place on Yorkshire Drive. Trustee LaCorte said he has seen them out of place in other places. The Mayor said he has asked the DPW to set them in rather than leave them laying in the road. However, are they in right? He said he doesn't think so. They are just laying in there and he doesn't think that is adequate.

Trustee Abato asked if we did replace these Belgian blocks and we put them in the correct way, and the more durable curbing would

obviously be the standard curbing, but if we put these Belgian blocks back in and even if the Village paid for them, they are going to keep popping out no matter which way you put them in. Is she correct in understanding that? They just don't hold up as well as the standard curbing. Mr. Rossi said that Belgian block curb winds up to be more durable curbing, better than concrete curbing, because it withstands salt better and if you do go over it with a plow, more or less, you are going to scrape a whole piece of curb and it is a ten foot piece of curbing that you need to replace. If you go over the blocks with a plow, maybe one or two may pop out and it would be easier to put in. Right now it is not that easy to put back in because they are not put in correctly. There is no footing for it. It is just basically laying on top of concrete. So if you notice on Sagamore where they did reinstall some of the curbing back the way it was, the curbing is starting to fall out in that area. Trustee Abato said she did see that. Mr. Rossi said we want a durable curbing that lasts for thirty years. The road will last for fifteen or twenty years and we want to do the job correctly. Trustee Abato said that if you actually took the curbing, the Belgian block, completely out and you put in standard curbing, you are saying that it would be less durable than if we install Belgian block. Mr. Ritrivi said that all he can say is that the Village should put the Belgian block in and not charge the homeowners.

Frank Greenberg of 14 Stockbridge Avenue said that he has lived there for the last 30 years and he has watched the curbs and they have managed to survive until the last couple of years with the snow plows doing the damage. In any case, first of all, they are all appreciative with the fact that they are redoing the streets. So, thank you for that. Secondly, he said, the point was made by Carl that if the Belgian blocks are replaced and done properly that actually in the long term it is a cheaper installation than replacing with concrete. So if they are all interested in the long-term benefit of the Village, why would we want to spend less money now and spend more money later. It doesn't make any sense. Belgian blocks are clearly a better job, they last longer. He said these curbs have lasted almost forty years and he actually took a count today on Stockbridge Avenue. He said they have about 100 blocks that are either missing or need to be reset. That's twenty-two houses. Chelsea Court has approximately 30 blocks in the same condition. Millbury has less than 30 blocks that need to be replaced or reset. Sunderland has under 100. Burlington has about 125. These are blocks that are either missing completely or are laying improperly and need to be reset. Now this is after forty years. The only street that's really a problem is Yorkshire and that is clearly mostly the result of snow plows. And most of Yorkshire would have to be redone. He said this curbing, the way it is, seems to have durability and why do they need to replace it. It is a little bit of a puzzle to him anyway. He said the other question is equal treatment. Were curbs repaired on the streets that were repaved. If they were, did those people pay for them. And the last thing is how is all this being paid for. Is it being amortized over 15 years, are we borrowing money to do it, is it

coming out of general revenues. If we are borrowing money to do this, let's say at a 15 year amortization, you are looking to raise roughly \$50,000 from the homeowners using your math. That's with debt service \$4,000 a year. That's really nickel and diming the neighborhood, don't you think? He said he means \$4,000 in the total scheme of this. He asked why we were even having this discussion. It doesn't make sense to him. He said the other side of this is that, and you all got Ira Emanuel's letter, and the other side of this and most of the rest of the County and other places are moving away from concrete curbs because they are harder to repair, because they are not as durable and clearly not as attractive and they are going to Belgian block curbs because it is a better job. So why are we going backwards. Why would we do a lesser job going backwards. He said he doesn't understand.

Audrey Tarantino of 1 Stockbridge Avenue said she has been a resident for 32 years. She said her particular property is a corner property, which, according to your letter that you sent out, would be like 200 feet or approximately a \$2000 cost to replace. She said that not like Mr. LaCorte said on Lancaster, she said that she has only five Belgian blocks missing and she saved them. She asked why should she be forced to pay \$2000 to do the whole curb when all it needs is a little repair work.

The Mayor said that again, as we stated before, we can put them in with crazy glue but if the job is to be done right and we rely on our experts, we have an engineer, Riddick Associates, and we have our Director, Carl, and if he says to be done correctly they have to be put down in the ground as opposed to sideways, he would want them done that way if he was the homeowner there. And in order to put them straight down instead of sideways we would be adding almost as many blocks as we have now. Now we can use the existing blocks. Unlike bricks, where the mortar sticks to them, he understands that the mortar doesn't really stick to Belgian blocks that much, so he is told that we can use the existing block which means we can reduce the price by a dollar a linear foot. Mrs. Tarantino said the crazy glue remark is utterly ridiculous, but as she says, what about quick concrete and things. And she only has five blocks that are missing.

Trustee LaCorte said he lives on a corner also, on Burlington and Millbury and so the way we look at this is that we are just trying to do the right thing. We are trying to think of the entire Village. He said that he obviously lives in the neighborhood and he has 200 feet also and at \$4 or \$5, it is going to cost him between \$800 and \$1000. The issue is, and one thing that he thinks we have to assume here, and we have to rely on our engineers, is that if we are going to reinstall them and we are doing the roads, we have to put them in vertically. Maybe it hasn't been as big a problem on some blocks but on Yorkshire it has. And if we are going to do it, as the gentleman was saying before, in terms of whether choosing standard curbing or Belgian blocks, we should do what is best. And what is clearly best is if we do Belgian blocks is to put them in vertically. And obviously they will hold up better if half of it is

underground because they are going to have a base that they are in, a foundation. He said the one concern that we can talk about, and we are talking about here, this area, and the cost difference won't be a huge amount. The entire project for the roads is about a \$2 ½ million dollar project that we are looking to bond over, he believes, 20 years. He said obviously the interest rates are low and that is the plan because we have a plan over several years to do roads, and our feeling was that with the low interest rates, it is cheaper to bond it because each year when we do a smaller project, we have to bring the crews back in and they charge a set up fee. So if we do it all at one shot, we get all the roads done and we are saving money. He said his one concern is that indeed if Belgian block is better, you have to look at the rest of the Village in terms of redoing streets that don't have Belgian block and are we going to consider doing Belgian block everywhere. And if that is the case and that is something that we plan on doing and that is the best situation, then he guesses we can say that maybe we would look into not charging anyone. But the difference is that if you are putting in something that is obviously aesthetically better in the absence of proof but if the case is that they are better in terms of holding up in addition to aesthetically looking better, than it should be something that is available to everyone. But if we are doing standard curbing in one place and Belgian block in the other, if he is a resident living on West MalTBie, then he would say, hey, you are doing my road so put in Belgian block also. He said he is not aware that they hold up better. He said he wasn't aware before this case that they hold up better if they are installed properly but maybe that is something that we consider across the Village if it is going to have a longer life and then we are in a different scenario.

Mrs. Tarantino said that you mentioned in the letter that you could put in standard blacktop curbs. She was told, no, concrete. She said why wouldn't the Village at least absorb that much of the cost if they agree to put in Belgian block. Trustee LaCorte said we are. We would only be charging the difference here. As Carl said it is about \$28 versus \$22 or \$23 dollars. So we would pay the standard curbing and then the difference we were looking to charge to the residents. Because that is an additional cost that people in other areas aren't assuming. If however, and he guesses we can discuss this because he didn't think of this from that perspective, but if it is indeed a better option that is more durable and will last longer, and if we are prepared to it across the Village then that is a different situation. But in the absence of that, if you are just applying what is aesthetically better, then he thinks it is only fair to have people pay more. He said that maybe Carl can say that we can show that it has a five or ten year life and, in that case, it is worth an extra 20%. Mrs. Tarantino said that you say that they were all put in incorrectly. She said that she has only been in her house for 32 years and it was built 40 years ago, and she has only lost five Belgian blocks in her 32 years. But she knows the plows do pull them out. But they also pull the front of her driveway out too and that is another thing. She thanked the Board for their time.

Jacklyn Zupic said that her and her husband recently purchased 25 Yorkshire Drive and they are neighbors with Nick at #26 and they definitely agree with Nick. She said they had a quick sidebar with Carl and she just wanted to get it on record that the home they purchased has a sump pump and a French drain system which drains into the street. She said that she wants to make sure that whatever is put in that accommodations will be made that if they have another situation like they did in April, they won't have a problem. She said she just wanted to get it on record. Mr. Rossi said we will make provisions for pipes going into the road. Mrs. Zupic thanked him.

Jack Rosenberg of 13 Somerset Drive said that many years ago, a resident of Yorkshire Drive called him and told him that a Belgian block was out. The next day he called Don Grosso and the Village fixed it. Then there was a situation at the corner of Danbury and Bon Aire Circle where there was a series of Belgian blocks that were out in the street. He said that he called the Public Works Department, in either 2003 or 2005, and it took a while and eventually they repaired it. There was a curbing at the entrance to parking lot T on Bon Aire Circle West which was broken and eventually it was fixed. There was a whole section on Milford Lane, a couple of hundred feet, and they put in the standard curbing, where they did a sidewalk and they did a curb, not Belgian block. He said he doesn't believe the residents paid a penny. He said that it seems to him that if over a period of years you have a situation where the government is doing for the people and not expecting the people to pay, and now you are expecting people to pay, he thinks it is slightly unfair and he wishes the Board would consider this. He said that of course you are explaining it that one is more expensive than the other but remember when the developer came along and decided to build certain types of things, and the better thing is to replace what you have, you can't have a hodgepodge, you can't have the cheaper set and the expensive set. So basically it is the fault of the builder and the Village Board and the Planning Board which allowed them to build that way. He said he doesn't think the extra \$6 or whatever it is is going to make much of a difference. He thinks the Village has an obligation to treat all of the residents fairly and equitably. Trustee LaCorte said that he would just like to correct Mr. Rosenberg on something. He said that he lived in the condominium on Milford and Yorkshire and it is incorrect because the condo, on Yorkshire and Milford in terms of replacing the curbing which was recently done and is standard curbing, the condominium paid for that. It is, in terms of our law, the responsibility of the property owner to maintain the sidewalks and the curbing. However, this Village Board has committed that in replacing an entire road, when we are redoing the road, which we are constructing new roads that the Village would put in new curbing. So that is something that we are doing. In the past if your curbing falls into disrepair in the absence of a new road, you are responsible for replacing it.

Ennis Mehta said that he lives in the condo at 35 Park Avenue and the bottom line seems to him that whether the homeowners pay for

the Belgian block directly or indirectly through taxes. The Village receives all their income from a tax base and we are the individuals who pay that so whether you pay that directly or indirectly through your taxes, it seems to him that a person like him that lives in a condo apartment that is not receiving the benefit of the Belgian block is subsidizing the improvement to the individual property owners that would benefit from it.

Steve Zupic of 25 Yorkshire said that as his wife said, they just purchased a home, and he would like to ask Carl if these blocks have apparently been there about forty years. Mr. Rossi said yes. He asked if this was always the proper way to install them, vertically opposed to horizontally. Mr. Rossi said yes so that the block is sitting in a footing. Mr. Zupic asked if we knew this forty years ago? Mr. Rossi said he doesn't know. Mr. Zupic said that he would like to make two points. First of all, if this is going to be in the long term to make more sense financially, then shouldn't the Village reconsider maybe doing the whole Village, and also, if they have been there for forty years and it has worked fine, why can't they just reappoint that with concrete and mill down the road and put the asphalt up against it. Mr. Rossi said that right now they are not set in the proper footing and that is one of the reasons why they pop out easily. Some of them you can just take out with your hand. The other thing that you need to consider is that we also are redoing the road. We are not just repaving the road. We are reconstructing the road. That means that we are reclaiming part of the road, putting new binder down and new top. So you are going to have a perfectly new road and probably during the construction process you are going to lose a lot of the curbing because they weren't installed correctly. Mr. Zupic said his point is that if you are going to be tearing it up anyhow, you are going to be milling the road down, so you are going to be taking more than a couple of inches off. Mr. Rossi said no, we are going to be taking a lot more than a couple of inches off. Mr. Zupic said couldn't you just pour concrete and put the stones back in. Mr. Rossi said no.

Carol Furgang of 23 Yorkshire Drive said that herself and a lot of her neighbors are making new siding on their houses. They are making a beautiful development. It has been a jewel of this Village for a very long time. She said she came here because when she bought it was an understanding between the homeowners and the Village that this was going to be a beautiful section of the Village and to mess it up, when they are working to make those houses nicer, she can't tell them how many on the street are all getting new siding. They are going to be beautiful and to cheapen the job, she doesn't get it. Trustee LaCorte asked what she meant by that. If we were to put in the standard curbing? Ms. Furgang said no, she doesn't want standard curbing. Trustee LaCorte said that is what you are saying. Ms. Furgang said that she has had those blocks for forty years. Trustee LaCorte said he didn't know what she meant by terms of that. If you meant putting it in the wrong way. So you are saying if we were to use standard curbing. Ms. Furgang said this is a beautiful development and as the man

said, it was an agreement between the Village Board at the time and the people who bought homes in that neighborhood that this was going to be a lovely looking neighborhood. And she doesn't get messing it up. Trustee LaCorte said he agrees. He lives in the neighborhood. It is just a concern obviously with everyone who is here tonight, most people are from the neighborhood because we sent out a mailing to that neighborhood. The only thing he is saying is that he has no agenda here. He said he doesn't even know what the situation is in terms of voting on this because he lives in the neighborhood. So if the Village were to pay for it, he saves \$1000. He said he just moved into the neighborhood. He spent a lot of money and he wouldn't mind saving \$1000. But the concern is here is what about the people who are not here tonight who in their neighborhoods, regardless of whether, and it is a beautiful neighborhood, and he chose to live there, it is them saying, hey, wait a minute, why wouldn't that be something that is in my neighborhood. Because, remember, we are not just doing this neighborhood. We are doing a number of other roads in neighborhoods that have standard curbing. The Mayor said we are doing streets that have no curbs right now - Ridge Avenue, Meadow Avenue. There are no curbs. So what we had planned was that we have a blacktop curb machine and that is what they were getting. He said that he would rather have Belgian block than blacktop curb but if he could save some money on his taxes, he'll take the blacktop curbing. Ms. Furgang said she can afford it. She said she'll pay. She said you said you were going to take a vote tonight. She said she would vote to do it because she can afford it. But she feels it is a commitment to all of them and for the people that it may be a big dent for them in their budget, she feels for them. And they bought houses with the Belgian block. They did not buy houses with other kinds of curbing. And that is how it is supposed to be.

Trustee LaCorte said that just so they know. The Village did not put in the Belgian block when it was built. It was put in by the developer. So the point is that what we are essentially doing is that we have a commitment to replacing something that was put in by a private entity with taxpayer money because we want to have new roads and we want to have a beautiful Village. It is just a question as to what is equitable if you are not doing it across the Village. It is a tough situation to be in. We are just asking people to put themselves in the shoes of people who live in other neighborhoods. Like the Mayor is saying. How are they going to react when the Village is spending more money on something that they are not getting even though they are having their roads done. They would say why is that the case. And if the answer is that they were already there in that place, he doesn't know if that is legitimate. If it is something that is better than maybe we should do it everywhere. And we have to reevaluate it. Trustee Meehan said that this is a hearing and all he is hearing from is Board members. Why don't we listen to the people and then respond to what they have to say. He said he is waiting to do that.

Don Cairns of 4 Stockbridge Avenue said that with all due respect to the gentleman who spoke before, he said you are not subsidizing

the Stonegate area. You are maintaining the area as it was and is and should be. When the development was constructed the streets were dedicated and the Village accepted that responsibility to take over those streets and maintain them and plow them and take care of them. Obviously what has happened in the last few years is that, unfortunately, the plows, who have done 99% of the destruction of the blocks, there really hasn't been any maintenance of the blocks. So he thinks that is incorrect. It is not an upgrading. We are not subsidizing. All you are doing is maintaining. The other fact is that in terms of the cost of the Belgian block. You figured it would be \$5 per block. At Home Depot today the cost of the block is \$3.40 and that is for one. So he thinks that if you are going to be buying all of these blocks, he thinks that you could probably get a pretty good deal. He is not sure in terms of the tonnage and so forth. But you accepted those streets and if they were upside down, you accepted them and that is why they should be maintained the same way. The Mayor said that he wouldn't say that we accepted them because we weren't here forty years ago. So you can't blame what a previous administration did forty years ago on us. The Mayor said we can put the Belgian block back the same way it is if that is what you like at no cost. But we are adding to the project. We are not replacing an existing thing. We have to add block to do it right. And all we want to do is do it right. He said that he has gotten a lot of letters from people in Stonegate area this year asking when are you going to do my roads. The Mayor said we had a three year road plan. We were getting one road done a year. We sat down and said hey, let's do the worst roads in the Village. There are 12 of them. And most of them are up in that area. And we said if we get the roads done now we won't have to wait three years, and another year, and another three. And by then other roads are in bad shape. So what we want to do is that we want to get them all done at once, all 12, and we want to do them right. And he thinks the purpose of this meeting is basically just that we are talking about a difference in adding a few extra blocks. In other wordss, you probably have to double what is there now. So really what we are doing, and the law reads, that a person is responsible for their own sidewalk and curb. We are not pushing that law. Again, in this instance, when we put in an entire road we are throwing in the curbs. And sidewalks if needed. At least the curbs. But in this instance we are merely saying that there is a small difference in the price of the additional blocks and we wanted to know if the homeowners wanted to foot the difference and if they had to pay it over a two year period in their taxes or something like that so we didn't hurt anybody that is what we were going to propose. Mr. Cairns said that obviously if you hear from the audience, that is not exactly how they would like to do it. He said that a couple of years ago a gentleman came to his house saying that they were going to be redoing the streets. And he thinks he had three blocks out on his and it would cost him to put them in position and that was the end of it. All of a sudden it disappeared. There was no repaving of the street or anything of the sort. So why all of a sudden has it now come out that you are going to repave and that you have to change all the blocks. It really doesn't make sense to them who bought those houses. He said it was Belgian block in there. It can

be repaired. If it lasts another forty years the way it has been then he thinks that is okay with them. The Mayor said if you are happy with the blocks in the horizontal positions, we would be glad to just patch them up. Mr. Cairns said he would strongly suggest that you take that into consideration.

Trustee Abato asked Mr. Rossi if he mentioned something that that wouldn't work. When you start bringing up those roads, can we actually do that. Mr. Rossi said that when we start ripping up the roads, we are going to lose a lot of the curbing because there are no footings that they are really laying on. They are just laying on top of concrete. You are not setting into the concrete footing. So that is one of the problems that we have up there. Also the problem is that we are doing the whole road again so it is going to change the alignment of the curbing because some of the curbing wades in and out. If you take a look at some of the curbings, it goes out into the road and back into the property. Some of them are tilted forward. And the best way to do it when we are putting in the new road is that he would advise that we put in new curbing. If he lived there, he would love to have new curbing. Trustee Abato said then you couldn't guarantee that we could actually save all the curbing and put it back horizontally. Mr. Rossi said that the previous Director did try it on Sagamore and if you notice, they are popping out a little bit and they are going forward a little bit and the alignment is off a little bit. Trustee Abato said that she would assume that if you put them back so many times with all the concrete that it is going to start looking bumpy. Mr. Rossi said yes. Uneven.

Mitch Mazart of 5 Yorkshire said that he has lived there for fourteen years and lived at 25 prior to that for about thirty years. He said that from what he understands is that it sounds like the proper way to put the curbing in is to put it in vertically. He said he hears a lot of clapping when horizontally is mentioned at no charge. But he feels that, as some of the esteemed people at the dais said, that aesthetically it looks better initially. But when that curbing starts to pop out, it really does not look aesthetically better. And that is what we have now. And as we all know, according to the Village, it is our responsibility to maintain the curbing. He said that he thinks it was in the last administration that a letter went out saying that you had to do that and at that point, in front of his yard, he had the curbing repaired at his expense. He said that he would like all the residents to realize that if we do do it properly, vertically instead of horizontally, is the Village going to be maintaining it or is it going to be up to the residents in the future to maintain it. And if it is up to the residents, it doesn't look good if it pops out from year to year and the residents don't maintain it. So whether or not the Village is going to maintain it, which would be great, and he has heard from some of the people that the Village has come by and repaired a couple. And he would like to get assurance from the Village that they would maintain it and that would be a big issue for him. He said he thought it was brought up but it wasn't made clear to him whether the Village will maintain

it from now on once it is done correctly or is it still going to be up to the residents to maintain it. The Mayor said there shouldn't be much maintenance if it is done right. And if there is proof that a snow plow hit a couple and popped them out, he said he is sure it would be the Village's responsibility to maintain that. Mr. Mazart said that if he is going to make an investment, like he did a few years ago, to fix it and now he has to make an investment to replace them, he would like assurance. He said he knows you say, hey, the last administration - we are not responsible for what they did. If you are not in power and you are saying verbally hey we are going to repair it and he comes back up to the Village Board. The Mayor said that if he is told by his engineer that they last thirty years, he has to believe that. Mr. Mazart said that he believes he is referring to the granite or the block, not necessarily if it gets banged by a plow or however it happens. The Mayor said if they were done wrong and they lasted forty years, imagine if they are done right how long they last. Mr. Mazart said he has lived there for fourteen years and the blocks have been out for fourteen years. So he doesn't think they have lasted forty years. Let's be honest with everybody. They have looked in disrepair for a long time. So it has to look right. If concrete is going to be the best way to make it look uniform and it is going to stay maintained without grass growing through and blocks all over the place, then that is the way to go. But if everyone in the neighborhood is going to maintain it or if the Village is going to maintain it. The Mayor said that we can maintain what is in the streets or the parks. We are not going to mow anybody's lawn for them. Mr. Mazart said he is not asking that. The Mayor said we aren't going to mow anybody's lawn for them. You have to understand that too. Mr. Mazart said you know what he is talking about. The Mayor said that as far as maintenance, he doesn't think there is a lot of maintenance other than being knocked out and putting it back. Right? Mr. Mazart said that's exactly right. So you are saying that the Village will repair the bricks if they get knocked out by the plow. Trustee LaCorte asked Mr. Rossi that if they are put in vertically then a plow hitting them shouldn't dislodge them, right? They are in there pretty strong. Mr. Rossi said that if they are hit head on, they could be knocked out. Trustee LaCorte said just a scraping. Mr. Rossi said if they are put in properly they lay this way. They have to be really down and out. The plow has to be really down to hit the curb. Mr. Mazart said that he had one other quick thing. At the beginning of the meeting, he heard some discussion about Verizon and FIOS. It sounded like you are contemplating delaying the road improvement project. Trustee LaCorte said no. The only issue there is that we want a commitment from Verizon that they will not go under the road. We would rather them do it now when the roads are torn up. We don't want to spend \$2 ½ million on roads and then six months have them try to come to break up those roads. So that is just something that people have expressed in terms of getting the letters and contacting us. That was the other major issue. What about Verizon.

Mr. Mazart said that one other quick thing. He said he was going to try to make it brief but he said that the sidewalks - some parts of

the Village do have sidewalks and you say that those residents are exempt when the sidewalks have to be repaired. He said that his part of the Village doesn't have walks. So he is trying to say that they are less beneficial. The Mayor said that the Village law reads that the homeowner is responsible for their sidewalks and curbs. There are areas in the Village again, if you go into the West Ward, there are no sidewalks or curbs. So when we do a big project like this, we are not looking for people to pay for the curbs if it is a conventional curb which the whole Village gets. And normally, if the sidewalk is there and it is in disrepair, we look at it and possibly replace it. We don't say okay, all of a sudden we are going to install sidewalks where there aren't any. That would be a whole different public hearing and discussion. Because there is a big dollar amount there. Mr. Mazart said that you are saying that the Village does bear the cost of replacing those sidewalks when they need to be done. The Mayor said when we do the whole street and it needs sidewalks, then we have done that. And we have people who pay for their own sidewalks where certain areas - one individual sidewalk - are in worse shape because some people like to throw a lot of salt on the sidewalk and it eats the concrete up. So they may be in worse shape than their neighbors. Mr. Mazart said the reason he brought it up is that he thinks we are playing favorites. Because some parts of the Village do get some benefits that we don't get. The Mayor said we are just trying to be fair to everybody. Trustee Abato said it is checks and balances. In some areas, some places don't have either. Mr. Mazart said that he really feels that the issue of maintenance is a key issue in the determination as to whether we are going to go with this or not. If it is going to be the burden of the homeowner to maintain the bricks, then we should all know that we are going to maintain it to make it look aesthetically pleasing. If not, he doesn't think it looks aesthetically pleasing after the first year when they get knocked out.

Trustee Meehan said that he would like to speak a little bit. He said he has listened to other members, and he apologizes to other members for criticizing them, and now they can criticize him for speaking. But he thinks that what we are missing is one important side. He said that he lives on Sagamore Avenue. One, he said they have horizontal blocks and the road has been repaved and he doesn't see any problem with the horizontal block. The other thing is, and he has lived here since 1975, and they, in that neighborhood, bought those houses there because one of the reasons was because they had Belgian blocks. The streets were nice and landscaped and precise. And Belgian blocks are more expensive than sidewalks. But there is an equalization to that. He said that people in his neighborhood pay much higher taxes because they have Belgian blocks and that is the equalizing factor. People in the Stonegate neighborhood should not have to pay extra to have their streets repaired.

Bob Henebry of 4 Chelsea Court said that there is something that he really does not understand. He said he would be willing to replace his own Belgian blocks. He said that he has about five or six that

are out. But he watched them do Lancaster and he walked out and there they are with their tar and all their stuff and they are doing Lancaster and nobody talked about Belgian blocks at that time. There wasn't any concern about Belgian blocks. He said he wasn't sure about Mr. Meehan up there on Sagamore but there was no discussion. He said in fact he asked them when they were going to do Chelsea. He said that he hasn't had Chelsea done since Bobby Collins was in charge and that was about twenty years ago. So some of these problems that we are talking about with the Belgian block problem and the street problem are because of a lack of money in the maintenance budget. It is just atrocious. He said that his block is absolutely atrocious. And here he is paying taxes. And he looks around and he says I am paying taxes and he is paying about \$9,000/10,000/or 11,000 a year and when he goes up his road, he has road bumps. He said it is horrible. He said we are talking about Belgian blocks now and he will put his five back. But how come you can do Lancaster and not discuss Belgian blocks and now all of a sudden talk. Is there a hidden agenda here. Let's make uniformity. Everybody should have concrete curbs. Well, that is not what he bought for. He bought for aesthetic value. He likes Stonegate. He has lived there for thirty-five years now. And he doesn't think that he wants cement curbs.

Trustee LaCorte said that he doesn't know why it wasn't discussed. He said that he wasn't on the Board and several members weren't on the Board when Lancaster was done. But the one thing that he is trying to do is to make an informed decision, and he knows that they have their opinions, but the fact is that we have our engineer and our consulting engineer who are both suggesting that if we are going to do this project, we should put them in vertically. Trustee LaCorte said he has an open mind. But he can't in good conscience go against the recommendation of two professionals and pursuing an option of just laying them out horizontally again. He said in his view he thinks this is off the table because it hasn't worked and they are suggesting this and they are professionals and we pay them and we requested their professional opinion. Everyone has seen that there is a problem - some more in some other neighborhoods. But one thing is clear and that is that we need to do them the correct way. And he thinks that we should rely on the opinion of our engineers and then we will go from there.

Trustee Abato said she has to agree with Trustee LaCorte. She said that she is cost effective. She said that she brought up the point physically about which is more durable. She asked how much time is spent on putting these blocks back. She asked if we have spent a lot of time. Mr. Rossi said we haven't put any back. Trustee Abato said you haven't put any back - anything that we knocked out. Mr. Rossi said because we have been planning on redoing the roads. Trustee Abato said she knows that Mr. Rossi hasn't been here that long. But since he has been here have we put any back. Trustee Abato said so the homeowners have been doing it.

Kathy Zendell of 6 Chelsea Court said that she is actually having a really hard time listening to this conversation. She said that

her road was probably last paved before she was born. So she thinks we are going on for close to forty years. She said the average length or life of a road per Carl is about eight or ten. Which means technically that we should be on our fourth paving. She thinks that you should take some of that money that you saved by not paving for forty years and put it against the Belgian block cost. She thinks it is terribly embarrassing to ask your taxpayers to pick up any of these related costs giving the way that you have taken care of our roads. She said that she has been here for ten years. She said her kids are constantly tripping over them. She said she is constantly on the phone with somebody. She said the road is so horrendous.

The Mayor said that he thinks she made a statement that you don't think the taxpayers should do. But if the people don't chip in in Stonegate and Chelsea, then the taxpayers in the rest of the Village are the ones that are going to be paying for this. The Mayor said that we don't save money over the years. What happened forty years ago, again, he was about 15 years old and Trustee LaCorte wasn't born yet, and we can't be responsible for that. The Mayor said that Chelsea Court is the first street that will be done.

Trustee Abato said that the Mayor has been out there looking at all the roads and we agree with him that there are roads that are long overdue. So it is the opinion of this Board that we needed a plan and that is what we are working on now. To try to get to all of that. She said it will probably take forty years to make up for what hasn't been done. But there was never any money put aside just for that. Every time we decide to do roads, we have to find the money to do the roads.

Alex Delfini of Oakdale Manor said that he was a little confused. He said he came here basically about the water issue. But apparently this is the hot topic. He said a gentleman got up a little while ago and he raised a question that came up in his mind. He said that these Belgian blocks, if they are put in at the taxpayers expense or the Village pays for them, it is the taxpayer that is paying for them. So this is no free lunch. He said it is not that the Village has money. So the question then that he would have is that if the Village pays the cost for these Belgian blocks but the Belgian blocks are what makes the aesthetics of certain parts of Suffern for certain homeowners, then that also raises their property values. And he would want to know why the taxpayers in general should be paying for raising the property values of certain property owners in Suffern and he doesn't think that is fair.

Stuart Kratter of 2 Sunderland Place said that he has no children in the local school but he pays taxes because he thinks that is the right thing to do and he is happy to see the kids get a good education. He hasn't called the police in thirty some odd years that he has lived here but he understands that paying for the police is part of a civilized society that we all belong to. Why

would the Belgian blocks, the streets or the lights or anything else on his street cause him to pay extra when it is a Village amenity, just like the kids going to school, just like getting the streets plowed. He said he appreciates all those services. Why would he suddenly have to pay for a service that he never paid for before. He said when we talk about equity, he said that he lives on a corner street. He said why would he pay double what somebody else pays. He doesn't own his streets. He said we all own them together. If somebody drives through the neighborhood and appreciates the Belgian block look, which he does very much, why would he pay extra just because he happens to live on a corner. That is not equity. All these things are normal Village amenities that we all benefit from. And the gentleman before, several back, who said that my taxes are higher because the property values there are higher, they are indeed higher. And he accepts that. And he thinks that Trustee Meehan said that as well. And he accepts that. But now to be assessed extra taxes simply because the streets have to be maintained after all these many years when they haven't been maintained, that is not very equitable. And he would also like to say with all due respect to Mr. Rossi, who he did speak with on the telephone, and he is not an engineer, but no one has come out and clearly said that we only have two choices - concrete curbs or vertical Belgian blocks. There is nothing wrong with leaving the Belgian blocks the way they are since several people have carefully reported on how many blocks are there or not, he will tell them that he doesn't have a single block missing after all these years. So the idea of tearing up perfectly good blocks makes no sense at all. The road can just be paved over. That is the third alternative. The way this evening was presented to them was that we have two choices. Downgrade the appearance to concrete curbs or take horizontal blocks and turn them vertically. The third alternative is to leave them the way they are and to pave the street. The Mayor said that Trustee Meehan just explained to you that his street was just done two years ago and his blocks are missing already in two years. Mr. Kratter said that he will say just like everybody else to our street department that has a lot of work to do in a hurry that they are out because they are struck by a truck moving with a lot of force. And we have not heard, and we won't hear, that a vertical block is going to last any longer than a horizontal block when it is struck by a truck. That is simply not stated. And nobody can state that factually. Because that was not posed as the issue before you. So we are solving a problem that is not really there. Trustee Abato asked Mr. Rossi if he said that it would stand up a little bit better than the other. She said that she thinks that our Department of Public Works Supervisor did state that if it was hit, it would hold up better. Mr. Kratter said a little bit better. Trustee Abato said that it has a better chance of staying in than out. She just wants to make sure that we have all the facts straight. And she also sees him back there and she has spoken to him and she knows that he has a very definite opinion on the fact that he wouldn't be able to save enough of the Belgian block when you start knocking the sidewalk out. So that would be a very big concern because it was installed incorrectly to start with. And secondly she thinks, just as an engineers purpose,

putting it back together with the new sidewalk again would not aesthetically look as good as it does.

Mr. Kratter said first of all it is pretty vague. Second of all it is an assessed cost to certain people. Trustee Abato said that she is not even addressing that. She just wants to make sure that we have and she wants to do what is best and she wants to make sure that we have all the facts. Mr. Rossi said that what is best is that when we redo the road, not repaving, reclaiming the road and putting binder and putting the top course down, when we come in to do that, we are going to lose curbing. Because first of all the curbing that was installed was installed incorrectly. Now we are going to go back there and put it in correctly. So it can withstand better through the years. There is a lot of areas in that neighborhood that the curbing is misaligned, vertically and horizontally, and the curbing has popped up through the years. Even from the pressure behind it. You can see it. He said he believes it is either on Stockbridge or Burlington and you can see it leaning forward. And that has nothing to do with the plows. Trustee Abato said she meant roadways, not sidewalks.

Dan Hyman of 8 Burlington Avenue said that he has resided on Burlington Avenue for just under one year. He said that he does appreciate that the roads are going to be redone. He said they certainly need to be. He said he would just like to tell the Board a little bit about why he was buying his house. He said his real estate agent took him to about twenty different houses and she liked to use the phrase curb appeal. The only house that he saw that truly had, literally, curb appeal was this house on Burlington Avenue. He said the Belgian block curbing definitely adds to the neighborhood and adds to the beauty of the neighborhood and adds to the aesthetics. He said that one interesting thing, and as a matter of fact Mr. Meehan made the comment that he actually agrees with, is that it may be built into the taxes. Well, he said that in a way. Mr. Hyman said that the assessments in the Town of Ramapo are based on the most recent sale prices of the houses in the area. And he believes that the house that he purchased when the purchase price factored in the Belgian curbing that was in front of his house. He said it was a beautiful neighborhood and he thinks that it is his opinion that his Village tax reflects the Belgian curbing in front of his house. So he thinks that he already is paying for the replacement. As far as whether or not it is horizontal or vertical, he said he can't tell you from any kind of expertise which way is correct. But he thinks the Village has an obligation to install them correctly, whichever way that might be. He said he is not asking any questions. He is just offering an opinion and it is certainly not his intention to attack the Village Board in any way and he hopes that they don't take it that way. It is just his opinion.

The Mayor said that we really have to move on. He said that he appreciates everybody's concerns and we will take everything we heard tonight into consideration.

Debbie Schoenleber of 20 Meadow Avenue said that according to the law that he stated, the homeowner is responsible for their sidewalk and curb. Is that correct? The Mayor said that is what the law reads. She said then just pave the road. They are still waiting for their road to be paved and they were promised by the last Mayor. The Mayor said that Meadow is on the list. Mrs. Schoenleber said that if everybody has a problem with it, then go by the law and let them take care of their own stuff. That is just her opinion.

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

The Mayor said that he would just like to say again that they are going to take everybody's comments into consideration before they make any decision.

Somebody asked if they would be voting on it this evening. The Mayor said no, not this evening. He said they don't want to rush into it. They would want to sit down and talk about the public's comments and concerns. And then they will. The Mayor said they will make a decision one way or another at a public meeting.

At this point, people were speaking from the audience and could not be heard. Trustee Abato said that they would take everything that they heard tonight and they would use that to base their decision on. She said she thinks that is what the letter was trying to say. She said if they do a decision tonight, it doesn't give the Board members a chance to think about everything that was said here. She said she thinks some of them may have come with something in mind and she knows that, herself, she has heard a lot of information that she would like to take under advisement before she rushes to a decision. So it will be at a public meeting.

Trustee LaCorte said that the consensus that he seems to think is that people want the Belgian block and it is just an issue as to whether or how we are going to replace it and if it is going to be an additional assessment and then, also, an issue that he didn't think of before, is that if it indeed has more than just an aesthetic purpose to it is whether we should consider doing this across the Village. What is good for one neighborhood should be good for everyone else in the Village. Trustee Abato said that is the big question. The Mayor said the public hearing is closed. The Mayor said that we are now going to have another public hearing at this time on a taxi cab license. Trustee Haggerty said that he would like to make one suggestion. He said that he lives in Foxwood and those curb stones have weathered forty-five years or more and they are not made out of Belgian blocks. They are Irish block. So he suggests they look into that.

8:00 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - TAXI CAB LICENSE - ROMY PIERRE-SAINT:

The Mayor said that we are opening up the floor for a public hearing for a taxi cab license for Romy Pierre-Saint. And he thinks Chief Osborn could probably brief the Board on this. Chief Osborn

said that this goes to the Police Department and Det. Sgt. Sheehan conducts a background check and he has advised the Chief that the background check checked out fine and they would recommend that he receives it. They have no problem with it.

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

A motion to approve the taxi cab license was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

CULTURE & RECREATION:

A) Report:

Gail Curtin said that since the last Village Board meeting, the Recreation Department attended the Rockland County Youth Forum on May 10. They hosted a LEAD night inside the Community Center on May 11. They co-hosted the Lions Club Blood Drive on May 15. They coordinated the Memorial Day Parade on May 28. Along with the Mayor's office, they hosted the R.P. Connor Second Grade Field Trip. They finalized the distribution of the 2007 Summer Calendar of Events. They oversaw the completion of a new area upstairs on the top floor for the newly purchased photo ID system. This past Friday night, they celebrated with the students of Suffern High School at their final LEAD night of this school year at an outdoor concert and this past Saturday they hosted the Fishing Derby with the Mahwah Elks Lodge.

Mrs. Curtin said that upcoming events include Clifford Theater try-outs in this room this week, June 12, 13, 14. The first Suffern Day Committee Meeting this Thursday, June 14. The Community Foundation computer giveaway program this Friday, June 15. Pool registration will begin next Wednesday, June 20. The DARE pool party will be held on Wednesday, June 20. The official pool opening will take place on Saturday, June 23. And the first summer concert of 2007 will take place on Thursday, June 28. She said that is the update from the Recreation Department since the last meeting.

Mrs. Curtin said that for approval tonight, she submits the following names for the 2007 Memorial Pool staff - Kacy Van Sickle, Danielle Cohen, James Strysko, Stuart LaDuca, Michael Brennan, Siobhan Cerny, Gabrielle Partridge, Joanna Driane, Steven Feane, Adam DeStefano and Vasyl Dashcock. She said that each of them will take on lifeguarding duties and some of them will also take on positions as instructors or coaches. Each of their monies is in the Recreation budget. A motion approving the above staff was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mrs. Curtin said that finally she would like to hire Kyle Cioffi as the maintenance person at the pool and, with their permission, we will start him tomorrow. A motion approving him was made by Trustee Haggerty, seconded by Trustee Meehan. The Mayor said he needs to do a roll call. Trustee Abato asked if we had a salary on that. Mrs. Curtin said \$8.50 per hour.

AYES: Mayor John Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee John Meehan
Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee LaCorte stepped out of the meeting for a moment

Mrs. Curtin said she would also like to have Louis Ciacchio appointed as a part-time Recreation Assistant at \$13.50 per hour. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Mayor John Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee John Meehan
Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee LaCorte

Mrs. Curtin said that she had three final items. The family camp-out, which is being held on July 21 and 22, with the rain date of July 28 and 29, and she believes the residents did receive the mailing this past Saturday, and under the Board's supervision, the Recreation Department will be assisting in that event. She said they also received a lovely thank you letter from the Rockland Family Shelter for once again delivering to them hats, scarves and other clothing for children. And finally, she would like to thank all of the Board for the plaque tonight and also for attending the events last week.

The Mayor said that he didn't make the LEAD Dance on Friday and he hears it was a great success. And he was at the Fishing Derby along with several members of the Village Board and he is sure that they all agree that it was a great time had by all. The kids loved it and had a great time.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

A) Proposed Local Law - Littering/Obstructions:

Attorney Terry Rice said that he had provided to the members of the

Board of Trustees a proposed local law with respect to cleaning and maintenance of sidewalks essentially in the downtown business district. He said there was one comment which he thinks we can incorporate and he would suggest that we set a public hearing for the July meeting. A motion to set a public hearing for July 9, 2007 at 7:45 p.m. was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

B) Village Insurance:

Attorney Rice said that they spoke on Thursday regarding the Village's liability insurance including the general liability of public officer's and police liability and property insurance and we had a very favorable quote from Traveler's for \$221,000 and change. He said they did vote on that but he would like to have everybody vote on it again at a regular Village Board meeting. The term of the policy ends on July 11 so we had to notify the carrier and that is why we had a vote the other night. He said this is considerably cheaper than the prior insurance coverage that we had last year from Selective. The premium was approximately \$250,000 for that coverage with large deductibles. The Traveler's policy has much smaller deductibles as well as better coverage including pollution coverage and no limit below the policy limits on lost wages for any type of employment claims. So based on that, he would ask the Board again to vote for the Traveler's package at \$221,893. A motion approving the insurance was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

AYES: Mayor John Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee John Meehan
Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee LaCorte

C) Authorization for Mayor to Sign Agreement with Stern & Stern, LLC:

Attorney Rice said he also provided the Board members a draft agreement with Stern and Stern dealing with the alleged encroachment at the Little League field. And he understands that everybody was in agreement with the terms of the proposed agreement, and if that is the case, it would be appropriate for the Board to authorize the Mayor to sign that agreement. A motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

D) Set Public Hearing for Verizon - July 9, 2007 - 8:00 p.m.:

Attorney Rice said that as we alluded to earlier, we have had discussions with Verizon with respect to them providing their, as he calls it, cable service, but it is not cable. They require a

franchise agreement with the Village and we have a draft agreement which he will provide to the Board of Trustees. He said that we need to sit down with them and again we are hopeful that we can get all of the issues resolved in time for a July 9 hearing so he would suggest that we set a public hearing for the July 9 meeting at 7:50 p.m. Trustee Meehan said that on that issue, he hopes that this whole issue in Stonegate can be brought up. Attorney Rice said we absolutely intend to. We have discussed the issues about the timing previously but giving the immediacy of the repaving, that this is certainly a meeting that we are going to have with them. Trustee Haggerty asked if we will be able to get some information on that and make it available to the public prior to the public hearing. Attorney Rice said certainly. A motion to set a public hearing on July 9 at 7:50 p.m. was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Attorney Rice said that we also spoke on Thursday night and Mr. Ackerson, who is the acting judge, made a request with respect to the fines that are set forth for parking violations. The code provision essentially ties the judge's hands so that the fine has to be \$40. He thinks that it would be appropriate for him to have discretion depending on the circumstance, for him and Judge Byrne to have discretion depending on the circumstance, to impose a lesser fine if the circumstances are appropriate. So if that is in agreement with the Board's wishes, he would suggest that we set a public hearing on that amendment also for the July 9 meeting at 8:15 p.m. A motion to set a public hearing on July 9 at 8:15 p.m. was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

A) Authorization to Bid for 35 kw Generator - Return Date June 28 - 11:00 a.m.:

Chief Clarke Osborn said the first item on the agenda is authorization to bid for a 35 kw generator. He said that basically what the generator is going to do is that during a storm with a black out, and obviously our station is an emergency operation center, and that will enable us to have power even if the lights go out and we lose power. We are looking to have that returned on June 28 at 11:00 a.m. And one thing that he wants the Board and everyone to know that this is from a State grant from Senator Morahan, so we are not paying anything for it. So he is just asking the Board to vote on authorization to bid for it. A motion authorizing the bid was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

B) Hire Part-Time Police Officer - Frank Armstrong:

Chief Osborn said that he would like to hire another part-time police officer. He said he spoke to the Board last Thursday night and it is very strict as to who we can hire part-time now due to Rockland County Personnel restrictions. He said we are looking to

hire Officer Frank Armstrong who is retiring from the Spring Valley Police Department in August. So he is asking the Board to authorize him to hire him, with a starting date in August when he officially retires from the Spring Valley Police Department, pending Personnel clearance. Trustee Meehan said it should be noted that he is a Suffern resident. Chief Osborn said that he is a Sloatsburg resident. He said that his father was a police officer here in Suffern for twenty years. His father retired back in the 1970's. A motion authorizing the hiring was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Mayor John Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

C) Stop Sign - Essex - Set Public Hearing - July 9, 2007 - 8:00 p.m.:

Chief Osborn said that he spoke to several residents, none of whom are here tonight on a different matter, at Stonegate homes. He said he met with several of them and he knows a lot of them up there from the schools and from just living in the community and they have been asking for a stop sign at the corner of Essex and Yorkshire. Basically the complaint is that when you come out of Essex onto Yorkshire Drive, visibility is a little tough. If you are coming out of Essex and you look to your left on Yorkshire, you have a large tree and then a turn on the road and you can't see cars coming down. If you look to the right, there is a little bit of a grade and another couple of trees that block the vision. He said he took the State Department of Transportation up there just to look at it and obviously it's a Village road and we can do what we want with it but he felt he wanted an opinion and they totally felt that we were within our parameters to ask for it due to low visibility when you look both ways. He said he would like to ask for a public hearing and he will notify the residents that have been asking for it about that hearing on July 9 as well. A motion to set a public hearing was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee LaCorte. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Chief Osborn said that he would like to give a quick update. He said he wanted to thank everybody for the plaque and for attending the Alumni Dinner. He said he does appreciate them doing that. In May, the Department issued 283 vehicle and traffic summonses and they made 42 arrests. They also issued 50 speeding summonses on Route 202 two weeks ago during a 2 ½ hour period as part of our ongoing Safe Roads program. He said that Sgt. John Gloede and Mike Lorenzo attended a course on the use of COD units, also known as Compact Radio Active Detection devices which are basically used to detect illicit radioactive materials in vehicles. He said he plans on having more officers trained in the future as this is part of an

agreement that our Department signed off on with the NYPD and it is securing our cities program. Our bicycle patrol is in full swing. The response from the merchants and residents has been very favorable. The DARE program had its annual graduation party in May at Suffern High School which was well attended by the students. And yesterday, the DARE program sponsored its annual Yankee Stadium trip which was attended by 300 local children and their families. They had six bus loads. With the assistance of the Recreation Department, obviously with Gail, they will be having their DARE Barbecue and Pool party at the Suffern pool on June 20. Officer Jim Giannettino graduated from DARE school in May and will be taking over as a DARE officer in the Montebello School next year. He is a natural fit. We have already had him up in the school and the kids love him. And if anybody is around this weekend, the DARE hockey playoffs and championships for the High School Division and Junior High Division is this weekend. And also, last, but certainly not least, Officers Mike Sanford and Jose Martinez became certified as child car seat installers after a four day certification course in Kingston, New York. So now we have four officers that are trained in car seat installation. They will be able to assist Village residents when installing seats. Trustee LaCorte said that he thinks that Ray is happy because he has had Ray install car seats three times and turn them around. The Chief said he is very happy because now we have two more additional officers to do it.

Trustee Abato said that she just wanted to thank Police Officer Marsh and Police Officer Smith and the Chief for an amazing outstanding DARE experience for every child that attended the Yankee trip yesterday. She said that she attended and Dagan attended and there were so many smiling faces and she thinks it was just so good. She thinks the kids really got the message that it was good clean fun and she thinks that is so important. She said that her hat is off to all that were involved in preparing for that day. The Chief thanked her. The Mayor said best of all, the Yankees won.

At this point, the Mayor presented Legislator Patrick Withers with a certificate thanking him for his assistance during the April, 2007 storm.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

A) Payment to Foster's Equipment in the Amount of \$218,585 (Sewer Cleaning Truck):

Carl Rossi said the first item on the agenda is for payment to Foster's Equipment in the amount of \$218,585 for a sewer cleaning truck that we received a couple of weeks ago. A motion authorizing payment was made by Trustee LaCorte, seconded by Trustee Abato.

AYES: Mayor John Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

B) Payment to Old Dominion Brush in the Amount of \$30,238 (Self-Contained Leaf Vac Collector):

Mr. Rossi said this item is for payment to Old Dominion Brush in the amount of \$30,238 for a self-contained leaf vac collector. He said this will be paid under a grant from Senator Morahan. A motion approving payment was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee LaCorte.

AYES: Mayor John Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

C) Declare 1992 GMC 3500 Pick-Up (Water Department) as Surplus. Advertise for Bids. Minimum Bid \$500:

Mr. Rossi said this item is to declare a 1992 GMC 3500 pick-up in the Water Department as surplus and to advertise for bids, with a minimum bid of \$500. A motion declaring the pick-up as surplus and authorizing the advertising of bids was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee LaCorte. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

D) Declare 1991 GMC 3500 Dump Truck (Street Department) as Surplus. Advertise for Bids. Minimum Bid \$1500:

Mr. Rossi said this is to declare a 1991 GMC 3500 dump truck in the Street Department as surplus and to advertise for bids with a minimum bid of \$1500. A motion declaring the truck as surplus and authorizing the advertising was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee LaCorte. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

E) Authorization to Request Bids for UV Lift Pump and Activated Sludge Pump Repairs for Wastewater Treatment Plant. Return Date June 27, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.:

Mr. Rossi said this is for authorization for bids for the UV lift pump and activated sludge pump repairs for the Wastewater Treatment Plant with a return date of June 27, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. He said this is under a capital project of 2006/2007. A motion authorizing the bid was made by Trustee LaCorte, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

F) Award Bid for Liquid Caustic Soda \$.56/Gallon to Jones Chemicals Inc.:

Mr. Rossi said this is to award the bid for liquid caustic soda at \$.56 per gallon to Jones Chemicals Inc. A motion awarding the bid was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Attorney Rice asked if this was the low bid. Mr. Rossi said yes.

AYES: Mayor John Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

G) Authorization to Hire Temporary Personnel in the Street and Refuse Department - Three Temporary Laborers:

Mr. Rossi said this is authorization to hire temporary personnel in the Street and Refuse Department. This is for three temporary laborers at \$13.39 per hour. A motion authorizing the request was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Abato.

AYES: Mayor John Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

H) Authorization to Hire Joseph Russo as Summer Help in the Street Department at \$8.50/Hr.:

Mr. Rossi asked for authorization to hire Joseph Russo as student summer help in the Street Department at \$8.50 per hour. A motion authorizing the request was made by trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee LaCorte.

AYES: Mayor John Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

I) Hire Summer Help for Water Department - Samuel Mackin:

Mr. Rossi asked for permission to hire summer help for the Water Department. This is a student, Samuel Mackin, at \$8.50 per hour. A motion authorizing the request was made by Trustee Abato, who asked what this would entail. What kind of summer help do they need? Mr. Rossi said we usually hire somebody every year to help out with the pool. He said they help out at the pool where the maintenance person doesn't work seven days a week, and he helps out at the pool and he does some cleaning and some other little chores around the Water Department. This was seconded by Trustee LaCorte.

AYES: Mayor John Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Mayor said that at this time, we are going to open up the floor for public participation. He said that anyone who would like to come up and speak on any issue, please, address the Village Board and not the audience and that you state your name and address for the record.

Patsy Wooters of 19 Mansfield Place, and for the record, there is no curb and she is perfectly happy with that. She said the last time the street was graded it was graded as such that she has a moat around her house, and it is a castle to her, but she prefers not to have the moat. So she asked whenever they get the chance to regrade. She did say that she wanted to ask about the water. She said that they went into Executive Session the last time when you had the workshop and she doesn't see it on the agenda and she does want to speak to that issue.

She said that she had heard that the Village was considering selling water to United Water. She said that she is opposed to this for a couple of reasons. One is that United Water is restricted from taking water from the Ramapo well field when the flow in the river is below a certain point. That applies to them as a water company. Suffern is not restricted by that regulation because it is a municipality. Her question is would United Water be getting around State law by using our water or alternately would we lose the right to take water when that flow is low, which has happened in the past. United Water has had to stop taking water out of the Ramapo River. And the other thing is, the other reason that she is opposed to it is because the water in the Ramapo in New Jersey is controlled by the State government. The ground water is controlled by the State government by allotment. In the Township of Mahwah, those allotments have all already been designated. So the Township of Mahwah had a public school that they had constructed and was ready to go on line and they couldn't open the school because they did not have water. They had to go to United Water which had control over surface water. She said that our water is not surface water. It is ground water. So this would be an end run on the part of United Water or Suez, a French Company, to get around the laws that the community has developed to control the use of water in New York State and New Jersey. Suffern is in a very fortunate position. We have plenty of water for our use. And we are largely built out. In the foreseeable future, we have sufficient water. We probably could water our lawns through droughts and not have a strain on our water supply. That is not the case for the area that United Water serves. They do not have sufficient water to provide for all of their customers, and as we know, they have had to go on restrictions out of necessity, not just because it is the law, but out of necessity because they did not have water. This is a company that is an international company. Where her stepson lives, Boise, Idaho, United Water. She said that she does not think that we have any business dealing with them, selling them water. We need to

preserve our municipal water for our own use.

Also, were we to draw water from our wells in excess of what we have been doing, that could affect the flow of water upstream into our well fields. And as they probably know, HTI polluted - there is a freon flume a half a mile upstream. United Water has constructed scrubbers. But if we start withdrawing additional water in substantial amounts, that flume could be drawn downstream more rapidly. In addition to that, we have beyond that upstream the Ramapo Landfill which is capped and at this time we are told it is perfectly safe. But we don't know if we change that draw down if that would affect the quality of our water. We are very, very fortunate. She said she wants to thank those who provided for the water supply. She said she doesn't know - it was probably fifty or one hundred years ago. She said she doesn't know. When her house was built, maybe. But she really thinks that we should preserve the water for the youth of the Village and not get into the business of selling water.

She said that it may look good in the sense that it would preserve a cheaper water rate for the people of the Village at this time. And she says that is a false economy. The wars that go on today over oil are nothing compared to what the wars over water will be. We need to protect our water. We need to guard it for ourselves. It is a legacy passed down to us and we want our children and grandchildren to have clean water to drink, too. So she said she doesn't know what decisions were made in Executive Session. She said she was excluded from that. She asked if they were planning to have a public hearing. She said that she is in the dark.

The Mayor said that he is going to make a statement on where we are to date in this issue. He said that right now our Water Department is in a \$200,000 deficit largely because of less than predicted usage and mostly because of higher utility operating costs. He said that many people in Suffern are on fixed incomes. He said our senior citizens, retirees, and so forth. And he is sure that they are tired of seeing everything go up - taxes, water, solid waste, library rates. He said that we were approached by United Water. We did not reach out to them. We were approached by them and they wanted to purchase a certain amount of water for a three month peak summer period whether they use it or not. And it is his understanding that it is possible that they wouldn't even use it. He said that Suffern is already connected to United Water because at times when we have problems with our own wells, United Water supplied water back to us. He said he asked our engineering firm of Riddick Associates to research this and they said this could be done without jeopardizing our water supply. In other words, we are able to put out 4 million gallons a day. Right now we use roughly between 1 and 1.7. United Water wanted a cap of about a million which would leave us a million in the ground. He said that now we have not even thrown a number at United Water. They threw a number at us about 6 or 8 months ago and it was kind of a stale issue until the recent *Journal News* article, of course, that kind of brought this back to life. What he will say is that as Mayor it is

his responsibility to address this issue because an offer was made. And he saw the possibility to eliminate our water debt/deficit without raising water rates for a number of years to come. And no agreement of any kind has been made to date. We are simply considering, considering a counter-offer which could, as he said, possibly eliminate our current deficit and also possibly stabilize our current rates but there is a chance that they could be lowered in the future. He said that what they had asked us was for a five year plan on this, and again for a three month peak period in an emergency. The Mayor said he told our engineer when we asked him for a report that there has to be some option in there that if Suffern were compromised in any way - whether it is drought, whether it is one or two of our wells go down - Suffern residents come first. The valve would be closed to United Water. Nobody is going to be out of water in the Village of Suffern while United Water would have our water if there was any kind of deal to be struck. So that was one of the stipulations. Suffern comes first. And this is an emergency plan. He said he spoke to United Water this afternoon just to find out if they were even still interested because if they weren't we could say tonight that the deal is off and we are not even going to address it. They are very interested, however, they are always seeking alternative sources - pumping it out of the Hudson River or Sebago Lake or they do have other resources. So at this time we are really just in the talk stage of this. We haven't even come up with a number to throw back at them. They want to charge us, basically give us, \$16,000 for a million gallons a day for three months and we think that is ludicrous. So if there was any counter-offer, it would be at least something up in the six figures - maybe \$200,000 to buy the deficit out or whatever in a short period of time. And even after the deficit, let's say, was reduced or stabilized, we would possibly talk about not even continuing to do it. But again, it was an alternative way to stabilize our rates, to come out of the deficit without raising our water rates. And as we know, when the price of a stamp goes up, it doesn't come down. And as we know, a lot of rates, taxes go up, and you will never see them usually come back down. He said that we had a great year this year and we reduced rates to 1.3% and we did that in seeking alternative legal ways to seek revenue through grants and things such as this so that we could stabilize all of our rates in the Village. And you do have a very valid point and again before we make any decision that is why we have people talking. We do take the public's concerns and issues seriously. And we sit down and the first thing we do is say what about the public, what about their concerns. They have good issues. They come up with good ideas and we go from there.

Mrs. Wooters said that she would like to suggest that we also take into consideration the interest of the DEC, the NYS DEC and the NJ DEP because it sounds to her as if United Water is interested in using Suffern water and they should not be allowed to go around it. We need to keep our water.

Attorney Rice said the reason is that United Water would have to get approval of any type of arrangement along those lines from the

Public Service Commission and certainly New Jersey would have the ability to intervene in that proceeding.

Trustee Meehan said to the Mayor that he made some points and asked the Mayor to reduce those points to writing and then have Mr. Riddick respond to them. The Mayor said that she has some very valid points that he would like to find out about. Trustee LaCorte said that would be Dennis Lindsay. He would be the one to respond. The Mayor said that if that is the case that we are jeopardizing the Ramapo River or the wellfields or whatever or our water could possibly be used by them to get by some sort of a law. Mrs. Wooters said that they want to build a new mall at the Sheraton. She said that United Water is who will provide the water for that mall. If they can get into our water and build - they are in business to sell water. They are not in business to live in Suffern long-term and have it sustain a community. The Mayor said absolutely. She said that if we ended up without sufficient water to maintain our lifestyle, that is good for them because they would have to build another desalination plant and charge us more. And let her tell us, that is not going to be cheaper than taking it out of the Ramapo River. We are fortunate - Suffern is very fortunate in the position that it is in.

Trustee LaCorte said that again, from his perspective, if there was not a deficit, we wouldn't be entertaining this, he doesn't believe. He said the problem is that we are required by law since our Water Department is a separate entity to have it operate not in a deficit. So we do have to come up with a plan. Just so you know in terms of what the numbers are, as the Mayor said, there are really two major factors that are the unknown costs and we project at the beginning of each year. That is the usage - applying that the amount of gallons used times the rate and obviously the labor associated with that department. And on top of that are the utility costs. The water itself has very little costs. It is really the major cost which is the utility. Mrs. Wooters said she understands. Trustee LaCorte said that if there were no change in the usage and no change in the utility rate, assuming the numbers we have, we would have to raise, and he believes he is correct, our water rate twenty percent to get out of deficit. Mrs. Wooters said look at United Water. She said look at what just happened to United Water's rate. Trustee LaCorte said it went up. Mrs. Wooters said that water is not going to get cheaper. Trustee LaCorte said that we completely understand it but understand our position that we are required. Mrs. Wooters said we are not required to sell our water. Trustee LaCorte said he is not saying that we are required to sell our water but we are required to explore options that are presented. Mrs. Wooters said absolutely. Trustee LaCorte said that as the Mayor said this is a very early stage. What they have offered us so far is wholly unacceptable and would not even be worth pursuing. Mrs. Wooters said at any price.

Trustee Haggerty said one other thing. The deficit just didn't arise within the past six months. And it is not the first deficit we have had in the Water Department. The good thing, if there is a

good thing about raising taxes, if you raise the water rates, all of the exempt properties - Good Samaritan and all of the properties that are off the tax roles - pays their share of water. So it is not going to be a huge impact on the Village. And you don't have to make it up all in one year. So unless there was an extreme emergency, which there is not, he would be opposed to selling water to United Water. Mrs. Wooters said that is nice to hear and she thanked him.

Isabel Haggerty of 4 Parkside Drive said that she is not as in-tune to all the intricacies of water and the usage, but she is just reading from the article that was in the paper the other day. She said that under the terms of the State approved rate increase United Water of New York is required to add 1.4 million gallons of water to its overall Rockland supply by June 15. It faces financial penalties if it misses the deadline. She said that she thinks that they want to buy water from us because they just got a nice raise in rates that they are going to turn over to their consumers and she doesn't think that they should get the water from us. She said she thinks it is a foot in the door and that eventually they will want to buy our water system and she just doesn't think - she said she would definitely be against it. She thanked the Board for listening.

Leglislator Pat Withers of 11 Foxwood Avenue said that he would just like to take a moment to thank Patsy because he met her back in January when he first became appointed to the Legislature and she is truly a voice and advocate for natural resources and when she speaks up here she is speaking with knowledge and from the heart. And she is truly trying to just do the right thing. He said that he would like to acknowledge the Board that he knows that their heart and their interest in the taxpayers is right there too and for our natural resources. But he would like to speak about his run in so far with United Water. He said they are not a company that you can trust. He said that he has dealt with them on several issues on the Environmental Committee. They are a foreign company. They are over here to profit from our natural resources and sell it to third world countries. They are here to diminish any resources that we have for our future grandchildren and children and your children. But what he wants to speak about, and this is what he learned as a Legislator at the first Ramapo Highlands coalition when he watched Dr. Dan Miller speak, our County Hydrologist, is that to him it shows that United Water is having trouble meeting its demand. And when they have trouble meeting this demand the County Health Department can step in now and scrutinize every proposed development that is on the books. Because if they can't meet the demand for the water supply, then the County has the right to step in and say no to these proposed developments. So he said the Board may be helping by saying no to United Water. He then thanked the Board.

Alex Delfini from Oakdale Manor said that he spoke a little while ago about Belgian blocks although he was really here for the water. He said that he noticed that the latest issue of *U.S. News and*

World Report, although it doesn't say anything about Suffern in particular, but it says why you should worry about water. He said that this resource that we have makes us in some ways unique and very fortunate as one of the speakers pointed out. He said he doesn't know much of the details of United Water and what our situation is. He said that he is just conservative in the oldest sense of the word. That is you watch what you do with what you have and he would be extremely nervous, although it makes maybe good dollar sense initially, he would be extremely nervous about even letting the camel's nose in the tent with regard to this issue. It has to be, if anything, he would want to know what the details are, the real details, and how we would be able to protect this resource from having it sold off and this end run that this speaker was talking about. He said that he is here tonight because this thing makes him very nervous. He said he thinks we should tread very, very carefully here with this matter.

Mrs. Gross of 4 Vista Way said that the figures she has from the article in the *Journal News* says that we have a \$220,000 deficit in the Water Department. She asked if that was correct. She said she assumes it is correct. She said she would like to know how many people are paying in the water - 1,000, 2,000, 3,000 households - about - she asked if we can give her an idea. Treasurer Tom Zordan said 2,369. Trustee Abato repeated the amount for Mrs. Gross. Mrs. Gross said that would be an increase of about \$100 per household. She said that she suspects that probably Good Sam pays much more than she would. Therefore it would mean \$100 to her. And she is willing to pay that. She said that this is a natural resource and only third world countries sell their natural resources. We have something else to sell. Suffern is not a third world country. We can pay for our water. We want to preserve it for our grandchildren. She said that she is 70 years old. She said there is going to be enough water for her but she does have grandchildren and she cares about them. She thanked the Board for listening.

Rich Ackerson of Claremont Lane said that he believes that we should consider speaking with United Water and possibly considering selling them water in order to stabilize our rates and rid the debt that we may have in the Department at this point of time. But he also believes that in negotiating with United Water we should make sure that the amount we receive is significant because it is a resource that they do need. If they don't get it from us, they will go to Orange County, they'll go to Sullivan County, etc., and they will have to pipe it in which will cost them more than an area that is close to them. But he thinks that we need to make sure that we get, as the Mayor was saying before, \$150,000, \$200,000 to help pay for our debt and the costs we have in producing this water. He said to say that New Jersey DEC has any concern, he can only tell us that the last couple of droughts that we had, even two years ago when Rockland County was not able to use water to wash our cars, do our lawns, you just needed to ride across the border to Mahwah and Saddle River and Upper Saddle River and all of Bergen County was able to utilize water through that whole drought. And he thinks they even required the County of Rockland to have additional water

be sent down from the DeForest Reservoir. And we had no say in it. The State of New York DEC also said yes, United Water you can have our Lake Sebago, Kenilwaukee. They have given them the use of all those water supplies at a cost. And he thinks it is prudent as a good business opportunity that we have an asset that we should consider making or negotiating something with them as long as we feel that we are getting something significant in return and we put in the agreement all the things that he thinks Trustee LaCorte said before about if you get to a drought situation we can turn off the valve and any other things that are of concern. Any government facility today, if they have an asset, they try to pay money to help their residents with that asset. If you are a school district, they rent out their facilities whether it is the athletic fields or a gymnasium. If you are the federal government, West Point, they rent out the athletic fields and that to summer camps during the summer. This is the way of helping keeping their costs and expenses within some kind of control. He said we have an asset and he thinks we should be rational and we should be reasonable but he thinks we should look into it and consider it. He thanked the Board.

The Mayor said that there are a few things that he did. He said he is the type of person that thinks outside the box a lot of times. And he lives with his wife and his kids are grown up. He doesn't use a lot of water. But he knows our senior citizens, most of them take baths in lieu of showers. He said a bath uses 30 times more water than a shower. He said he checked into that. He said that also people with a lot of kids - five, six kids taking forty minute showers, whatever. They are using a lot of water. So this is why this was one consideration. He said to just give a quick fact, Suffern, other than way back thirty years ago when TemCon poisoned one of our wells, was never compromised. In 1962, every mountain in Rockland and Orange County was on fire. The worst drought he thinks that we have had in fifty years. He said that Suffern still had water in the ground. The last time that the County declared an emergency where, as Mr. Ackerson just said there were people in New Jersey watering their lawns, and we were over here looking at yellow grass, we still had plenty of water in the ground. However, we do comply with Rockland County Emergency Services and if they declare a drought emergency in Rockland County, whether we have the water in the ground or not, we do comply. He said the first thing that he did was research how much water we have and if we would ever be compromised in any way. He said that he just wanted to throw that out.

Jack Rosenberg of 13 Somerset Drive said that he would like to recite a few facts. He said that Andy Haggerty was first elected to the Village Board in the early 1990s and with the exception of the year 2004, he has been there since. He said Jack Meehan, after serving twelve years in the County Legislature, was appointed by Mayor Haggerty without a vote when Ellen Jaffee was elected to the County Legislature, Jack was appointed. Trustee Haggerty said no vote was necessary. Mr. Rosenberg said that is right, that is right. He is saying that no vote was necessary. And when Andy Haggerty picked Jack Meehan out of a Village of 11,000, he was in

effect saying this is the very best that Suffern has to offer. Jack Meehan has served continuously since 1998 to date. Mr. Rosenberg said he served nine years and he left office and he has not had anything to do with the last four budgets. He said it is not his province. It was the five other people who drew up budgets. He said that during the nine years that he was on that Board, the Water Department always exceeded the surplus by a huge margin - so much so that on some years we transferred money from the Water Department into the Village budget. He said you couldn't do that legally under the Sewer Department but you could under Water. The rates that the taxpayers, that the water people pay in this Village are far lower than anybody else in the immediate area. So he doesn't know how you turn, in four years, a surplus which turned into such a huge deficit. The surplus is supposed to be 5-10% of the budget. That is what your surplus is supposed to be - 5-10% of the recommended level. You passed the budget in April and you just passed it. You mean you didn't provide to wipe out the deficit by the rate. He said he doesn't understand that. How can you lose, how can you not provide to make that budget even. He said that now there is no reason to give water to a company that is facing huge fines if they don't get you to give them water. In the last 10 or 15 years, there have been more droughts in the New York City area than there was for a century. What guarantee do we have that the summers are going to be cool and that there is going to be sufficient water. He said he noticed that last winter there was virtually no snow. So basically, what guarantee that we have that there is going to be a surplus. He said they need a million and a half gallons to wipe out that thing that was in the newspaper. If you go down from 4 million by a million and a half, you are down to 2 ½ million. Do you really think that you are not going to find an emergency during the summer. That is when the water usage is the greatest. Obviously more people water lawns. The Mayor said that right now the water use is the greatest and we were up to 1.7 at one time. Swimming pools are being filled. Mr. Rosenberg said right, the water usage goes up in the summer time. He said we all know that. He said that many years ago, the Town of Ramapo wanted to buy our Sewer Department and he remembers we were given an offer of three million dollars so we went to Dennis Lindsay of Riddick Associates and we asked him a question. We asked him what is the replacement value of the Sewer Department. He said twenty-one million. Mr. Rosenberg said we went back to the Town of Ramapo and we told them that under no circumstance would we come down below fifteen million. They eventually got to a point of eleven million - some Board members were willing to accept it, others were not. And the deal fell through. And he is so glad, so glad, so glad, that we never allowed that Sewer Department to be taken over by the Town of Ramapo because it is a valuable asset. And the Water Department is also a valuable asset. Don't give it up. Don't waiver. The paper said \$100,000 a year. Now you are saying \$200,000. Well, if you are setting \$200,000 as a mark, don't waiver.

Trustee LaCorte said he would like to say just one thing. He said that he just acknowledged that there were surpluses when you were

on the Board and instead of maintaining those surpluses so that we would have a cushion, that was transferred out of the Water Department and we can't transfer money back in from the General Fund even though the General Fund has a surplus. Because we have to, as you should know and we were told by our auditors, that we have to maintain. Mr. Rosenberg said he left office with a surplus. Trustee LaCorte said the reason that we have a deficit is that there has been under-usage and on top of that if everybody here pays utilities, the price of utilities have skyrocketed in the past several years. So that is the reason why. There is nothing out there other than those two major issues that have led to the deficit. So we have a deficit and we have to come up with a plan to get rid of the deficit, as we were instructed. And the plan is either to pursue other ways to either increase the usage or to raise the water rates. And that is where we are now.

Mr. Rosenberg said that elections are carried out and the people elect certain people. He said that he has not been here in four years. He said there were two administrations in the last four years and from a huge 5-10% above the budget it is down to a \$200,000 deficit after you had the budget hearing in April. Why didn't you wipe out the deficit by raising the rates. The Mayor asked the Treasurer to answer him. Mr. Zordan, who is very hard to understand on the tape, said that even with all the building going on, the water usage is down 100,000 units. He said our electric costs are up and the water consumption is down.

The Mayor said that he just wanted to say one thing. We said we also had capital improvements. He put \$100,000 in the budget this year to fix the Water plant wall, which has been falling down before 2003 and nobody before him wanted to address it. It is a safety issue and if the front of that building falls off, it is going to kill somebody. So, thinking safety conscious, we had to do it and we have to fix it. That is \$100,000 just to fix the Water Department building. Mr. Giannettino asked if that was part of the deficit. Treasurer Zordan said that people don't realize it, but the last two years we have raised the rates. The Mayor said the easy way out is to raise the water rates. That is the easy way out.

Jim Giannettino of 2 Memorial Drive said that on this water issue he doesn't think we should sell to United Water. He said that we know their rates are probably double what ours are. He said if they were a neighbor of ours like Hillburn or Montebello, he would have no problem at all selling them water. In fact we looked into selling water to Hillburn at one point which is 900 residents. So if it was a neighbor, he would have no problem helping them out - none whatsoever. But in the case of United Water, they are going to use our million gallons of water. You can bet your bottom dollar on it and they are going to send what they will have as a surplus after that million down into Jersey or wherever the heck they are getting \$4 a unit. So we will be making a few dollars, no argument there, but is it worth risking and maybe having to redevelop a well five years sooner because you are pumping additional million gallons a day and putting into capital investments. Trustee LaCorte

asked Mr. Giannettino if he was for raising the water rates to make up the deficit. Mr. Giannettino said yes. He said his suggestion is that you don't have to make this deficit up in one year. We all know that. You can raise the water rates somewhat but he would suggest that you raise Good Sam, Salvation Army, these big commercial units. They don't pay any taxes. Let them pay a good share of the water rate.

Mr. Giannettino said the other issue he wanted to ask about was that he saw something on here about a resolution for Suffern Pines under the Attorney. He said he didn't see that brought up. Was that tabled? The Mayor said yes, we decided to take it off. We tabled it at this time because we are going to have a special meeting. Mr. Giannettino said that is fine. He said just for the public's information, he had a conversation with Annie Rabbit yesterday and she has requested a million dollars to purchase. The Mayor said it is our intention. He said he believes we should contribute. He said that Mr. St. Lawrence said he would throw in two million. The Mayor said that he believes that we have to make a contribution towards this piece of property and he has discussed it with a few Board members and at this time he thinks that a number like possibly one million dollars may be doable. He said he doesn't think it would be fair to go past that number to the rest of the taxpayers in the Village who won't have the opportunity to benefit from that property. Mr. Giannettino said that he is glad to see that our State representatives are trying to get us some money. The Mayor said that now we need our County and our State representatives to also come on Board and as you said in the paper, step up to the plate and get some money. Mr. Giannettino said the Assemblywoman has requested one million dollars through parks and various State committees. He said he had spoken to her in person yesterday. Mr. Giannettino said he thanked Trustee Abato for speaking at the County meeting. She said that she knows that the County is well looked after by Pat and it is wonderful with Annie. Mr. Giannettino said he has been calling Mr. Vanderhoef weekly. She said yes, keep it up.

Bruce Simon of 31 Utopian Avenue said that he had a quick question for the Mayor. He said it is his understanding from Legislator Levine that he has informed the Mayor that there is approximately two million dollars in grant money available for just this kind of purchase - that the Village would have to put in for. He said he was wondering what the process is. The Mayor said yes, he did tell him that and the Mayor gave that information to our grantwriter, Fred Rella, and Fred Rella said that he didn't believe that we qualify for that money. He is still looking at it but he checked all the parameters of it and he doesn't believe that we qualify for grant money to buy that piece of property.

Trustee Abato said that also she believes that from her grant writing background one of the stipulations would be that there would be absolutely no development plan in place for any property that is to be acquired as open space. And unfortunately at this time we do have a plan in place that has gone to the Planning

Board. So we wouldn't qualify for any grants until that is withdrawn. So that would probably throw a wrench to any grant money that we would be after right now and also at the County level. So we are hoping to work with the owner of the property to try to get him to work with us. Mr. Simon asked if the owner has specifically indicated that he is willing to sell. Trustee Abato said that she doesn't believe that he specifically committed himself but she thinks he is willing. Trustee LaCorte said it is like anything else. He is a willing seller at the right price. Trustee Abato said right. Trustee LaCorte said so the question is if that price is something we can pay for because the land needs to be appraised and that is also a catch 22 because at the last meeting we all worked hard. Everyone was here, you were here, to kind of come up and really put it to them to try to come up with a plan that made sense and presumably after the meeting, they know that their plan wasn't acceptable and they had to come back with less units. Unfortunately, that affects the value of the property because you have to be assessed based on what the value is. So we need to come up with a value that can pay for it. And again, as the Mayor said, we are going to have a special meeting and it is our plan and he is for it and other members that he talked to are for moving forward with a commitment from the Village and we will address it more specifically at the special meeting. Because it has to do with bond resolutions and the bonds for the roads as well. Which we are not ready for tonight's meeting. Mr. Giannettino asked if there was a deadline in applying for that grant. The Mayor said yes. Trustee Abato said June 29. The Mayor said that he told Fred Rella that if there is anything we can do before that deadline, he wants him to do it. Mr. Giannettino asked why doesn't he apply for it. The Mayor said he has applied although he said to him that he doesn't, in his opinion and he is a good grant writer, that he doesn't feel that we are going to get the money. The Mayor said that we are going to apply. We are serious about grants. He said that when they took office, one grant slipped away that they had to talk to the Legislators and the Albany Assembly people to try to make sure that we got the money back for the Brooklands project. He said he thinks it was the bridge and something else over there. He said we almost lost \$25,000 because it wasn't pursued before we got in office and we saved it. So we are very serious about grants which is one reason why we got dump trucks and leaf vacs and why we are able to have such a low budget this year. He said if there is money out there, we will get it. Trustee Abato said that Fred will find it. She said that he is the type of guy that is proactive. He will put in for it even if there is a chance that we won't get it.

Since nobody else spoke, the public participation was closed.

VILLAGE CLERK:

A) Retirement: Mr. George DeGraw:

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner said the first thing was that George DeGraw plans to retire on the 31st day of July, 2007, which would be his last day of work. Ms. Menschner said we have to accept

this resignation. A motion to accept the resignation was made by Trustee LaCorte, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

B) Appoint Geoff Welch - Independent Contractor:

The Village Clerk said the second thing is that Geoff Welch's agreement is coming up for July 1, 2007. He is the young gentleman who is our watcher of the Ramapo River and our water supply. The Mayor said he has been doing a pretty good job and he thinks we should continue this. A motion to re-appoint Geoff Welch was made by Trustee Haggerty, seconded by Trustee ABato.

AYES: Mayor John Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

C) Request - 19th Walk to Remember (Pamela C. Magi, RN):

The Village Clerk said this next request is our 19th Walk to Remember which is that Good Samaritan Hospital has this every year and they are requesting October 14, 2007. She said that this has already been taken care of with the Police Department. A motion to grant permission was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee LaCorte. Upon vote, the motion was carried. Trustee Haggerty said that he had one question. He said that the Chamber of Commerce's downtown days are on Sunday. He said that he heard they weren't going to have it in August this year and that they were going to extend it to September and October. Trustee Abato said that she believes they are advertising a September and an October date. Trustee LaCorte asked if it is October 14th? The Village Clerk said September 13th. Trustee Abato asked what is the date of this. The Village Clerk said October 7th. Trustee LaCorte said they are saying October 14th. Trustee Haggerty asked if the Chamber was the 7th. Trustee Abato said October 7th is what Virginia is saying. The Village Clerk said no, the cook off is on October 7th. Trustee Abato said the cook off is on October 7th. Is that going to be during the Street Fair. The Village Clerk said she had no idea. Trustee LaCorte asked if the walk was on the 14th. Trustee Abato said the walk is on the 14th. So there is no conflict.

D) Establishment of Court-Clerk/Typist (Part-Time):

The Village Clerk said this is to establish the Court-Clerk/Typist position. A motion to establish the position was made by Trustee Haggerty, seconded by Trustee Abato.

AYES: Mayor John Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

E) Approve Frank Abato to Attend Basic Laboratory Course in Morrisville, New York:

The Village Clerk said this is for approval for Frank Abato to attend the laboratory course in Morrisville which he already has done. A motion approving this was made by Trustee Haggerty, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

AYES: Mayor John Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

F) Reject Bid for Recreation Car - Re-advertise for Recreation Car - Bids Returned June 28 at 11:15 A.M.:

The Village Clerk said that we did put out a bid for a recreation car which came in way above what we expected. So she would ask the Board to reject that bid. A motion to reject the bid was made by Trustee LaCorte, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Village Clerk said she would like permission to re-advertise for that car. A motion to re-advertise was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee LaCorte. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

G) Request from Chamber of Commerce to Hold Chili Cook-Off - October 7, 2007:

The Village Clerk said she would read the letter. She said the Suffern Chamber of Commerce Association would like to request permission to hold a Chili Cook-Out on Sunday, October 7 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. This event would take place in the A parking lot. It would be an event that would promote the Village of Suffern and bring consumers into the Village. They said they plan to work with local restaurants and fire departments to have a competition for the best chili. They thanked the Board for their consideration and said that if they had any questions or concerns that they may have, please do not hesitate to contact them. The Village Clerk said this was from Rosemary Schultz the President of the Suffern Chamber of Commerce. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried. The Mayor said we will have a Chili Cook-Off.

The Village Clerk said that she had one other thing. She said that we have the concession stand up at the pool each year. Each year we advertise and we have not received any answers but we do have

Ronnie Jones who is willing to take it on again, the same as she did last year, and she is offering \$100. A motion to accept her proposal was made by Trustee Haggerty, seconded by Trustee Abato.

AYES: Mayor John Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

A) Worker's Compensation Insurance:

Treasurer Tom Zordan said that at the workshop on Thursday, he brought up the issue of our Worker's Comp insurance premium which has to be renewed as of July 1 so he is requesting the Board to give him a motion to renew our Worker's Comp insurance with Wright Risk Management in the amount of \$303,170. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Haggerty, seconded by Trustee LaCorte.

AYES: Mayor John Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Zordan said he had one other item that he spoke to a couple of the members and the Mayor about. He said that we have a BAN that is coming due this Friday, June 15, and per the budget, we were supposed to pay down \$20,000 of a total of \$40,000. He said it is his suggestion that we just amend the budget and pay the \$40,000 in full. It will save us approximately \$1000 between interest and bond counsel's resolution fee. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Haggerty, seconded by Trustee LaCorte.

AYES: Mayor John Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

MAYOR:

The Mayor said that he had two things under his report. He said that one thing that he has to say is that we had a Street Fair this past week and we had a couple of problems with dogs. He said that we had two dogs that got into a fight and we had another dog that

defecated on the middle of the street and the owner just left it there and took off and people started running for cover. The third issue is that he noticed about eight dogs there and it was hot in the morning and the pavement gets very hot. So he thinks it is unfair to even have a dog walk around on a blacktop street. However, the consensus is that in the future for our sidewalk sales that we do prohibit dogs in crowds and crowds of up to 20,000 people during the day. We don't want to get into the liability issue of somebody getting bit by a dog or anything of that nature. Although we feel bad about it, we had a lot of complaints about dogs this past time for the issues that he just mentioned. And he thinks we need to address this. Attorney Rice said that what we had talked about Thursday night was that Chief Osborn and he would come up with a proposal that would require an amendment to the Code. So he would suggest that if they want to get it into place as quickly as possible, that we can set a public hearing at the next Board meeting. Trustee Abato said that we have so many public hearings right now and right now it is 10:30 and we'll be here until midnight that night. Trustee LaCorte said that we have maintained our promise, though, for open government. Trustee Abato said she knows. But she wasn't suggesting that we weren't. Trustee LaCorte said that if you aren't affected by a public hearing, call us and we'll schedule one for us. Trustee Haggerty said that he thinks the dog problem could go away because we have a dog ordinance on the record that if the owner does not have the proper plastic bag or whatever they use to pick up after the dog, he gets a ticket. We don't have to wait and follow him around to see that he does. Trustee Abato said that she doesn't think that is the part that we were talking about. She said that we were concerned about the safety issue. Attorney Rice said that most of the public hearings that you have at the next meeting should only be two minute hearings. Trustee Abato said okay, what are we up to. 8:30? Because she has to finish this up with the public hearing. Attorney Rice said 8:20. A motion to set a public hearing for 8:20 p.m. on July 20 regarding dogs at public events was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Mayor asked if we had to set a special meeting for the bond resolution. Trustee LaCorte said yes. As we discussed earlier on the issue of the Belgian blocks, it involves a larger project, a pretty large amount - several million dollars to do our roads. He said the bond counsel did not have the bond resolution in time and since we are, Carl, Tom and a lot of the Board members have been working very hard on this, and we want to get the roads started and we are constrained for time and we don't want to wait another month since the resolution will come in the next couple of days. And we are also at that meeting looking to discuss possible Village contribution towards the purchase of the Schwartz property. So he would like to move that we set a special meeting for June 15 at 4:00 p.m. He asked the Treasurer that in terms of the timing, if we wait until the end of the week if that would affect us. He asked the Treasurer if we adopt the bond resolution and then looking to go out to bid on the project. A motion to set the special meeting for June 15 at 4:00 p.m. was made by Trustee LaCorte, seconded by

Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Trustee Abato said that she was asked by our Village Historian Craig Long to ask the Village to nominate the Suffern Railroad Museum for State and National Register of Historic Places, which would also allow us to apply for grants to preserve this building. She said she thinks it is a wonderful idea and he also suggests that we have a small ceremony commemorating the fact that there will be two milestones celebrated by the building - ten years of the Village ownership, and the little station will be 100 years old next year. So she would like to make a motion that we nominate the Suffern Railroad Museum for State and National Register of Historic Places at no cost to the Village. This was seconded by Trustee LaCorte. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee LaCorte. Upon vote, the motion was carried.